

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 6, 2024

Srinivasan "Ravi" Ravikumar
Harold F. Eaton
Theresa A. Kyle
William M. Manzi, III

Ravi opened the meeting at 9:30AM.

MEETING - REVALUATION UPDATE VISION

Mike Terrell was present at the meeting (see attached). Sales data that is collected is across all of the prop. y classes within the town. The main objective is to keep the data across all of the property classes fair and equitable. Analysis has only been done in the residential property classes. The analysis will be complete for all property classes in the town.

There was discussion on the land condition factors. Adjustments are made either negatively or positively depending on certain factors such as right-of-way, utility, etc. Mr. Eaton doesn't agree with the depreciation values if they are getting the best use of the land.

There was discussion on how they value residential properties versus commercial properties. Commercial properties can have different factors used to determine value based on whether they are office space, industrial, etc. There are different characteristics to look at and commercial may have about 60 whereas residential only has about 20.

The land to building ratio is a big factor when looking to determine value. In Seabrook the land contribution is about 45% and the building value is about 55%. This is used when first looking to see where the town is equitable or not. The land curve for residential is going up for all properties that are in the residential class.

Neighborhoods are made up geographically and with other similar characteristics. There are a fair number of neighborhoods in the town.

Doing a full revaluation is to bring everyone equitable in the town. There may be some that go up a lot and others that do not. Genessa Carrillo spoke and said there are other factors to look at as the property owners have the right to file an abatement if they don't agree with the new assessed value.

Mary Dow - Adams Avenue - if an adjustment is made due to an easement would the adjustment be made to all those properties.

that have the same easement. Mike Terrell responded and said those adjustments would be made. If Mary knows of other properties she should send those to the assessing office for him to review.

The state does allow for a partial update of the town. The previous assessor has done a partial update on a yearly basis. Sales and contracts are looked at annually per the contract the town has with Vision. Mr. Eaton said if the contract only allows for residential it should be changed to look at commercial as well.

Mary Dow asked to confirm that when they look at the 600 properties during the cyclical assessment and they find data entry errors are those errors corrected. Mike Terrell said of course it is why they look at those properties.

The next step is reviewing the commercial properties and Mike Terrell feels after this step they should have another meeting. He said any data the public has is welcomed. They will be cleaning up any errors as they find or see them.

MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF

Chief Brett Walker was present for his report (see attached). There was discussion on the hiring of a fifth dispatcher. There was only 4 for many years but a 5th was approved through a warrant article. The positions have been advertised for about 6-8 months. It has become more competitive getting new officers as other communities have increased their pay rates.

Chief Walker is looking to hold a public forum to address the money received for the opioid abatement grant. Mr. Eaton is happy to hear this and will inform the public. Mrs. Kyle hopes there is a better turnout than the last event held.

Ravi would like not to see the town create any permanent expense stream from temporary revenues. He said this creates a burden on the taxpayers. Mr. Eaton agreed with Ravi and said the school did this with a position and when the funding no longer exists the position moved into the budget to be maintained by the taxpayers.

Mr. Eaton said it was brought to his attention that the police department wants to move from a DARE program to a LEAD program. Chief Walker said it is similar to DARE but is something that can be taught at every grade level not just one particular grade. It can be tailored for the community. Mr. Eaton suggested having a meeting where they can provide this

information to the parents so they are familiar with what this program can offer that DARE cannot.

MEETING - COMMUNITY CHOICE ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION

Stuart Ormsbee was present for this meeting.

Board took a break at 11:15AM. Board reconvened at 11:20AM.

There was a discussion on the supplier rates and choosing your own supplier. This is an "opt out" aggregate program. This means the customer would be notified the town signed this contract on their behalf and has cost savings and they will be enrolled unless the customer "opts out" of the program.

There was discussion on what the town would need to do in order to move forward with this plan. The first step would be to form an energy committee. This plan and concept would also need to go before the town meeting for approval. It doesn't create any expenses for the plan to the town. The fee for this company gets added on to the source cost.

The customer will receive the same bill. There will just be a line change as to who the supplier is on the bill. The company would not automatically enroll any customer with solar or any customer who is already with a provider other than Unitil.

The average contract would be a term of 5 years for consulting. The supplier contract would depend on market conditions. When they look at suppliers for rates it is through competitive RFP. Mr. Manzi explained how the consulting contract would work.

Mrs. Kyle is not comfortable binding the town to a 5-year contract. The board would like to know the risks they are taken with the 5-year contract and what burden they are putting on the taxpayers. The contract company Colonial would not start getting any payment until a program is launched.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - APRIL 15 PUBLIC

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes
Second: Harold F. Eaton of 4/15 public.
Unanimous

ENCUMBRANCES 2024

Ravi went through the list of encumbrances.

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign

Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

the encumbrances.

2022 TAX/LIEN ABATEMENT

Scott & Pam Barrows - \$75.56

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To approve and sign the tax/lien abatement.

WATER & SEWER APPLICATION

Matthew Eaton Builders LLC. - 141 South Main Street
Chuck White/Gray Construction - 19 Groveland Street
Debra Tarshi - 308 Portsmouth Avenue

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To approve and sign all water applications.

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To approve and sign all sewer applications.

GRANT EXTENSION - SEWER DEPARTMENT

Curtis Slayton was present and explained the grant application. This is a request to extend the application deadline to DES which requires the Board of Selectmen to approve.

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To approve the request of sewer superintendent to extend the grant extension.

FIREWORKS PERMIT

Fantasy Fireworks Inc. - 571 Lafayette Road

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To approve and sign the fireworks permit.

BOS SCHEDULE

Ravi went through the schedule and stated there would be only 1 meeting in the months of July, August and September.

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To approve the BOS schedule for the remainder of 2024.

SURPLUS - RECREATION, DPW & SEWER

MOTION: Ravi To approve the surplus
Second: Harold F. Eaton for recreation.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To approve the surplus
Second: Harold F. Eaton for DPW.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To transfer the surplus
Second: Harold F. Eaton from WWTF to DPW.
Unanimous

DISCUSSION - CITIZEN REQUESTS DIRECTLY TO DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mrs. Kyle said she asked for this to be on the agenda as a letter from a resident was sent directly to the DPW Manager. She said the letter appeared to have orders in it to the DPW Manager and would like to educate the public about this type of correspondence go through the town manager and/or Board of Selectmen. She said there is an email that was set up at Ravi's request for this type of correspondence.

Mr. Eaton agreed and said they should follow protocol. Ravi said even if a department head gets a request from a resident, they wouldn't do anything without consulting with the town manager. In order to be more efficient, it would be cleaner for the residents to send this to the town manager and/or board.

Mrs. Kyle said some of the things mentioned cannot be done without DES approval. She urged residents to not do anything in a town right-of-way without notifying them.

DISCUSSION - HAMPTON FALLS SEWER CONNECTION

Mr. Manzi brought this back to the board as there is a project in Hampton Falls and there may be some misinformation. The Hampton Falls board is inquiring whether or not the Seabrook Board is interested in further discussion. Mr. Manzi went through some of the misinformation that has come out from the media. He has corrected this misinformation and clarified the Board's position.

Mr. Eaton said he doesn't want to take this lightly but he is all for a conversation but whatever takes place he would want this to go before the town meeting for a final decision. Ravi does not want to create anything harmful to the people of Seabrook. He said they would do the work to evaluate this. After re-reading the contract it says the Town of Seabrook had

pursued Hampton Falls. Mr. Manzi said the town did solicit for an engineering study, however, the town did not solicit Hampton Falls.

Mrs. Kyle said when they asked Hampton Falls for help in widening Route 1 they flatly denied the town. So, when a private developer comes in and wants Seabrook's assistance that will impact the town's resources it should go before the voters.

Ravi feels it would be reasonable to receive a request from the Board of Hampton Falls. He doesn't feel they should be pursuing something that Hampton Falls isn't entertaining. Mr. Manzi said they have indicated through email that they would like to have discussions.

Mrs. Kyle cautioned the board that they need to look at what they are currently doing. They have the bridge project starting and will be selling water to the Town of Hampton. They don't want to do anything to jeopardize the town's resources.

Ravi feels they should schedule an executive session. They could have a meeting next Monday, May 13 at 10AM.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ravi said he attended the RPC meeting and nothing that is affecting the town at this time.

Mrs. Kyle attended both coffee with a cop and went well.

Ravi said they had 18 volunteers to plant the dune grass at the Andover Street walkway. He said it went very well with assistance from Alison Eberhardt and Henry Boyd. The Seabrook Beach Civic Association paid for coffee and donuts and the board thanked them.

Mrs. Kyle questioned why the south side did not have any plantings and would like it investigated. Ravi explained they were told to plant up to a foot away from the boundary as the plants would fill in. He said the property line was guessed at and wasn't by design would have been in error. Ravi said he would reach out to Alison Eberhardt to see if they can plant another 2 rows of dune grass once they determine if it was missed.

Mrs. Kyle said they did a planting of a tree here at town hall in memory of Asa Knowles Jr.

Jason Janvrin said the planning board had a meeting on clean energy. He said after that meeting, they made a motion to

establish a committee as an advisory committee to the planning board and board of selectmen and appointed by the board of selectmen.

Mr. Manzi has authorized a company to do an audit of the streetlights who will come back with the data he can provide to the board. Mr. Eaton asked if they could look into some grant money for this.

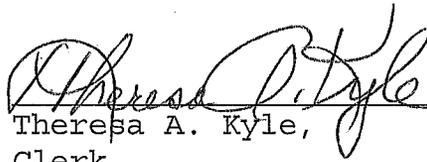
Jason Janvrin commended Mr. Manzi who has brought a lot of economic development to the town as well as running with an energy committee before having been asked.

Ravi said he has an email from the McLaughlin's to add 9 more houses on conservation land and has asked for a variance to the zoning board. He is not in favor of this request. Board members are in agreement with Ravi on this.

MOTION: Ravi To adjourn the meeting
Second: Harold F. Eaton at 1:00PM.
Unanimous

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:


Theresa A. Kyle,
Clerk

Date: May 20, 2024

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

May 6, 2024

Open Meeting at 9:30 A.M.

TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETINGS

- 1.) Monthly Meeting – Police Chief
- 2.) Meeting – Community Choice Electricity Aggregation
- 3.) Meeting – Revaluation Update Vision

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Question of approving previous minutes of April 15 public.
- 2) Question of approving encumbrances for 2024.
- 3) Question of approving 2022 tax/lien abatement – Scott & Pam Barrows - \$75.56.
- 4) Question of approving water & sewer applications for Matthew Eaton Builders LLC. – 141 South Main Street, Chuck White/Gray Construction – 19 Groveland Street and Debra Tarshi – 308 Portsmouth Avenue.
- 5) Question of approving grant extension request – sewer department.
- 6) Question of approving fireworks permit for Fantasy Fireworks Inc. – 571 Lafayette Road.
- 7) Question of approving Board of Selectmen's agenda schedule.
- 8) Question of approving surplus for Recreation, DPW and Sewer departments.
- 9) Question of discussion of citizen requests directly to department heads.
- 10) Question of discussion of Hampton Falls sewer connection.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Board of Selectmen on any boards and/or committee meetings they have attended.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



Project Status Report
From Stephen Whalen and Chris Ruel
Town of Seabrook, NH
May 6th, 2024

CODE	TASK
100	Execution of Contract
200	Project Startup – Town, DRA, & Vision
300	Sales Data Collection
400	Residential Land Study and Building Cost Manual
500	Commercial Study of Market Rents & Cap Factors
600	Full Field Review of Properties
700	Preliminary Valuation Model & Values to Assessor
800	Assessors Review of Values
900	Assessment Notices Mailed
1000	Informal Hearings
1100	Hearing Changes & Final Value to Assessors
1200	Final Documentation
1300	Project completion

 **VISION**
GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS

Task 100

Execution of Contract.

Completed by the Town and Vision Government Solutions Inc.

Task 200 = Completed February by the Town, DRA, and Vision Government Solutions

Task 300 = Sales and Permits in completed see counts below.

Task 400 = Vision has started the preliminary residential land and building sales analysis process. Residential cost rates, land curve and neighborhood adjustments for models residential, multi-family, manufactured homes and condominiums have been adjusted based on the market sales and cost information. See preliminary results below.

Task 500 = I&E's were sent out and have been entered into the Vision Cama System. They are in the process of being reviewed along with surveys of rental, vacancy, expense and cap rate data to set the income rates for Seabrook. Commercial construction surveys are also being reviewed to assist with the determination of commercial cost rates for the various commercial styles in the community. The commercial land study and building cost analysis has begun and preliminary data development result will be completed in late May for review.

Task 600 = Field review will begin in early June after rates have been approved by the Town.

Task 700 = On going since May to continue through August.

Task 800 = On going since May to continue through August

Tasks 900 =Not started, assessment notices mailed in mid-august.

Tasks 1000 through 1300 = Hearings will start in late August to September. Final documents and completion in Late September into October.

Task 300 Details- Permits and Sales Review Status:

Permits:

- 285 Completed Permits

Sales:

- 230 Sales Completed

Task 400 Details- Preliminary Residential Sales Analysis

The goal is to adjust Assessment to Sales Ratio's to 100% of Market Value for 4/1/2024 based on sales from 4/1/2022 to 4/1/2024.

Starting Assessment to Sales Ratio's based on qualified sales to date:

Single Family Homes 78%
Condominiums 82%
Two Family Houses 69%
Manufactured Housing 73%

Adjusting base construction cost through national cost manuals and sales data:

Residential housing base cost rates currently in the system average around \$105 SF. They are being Adjusted to \$135 SF on average or approximately 30%.

Condominiums housing base cost rates currently in the system average around \$82 SF. They are being Adjusted to \$103 SF on average or approximately 25%.

Two Family housing base cost rates currently in the system average around \$99 SF. They are being Adjusted to \$140 SF on average or approximately 40%.

Manufactured housing base cost rates currently in the system average around \$75 SF. They are being Adjusted to \$99 SF on average or approximately 32%.

Adjusting residential base land curve and neighborhood factors through sales data and reviewing the land to building Ratio:

The current land ratio for residential homes is 46%. The building ratio is 54%. These are the percentages of contributing value to the total assessment. Each community calculates this ratio. It can be used as a guide for developing land values along with sales data.

Based on these market indicators the residential land curve has been increased by a net value of 25%. Once the new cost rates and land values are calculated the next step is to review the neighborhood codes in the community to determine if any factors need to be adjusted, again based on sales. Once they are adjusted, ratio reports are run and checked to see if the market indicators are close to 100% of market value.

This is the first pass to get the values close to 100% and to make sure that the Coefficient of Dispersion is at a reasonable level. This calculation determines equity among the data sets. The lower the value the higher the equity of data. The goal is to get the ratio around 10%. Below are a ratio reports by Land Class, Building Style and Sales Date.

At this point a review of the outlying sales ratios will be reviewed in the field and through MLS to check for accurate data and sale qualifications. Once this new data is verified and entered into the system, round two of the analysis will begin. This will be to have the ratios at an acceptable level to print the property record cards for the residential class properties to review them in the field for accurate physical data and equity compared to the sales data.

Residential Sales Ratio Report by Land Class:

Group Summary by Land Use									
SEABROOK, NH									
5/2/2024									
Land Use	Count	Median A/S Ratio	COD	PRD	Median Sale Price	Median Appraised	Mean Sale Price	Mean Appraised	Mean A/S Ratio
1010, SINGLE FAMILY	44	0.9962	9.49	1.0405	\$565,000.00	\$557,250.00	\$534,589.36	\$546,102.27	1.0005
1012, SINGL FAM OCEAN	4	0.8894	7.68	1.007	\$3,121,766.50	\$2,681,500.00	\$3,223,383.25	\$2,809,075.00	0.8776
1013, SINGL FAM OCEAN NL	1	0.9269	0	1	\$574,933.00	\$532,900.00	\$574,933.00	\$532,900.00	0.9269
1014, SINGLE FAM/w APT	5	0.9300	8.72	1.0154	\$699,000.00	\$577,100.00	\$635,800.00	\$561,600.00	0.8969
1015, SINGLE FAM BEACH	20	0.9472	12.02	1.0331	\$1,147,500.00	\$1,036,800.00	\$1,388,966.65	\$1,293,140.00	0.9619
1020, CONDO	18	0.9718	10	1.0082	\$192,500.00	\$173,700.00	\$212,611.11	\$196,700.00	0.9327
1021, CONDEX	30	1.0486	10.83	1.0162	\$490,000.00	\$497,700.00	\$479,168.83	\$517,203.33	1.0969
1023, CONDEX MH	2	1.3161	23.24	1.0496	\$241,000.00	\$302,200.00	\$241,000.00	\$302,200.00	1.3161
1030, MANUFACT HM	7	1.0060	9.14	1.1351	\$343,000.00	\$347,200.00	\$335,066.57	\$363,757.14	1.0514
1031, MANUFCT HM/PARK	72	0.9490	15.88	1.0257	\$145,000.00	\$134,550.00	\$145,210.12	\$138,222.22	0.9763
1040, TWO FAMILY	4	0.8966	10.72	1.0232	\$637,000.00	\$521,700.00	\$631,000.00	\$561,725.00	0.9109
1045, TWO FAM BEACH	7	0.9046	22.48	1.0587	\$1,150,000.00	\$949,800.00	\$1,080,961.86	\$1,019,914.29	0.9989
1090, MULTI HOUSES	1	0.9624	0	1	\$500,000.00	\$481,200.00	\$500,000.00	\$481,200.00	0.9624
	215	0.9824	13.16	1.0465	\$399,000.00	\$399,800.00	\$511,740.11	\$495,327.44	0.9942

Residential Sales Ratio Report by Style:

Group Summary by Style
SEABROOK, NH

5/2/2024

Style	Count	Median A/S Ratio	COD	PRD	Median Sale Price	Median Appraised	Mean Sale Price	Mean Appraised	Mean A/S Ratio
01, Ranch	21	1.0446	7.77	0.9989	\$479,000.00	\$503,200.00	\$549,228.52	\$569,904.76	1.0365
02, Split-Level	2	0.8475	6.05	1.0255	\$705,000.00	\$582,600.00	\$705,000.00	\$582,600.00	0.8475
03, Colonial	33	1.0130	9.69	1.0584	\$615,000.00	\$645,300.00	\$640,325.21	\$661,978.79	1.0110
04, Cape Cod	17	1.0259	9.96	1.0275	\$502,000.00	\$577,100.00	\$652,176.47	\$649,711.76	1.0236
06, Conventional	13	0.9836	11.5	1.1036	\$500,000.00	\$481,200.00	\$666,523.00	\$624,484.62	1.0340
07, Modern/Contemp	11	0.8991	11.86	1.0185	\$2,450,000.00	\$1,958,400.00	\$2,299,266.64	\$2,051,245.45	0.9086
08, Raised Ranch	6	1.0431	16.22	1.0415	\$485,000.00	\$495,100.00	\$451,088.83	\$489,650.00	1.1305
09, Family Flat	1	0.8017	0	1	\$1,150,000.00	\$922,000.00	\$1,150,000.00	\$922,000.00	0.8017
10, Family Duplex	2	0.8966	1.28	1.0021	\$695,000.00	\$621,800.00	\$695,000.00	\$621,800.00	0.8966
102, Park Model	27	0.9436	14.89	1.0443	\$90,133.00	\$95,000.00	\$106,380.15	\$96,466.67	0.9470
103, Manufact Hm DW	18	1.0126	10.87	1.0609	\$264,500.00	\$247,600.00	\$267,522.17	\$276,888.89	1.0277
11, Family Cower.	8	0.9173	20.52	1.0398	\$975,000.00	\$944,400.00	\$976,216.62	\$923,025.00	0.9832
15, Gard Condo	18	0.9718	10	1.0082	\$192,500.00	\$173,700.00	\$212,611.11	\$196,700.00	0.9327
20, Manufact Hm SW	36	0.9478	18.38	1.0209	\$154,966.50	\$144,850.00	\$155,414.78	\$153,169.44	1.0061
42, Twmhs Condo	1	0.8806	0	1	\$320,000.00	\$281,800.00	\$320,000.00	\$281,800.00	0.8806
68, Modular Home	1	0.8976	0	1	\$420,000.00	\$377,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$377,000.00	0.8976
	215	0.9824	13.16	1.0465	\$399,000.00	\$399,800.00	\$511,740.11	\$495,327.44	0.9942

Residential Sales Ratio Report by Sales Date:

Group Summary by Sale Date Quartile
SEABROOK, NH

5/2/2024

Sale Date Quartile	Count	Median A/S Ratio	COD	PRD	Median Sale Price	Median Appraised	Mean Sale Price	Mean Appraised	Mean A/S Ratio
2022, Q2	33	1.0587	8.54	1.0604	\$210,000.00	\$224,900.00	\$348,727.21	\$365,624.24	1.0461
2022, Q3	42	1.0138	8.54	1.0213	\$279,500.00	\$287,400.00	\$325,704.69	\$337,888.10	1.0293
2022, Q4	27	1.0008	13.76	1.0652	\$440,000.00	\$479,300.00	\$745,580.22	\$723,555.56	1.0338
2023, Q1	27	1.0644	10.94	1.0943	\$502,000.00	\$553,700.00	\$655,795.00	\$620,429.63	1.0353
2023, Q2	22	0.9272	14.45	0.974	\$386,000.00	\$365,650.00	\$379,000.00	\$373,863.64	0.9608
2023, Q3	26	0.8901	10.7	0.9796	\$295,000.00	\$266,000.00	\$534,471.77	\$477,500.00	0.8752
2023, Q4	20	0.9119	16.59	1.0098	\$367,500.00	\$372,550.00	\$616,436.65	\$568,620.00	0.9314
2024, Q1	18	0.9694	19.4	1.0533	\$533,000.00	\$523,850.00	\$690,911.06	\$663,250.00	0.9791
	215	0.9824	13.16	1.0465	\$399,000.00	\$399,800.00	\$511,740.11	\$495,327.44	0.9942

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

*Steve Whalen and Chris Ruel
Project Managers*

Seabrook Police Department



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Brett J. Walker

Chief of Police

Kevin M. Gelineau
Deputy Chief of Police

May 6, 2024

March/April/May (partial) Report to Selectmen

- Following a brief battle with Leukemia, K9 Henry passed away on March 22nd after serving the Town of Seabrook since 2017. Henry was an exceptional police K9 who was an invaluable part of several investigations throughout his career. He was a good boy and will be sorely missed. Our social media announcement can be seen here.
- Following the passing of K9 Henry, we discussed the continuation of the Seabrook PD K9 program with K9 Officer Tyler Houldsworth. After discussion and exploration of potential future dates to train a new K9, it was decided that the Department would move forward with the adoption and training of a new K9 in the K9 Academy that was set to start in late March/early April. Officer Houldsworth was paired with K9 Hunter, a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois. Officer Houldsworth and K9 Hunter are currently in training at the Boston Police K9 Academy and are expected to graduate and be ready for patrol in early summer.
- Staff completed training in topics to include "the 3x2's" (De-escalation, Ethics, and Implicit Bias), "Engaging and Building Partnerships with Muslim-Americans" hosted by the US Attorney's Office, Juveniles laws and process, Interview and Interrogation, attendance at the Nationwide Domestic Highway Enforcement conference/training, rifle instructor school, Minimal Facts Interviewing for First Responders put on by the Granite State Children's Alliance, advanced training for our participation in the NH Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and basic K9 academy.
- Sgt. Murphy played in the Battle of the Badges hockey game to raise money for the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Team Police held off Team Fire for a 5-1 victory while raising money for a great cause.
- At Town meeting in March the Police Department's warrant article to fund the Capital Equipment Fund failed. We thank everyone who supported this warrant article and will be seeking support from the voters in 2025 in order to remain on track to replace aging equipment that is due for replacement.
- I attended School Board meetings related to the support and implementation of an ACERT program at the Police Department and to explain related partnerships.
- I attended an Emergency/Flood Preparedness Workshop at Hampton Beach with EMD Joe Titone, Deputy Fire Chief Koko Perkins, and Fire/Emergency Management Secretary Kelly McDonald as well as speakers from Hampton, Hampton Falls, and Portsmouth Fire Departments. This workshop discussed coastal flooding and preparedness and was organized by the Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance.

- April 18th marked the 6th anniversary of the passing of retired Seabrook Officer Jim Cawley.
- Officer Alison Couch completed the Tough Ruck Boston on April 14th. From Officer Couch's fundraising page, the Tough Ruck is "a marathon with a 35lbs rucksack (backpack). Tough Ruck 26.2 Boston is an elite group of 1000 who ruck to HONOR AMERICA'S FALLEN MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS." This is an incredible feat and we're extremely proud of Officer Couch!
- April 27th was the US DEA's National Prescription Takeback Day. At the Police Department, we collected unwanted/unused prescription drugs that can be accidentally ingested, misused or diverted. As a reminder to residents, the Seabrook PD has a collection receptacle in the lobby where you can drop off any unwanted/unused prescription medications 24/7/365. Please NO SHARPS! If you have any syringes, lancettes, etc. ask the dispatcher and an officer will come out and take it.
- Coffee with a Cop events were hosted in March at the Seabrook Beach Precinct and in April at Seabreeze Village on Railroad Avenue. Both events were well attended and a great opportunity for residents to meet the officers in their community. Be on the lookout for the next scheduled event!
- The Seabrook PD participated in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) graded exercise in April.
- Sgt. Dave Buccheri retired at the end of April after more than 21 years serving the Town of Seabrook. Sgt. Buccheri was a mainstay on the overnight shifts for most of his career and his influence helped shape the police services provided by the Seabrook PD. We wish Dave health and happiness in his retirement.
- We are currently hiring for one full-time police dispatcher.
 - This dispatch position will be the fifth full-time dispatcher and put us at full staff.
- We are currently hiring four (4) full-time police officers. We currently have 26 of 30 positions filled.

Regular activities

- Attended meetings for SERT and addressed numerous administrative items to include exploring better options for some of the tools/software we currently use.

Drug Overdose Statistics YTD through May1, 2024 are as follows:

2024 YTD OVERDOSES – 1*
2024 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 0

2023 YTD OVERDOSES – 9
2023 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 1

*My previous report listed an OD from December 2023 as it occurred between Board reports.

Total calls for service since last Board meeting submission: 2,092

As of 0730 on 02/28/2024: 1,626
As of 0730 on 05/01/2024: 3,718.

Opioid Abatement Grant Update

No money has been spent in relation to this grant. We will be scheduling a date and time to hear community concerns about the impact of opioids in our community and potential expenditures of grant monies.

We continue to use our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@SeabrookNHPD) to connect with the public. This has proved to be an effective means of providing information to and interacting with the public. The Seabrookpd.com website also has a Twitter feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brett Walker', with the number '200' written to the right of the signature.

Brett Walker
Chief of Police

