

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 20, 2024

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

Ravi opened the meeting at 9:30AM.

**MEETING - COMMUNITY AGGREGATION - STANDARD POWER**

Bob Hayden was present for this presentation (see attached). He spoke about renewable energy and cost savings. They are currently working with 29 towns and cities in NH.

There was discussion on whether a customer who leaves the program can opt back in with no penalties. They discussed how they look for the best pricing with the product source. The only change to the bill is the electric provider service.

A program takes a while to get going. A committee is needed and would need to go to town vote for final approval. The consultant company doesn't get paid until the program is implemented for 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1 cent. The provider selected will have a charge for the electricity source and the consultant will be paid by the provider selected.

**MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF**

Fire Chief Bill Edwards was present for his report (see attached). There was discussion on how many students they normally see during the internship program. Looking to receive the new engine truck in October or November of 2024.

The new ambulance is about 20 months out before the town takes ownership. This would replace the oldest ambulance which he believes is a 2011. Mr. Eaton feels they will need to replace another ambulance before the new one is in and asked if the fund could sustain another ambulance at this time. Mr. Manzi asked that the ambulance to be replaced in 2026 be moved to 2025 and feels the funds would be there so the ambulance may be ordered.

There was discussion on how vehicles are purchased within the departments. Mr. Manzi said the police department have 3 in the budget so receive 3 new vehicles each year. The ambulance comes from the revolving fund and the board are the agents of this fund.

Mr. Eaton is not comfortable with the current rotation of the ambulance. He is trying to get it back on the cycle where an ambulance is replaced every 3-4 years. There was discussion on

the mileage that is being put on the ambulance with more calls for service. Mr. Manzi said he is working on the CIP and will have it to the board soon.

The ambulance balance billing was provided to the board. Mr. Manzi explained it is 4 years of data. The column of balance billing is the amount that was omitted from billing as they were Seabrook residents, and the insurance didn't cover the entire cost. The no insurance column are the numbers for residents who have no insurance and were not billed. Ravi said the portion not paid is put on the taxpayers and explained his reasoning. The chief disagrees with his statement that it is put on the taxpayer. Ravi said what is not billed has to be covered by the remaining people of the town which is the taxpayer. Mr. Eaton asked if they could have a breakdown as to where the balance billing is coming from.

There was discussion on the figure that was written down of \$500K. This was done based on the policy. Mrs. Kyle doesn't agree with this and said we collected the \$500K as she was outraged. Ravi said the ambulance revolving fund takes in about \$600K per year and the remaining cost to do business is borne by the taxpayers. There is a billing company for ambulance billing. There is no one who is sent to collections for an unpaid ambulance bill.

There was a discussion on balance billing. It was stated that it is not legal to balance bill a resident in another community if the town is not balance billing their own residents. The law requires under the affordable care act for everyone to have insurance. Ravi is concerned about why we have numbers for people who don't have insurance. Ravi would like to see the total invoiced amount for each of the years on the spreadsheet so they can better see the data and situation.

Mrs. Kyle asked if they billed for the jaws-of-life. Chief Edwards said they do not bill for this service. She believes that a piece of equipment that the town has paid for should be billed for the use of this service. Chief Edwards said it is not unheard of to bill the insurance company for the use of this service.

The RFP for the spray foam insulation in the bay has been put out for bid.

Board took a break at 11:23. Board reconvened at 11:35AM.

**DISCUSSION - BEACH RULES & REGULATIONS**

The rules are on the website and the beach precinct website. Mrs. Kyle said the realtors should also have copies of the rules & regulations for their tenants. Ravi read the rules into the record (see attached). Ravi said if anyone sees the rules being violated, he urged them to take a photo, so they are able to pursue the violator.

Mrs. Kyle said she received a complaint that a group of young people were on the beach at 2AM with a fire and drinking and what not. She's not sure what can be done about this as the beach is private, but it is getting out of control.

Mr. Eaton said it is imperative for everyone to follow the rules as Seabrook has a beautiful beach and it's been recognized as such. There is a joint meeting with the beach commissioners and suggested they discuss the issues and maybe they could change some of their policies. The property owners who rent their property should be responsible for advising the tenants of the rules at the beach.

There was discussion on the zoning ordinance for uptown of no air B&B. However, the beach district has its own zoning and would have to vote on that if they feel it, is an issue.

Mrs. Kyle brought up the use of fireworks at the beach, which has been voted on for no fireworks on the beach. She feels this needs further enforcement and needs assistance from the community for this.

Mr. Eaton said if the beach residents are not happy with the way the beach is run, they need to look at changing the policies. He doesn't feel enforcement is going to help as you cannot force everything all the time and things will be missed.

Vikki Mitchell - doesn't feel passing a zoning ordinance to stop rentals. She feels it takes community action to resolve the issues. The residents need to contact the police as soon as they see something or hear something. There was discussion on putting the rules in with the July tax bill.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - MAY 6 PUBLIC AND MAY 13 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes of  
Second: Harold F. Eaton May 6 public.  
Unanimous

May 13 public and non-public minutes held until next meeting.

**REFUND**

Ruben Vasquez - 221 South Main Street - \$59.64

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the  
Second: Harold F. Eaton refund.  
Unanimous

**ABATEMENT**

Barry McNulty - 341 Woodstock Street - \$59.64

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the  
Second: Harold F. Eaton abatement.  
Unanimous

**LAND USE CHANGE TAX - 227 LOWER COLLINS STREET**

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the  
Second: Harold F. Eaton land use change tax.  
Unanimous

**3 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS**

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle elderly exemptions.  
Unanimous

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATION**

Stephen Galinsky - 5 Nashua Street

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the  
Second: Harold F. Eaton water application.  
Unanimous

**FIREWORKS LICENSE**

Atomic Fireworks Inc. - 287 Lafayette Road

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the  
Second: Harold F. Eaton fireworks license.  
Unanimous

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mrs. Kyle said she attended senior day at the community center and was a great day for the seniors.

Mr. Eaton said he attended the planning board meeting, and they have no new cases. They are looking at different fee structures. He will be attending the condo development in Dover, and he will give a report back to the board.

Ravi said he received a letter from the residents of Folly Mill Road and the development that is going on at the end of the road. Mrs. Kyle cautioned the board on attending this meeting as it is not within their jurisdiction. Ravi said he just would like the people to know they have been heard and they will do what they can.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To go into non-public  
Second: Ravi session under  
Unanimous RSA 91-A:3, II (e)  
negotiations.

Roll call:  
Ravi - yes  
Mr. Eaton - yes  
Mrs. Kyle - yes

MOTION: Ravi To adjourn the meeting  
Second: Harold F. Eaton at 2:20PM.  
Unanimous

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

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Theresa A. Kyle,  
Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_