

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JUNE 3, 2024

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

Ravi opened the meeting at 9:31AM.

MEMORIAL RECOGNITION - JUSTIN JANVRIN

The board honored one of our employees who passed away 1 year ago.

MONTHLY MEETING - WATER SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Curtis Slayton was present for his report (see attached). He advised he would be attending a meeting with EPA this morning for the new discharge permit rules and regulations.

Mr. Slayton discussed the cyber security grant program from NHDES for the SCADA system. This is a pilot program with funding available for updates where needed.

Mrs. Kyle commented there is a meeting on June 11 at 4PM at Seabrook Library for the infrastructure in town.

There was a discussion on the new pump truck. Mr. Eaton asked if it was set up as a trade. Mr. Slayton said it was if they want it as it is not worth a lot of money. He expects the new pump truck will be in by the end of 2024.

Ravi asked about the cyber security plan for the town. Mr. Manzi said he would get a full report for the board.

MEETING - FOLLY MILL ROAD RESIDENTS

John Reynolds - 127 Folly Mill Road was present for this meeting request (see attached). Mr. Manzi said from a legal perspective the Selectmen can hear the residents but not in their jurisdiction to make any changes to the decision.

John Reynolds said there is a lot at stake here with this development. He said if you grew up here it is disheartening to see the developments happening in town. There is a lot of traffic to get to the destination which is at the end of Folly Mill Road. It is a narrow road with lots of pedestrian interaction including school-aged children.

Linda Grayson - 109 Folly Mill Road - (see attached) spoke about the petition that was signed against this development as well as a letter from the realtor. The letter speaks to how property

values will decrease the nearby homes. There will be many trees cut down and there is a historic stonewall on this property.

Peter Cassidy - 103 Folly Mill Road - (see attached) said he understands the Selectmen cannot have any influence on the decision of the ZBA. They know the board cannot reverse the decision of the ZBA but wanted the Selectmen to know the residents will be looking to take legal action at the superior court.

Mrs. Kyle asked if they could do some extra patrol in this area with the police department. Mr. Manzi said he will ask the Police Chief to do some heightened traffic control in this area.

Erica Linnehan - 118 Folly Mill Road - she tried to get speed bumps and asked if there is a time restriction on these trucks. Mr. Manzi said there is a noise restriction, and police would enforce this. She feels like someone is getting their pockets padded. Mrs. Kyle spoke and said she doesn't like it when boards are insulted as they are volunteers.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - MAY 13 PUBLIC AND MAY 20 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

Ravi had 2 corrections to the May 20 minutes and those were made.

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Harold F. Eaton 5/20 public & non-public
Unanimous

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

REVIEW FIRST HALF TAX WARRANT

Tax bills will be sent out and due July 1. This tax bill is half of the property owner's 2023 tax bill. The remaining tax with 2024 tax rate will be collected on the 2nd bill.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the 1st half
Second: Harold F. Eaton tax warrant in amount of
Unanimous \$25,427,139.

TIMBER TAX - 4 FOWLER BROOK ROAD - \$101.70

Ravi asked when a building permit is submitted are they given a minimum number of trees that can be taken down or are they billed for the entire amount taken down.

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton timber tax with the
Unanimous stipulation for above
question.

2 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS & 1 BLIND EXEMPTION

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all
Second: Harold F. Eaton elderly & blind
Unanimous exemptions.

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Rhonda & Jason Allen - Section 30 Plot 46

MOTION: Ravi To approve sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton quitclaim deed.
Unanimous

SURPLUS TRANSFERS

Mr. Eaton asked if we had the estimate to repair the golf cart. Mr. Manzi said we do not, but they intend to evaluate the repairs and not put a lot of money into it. Mr. Manzi suggested they approve today and before making repairs he will make a list of the repairs.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the transfer
Second: Harold F. Eaton to sewer upon a repair
Unanimous list coming back before
the board for approval.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton To approve the transfer
Second: Ravi to DPW contingent upon
Unanimous a repair list coming
back before the board
for approval.

DISCUSSION - BEACH COMMISSIONERS MEETING

There is no date set for this meeting. The board would like to have specific agenda items and suggested holding a meeting before this to gather agenda items. Mr. Eaton said they also need to discuss where they will hold the meeting and if it would be an evening meeting.

Mrs. Kyle said she would be attending a beach commissioner meeting next week. She said they tried for this meeting last year and it never materialized and now they are trying again, and the commissioners are unresponsive.

Ravi said they are having a non-public session today and they can start the discussion on agenda topics.

DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY AGGREGATION ENERGY

Ravi explained the community aggregation and how it would work for the residents. He said many communities have gone with this plan for lower energy costs. This only affects the source portion of the energy bills. The Selectmen have met with 2 consultants and the Selectmen have to decide to choose one of them, go out for more presentations or do nothing. Once they decide to move forward with this it would go on the ballot for the voters to vote on in March.

Mrs. Kyle said she did not see any advantages to the taxpayers. The people can already select the source for electricity. She would like to know more about the advantages for the taxpayers before binding the town to this.

Mr. Eaton feels the 2nd presenter was more inclined to favor for the residents. He explained how they would have access to a portal that would show them the current rates and they could opt out or come back based on what they are seeing.

Mr. Manzi said if they agree to aggregate, they will negotiate for a lower price than what a taxpayer can get on their own. This does not bind the town buildings with NextEra.

Mrs. Kyle feels they should not act on this until they get further information and have more discussion amongst the board members. The board agreed to set aside and have further discussion.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Eaton said the planning board meeting was canceled but they have a meeting tonight.

Mrs. Kyle said when someone moves out of town they cannot remain on board, they are currently representing Seabrook. She said if someone moves out of town the placards that were issued should be turned back in.

It is a statutory requirement and can be enforced on those who are no longer Seabrook residents. Any ad hoc member is appointed by the Board of Selectmen and can be looked into to ensure they are a resident of the town.

It was commented that placards had been copied in previous years. The board would like to have a fine for anyone that is found in violation.

Ravi said May 28 the RPC coordinated a coastal resiliency meeting to restore the dunes. They took the input for the study and will come up with a set of recommendations. They will also be looking for grant money to help with repairs to the boardwalks.

John Reynolds asked if there is a mechanism in place to monitor the decision from a board. Mr. Manzi said the short answer is no. The Selectmen are the legislative body, but they have no authority over another board's decision. There was discussion on how they have to go through the process that includes the planning board and a TRC meeting.

Tim Rooney - Marshview Circle - concerned with the conservation land in the back area and the neighbor that cut down numerous trees that was on this conservation land. Mr. Manzi said there are 2 issues one being the clear cut of trees which will be discussed with the board. Regarding the encroachment on town property, it has been filed with the building inspector who will be visiting the site this week.

Tim Rooney also asked why the transfer station is only opened until 11AM on Saturday. He asked if they could adjust the shifts so that they could be open longer on Saturdays and Sunday to make it more convenient for the residents of town.

Eleanor Knowles - Route 107 Mobile Home Park - complained about the water bill that has almost doubled. She said it makes it difficult for people living on a fixed income especially the elderly. Ravi explained the reason for the increase in the water sewer bills. The adjustments were made to cover the cost of running the departments as well as the capital improvements.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
Second: Ravi
Unanimous

To go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) legal.

Roll call:

Ravi - yes
Mr. Eaton - yes
Mrs. Kyle - yes

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting
at 1:55PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Theresa A. Kyle,
Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

June 3, 2024

Open Meeting at 9:30 A.M.

TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Memorial Recognition – Justin Janvrin

MEETINGS

- 1.) Monthly Meeting – Water Sewer Superintendent
- 2.) Meeting – Folly Mill residents

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Question of approving previous minutes of May 13 public & non-public and May 20 public & non-public.
- 2) Question of review first half tax warrant.
- 3) Question of approving timber tax – 4 Fowler Brook Road - \$101.70.
- 4) Question of approving 2 elderly exemptions.
- 5) Question of approving 1 blind exemption.
- 6) Question of approving quitclaim deed – Hillside Cemetery for Rhonda & Jason Allen Section 30 Plot 46.
- 7) Question of approving surplus transfers for Sewer and DPW.
- 8) Question of discussion on beach commissioners meeting.
- 9) Question of discussion on Community Aggregation Energy issue.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

RSA 91-A:3, II (e) legal