

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JUNE 17, 2024

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

Ravi opened the meeting at 9:37AM.

Mrs. Kyle has one item to discuss in non-public session regarding a letter from Sergio Bonaire.

PRESENTATION OF CIP PLAN

Mr. Manzi presented the draft plan (see attached). He has developed mini CIP plans so each department can discuss during the monthly reports.

Ravi said while reviewing the CIP he would like the department heads to also review what they are doing during the current year.

Mr. Eaton said if the department head is placing an article on the warrant he would like them to have the specs beforehand so they don't have to wait after town meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his report (see attached). Mr. Starkey said other than Worthley Avenue the town-wide paving is complete. He said the replacement of the rubbish truck and tractor are also been completed.

There was discussion on raking the beach. The state has notified the town they cannot be on the beach due to the piping plovers. Once they are allowed back on the beach the raking will continue.

Mr. Starkey said double runs at the beach will begin June 27. He asked that this be put on the website.

Ravi said at the last meeting there was a resident who made a plea to keep the transfer station open later than 11AM on Saturday. Mr. Starkey said it could be a union issue and may not be warmly welcomed by the employees. Mr. Manzi said closing early one day during the week to stay open longer on Saturday would be the union issue. He also said to stay open later would be an added cost. Ravi would like to find out what the union feels and the added cost to keep it open an additional hour. Mrs. Kyle said she would like to see the DPW put more into office help rather than keeping the transfer station open an

hour longer. Mr. Eaton said he is not against it but if the employees are not for it they would need to go through the union. Ravi said he is just looking into it and closing out the request. Mr. Eaton agreed it doesn't hurt to inquire with the employees and see where it goes.

Mr. Starkey asked the board to consider the part-time employees who don't get paid for any of the holidays. He asked if the board would consider giving some paid holidays to them.

DPW CIP - highlights the items for 2025, remaining items are in the full master CIP plan. There was discussion on the transfer station roof. There is a bid out using AARPA funds for the roof. The board can look at using additional funds if they are available, they will need to make a decision before December 31, 2024 for the AARPA funds.

The transfer station scale was put out to bid and awarded to the low bidder. The letter went out last Monday and waiting on response.

There was discussion on replacement of the recycle truck and using funds from the revolving account. The board would like to know what is in the account currently. Mr. Manzi said the front-end loader and the packer truck are still using funds from the revolving account to pay for those leases. Mr. Manzi feels they can sustain two payments but three would be tight. Ravi asked if they should look at the fee schedule. Mr. Manzi will get the data on when the 2 truck leases would be done.

Mrs. Kyle said with heavy rains the cover for the storm drain is lifting up on Route 1A. She said this is a safety concern and asked if something could be done to correct it. Mr. Starkey said it is part on private property and then would need approval from the state. Mrs. Kyle feels this is necessary and said they should get some information on resolving it.

Mr. Eaton asked if there would be any grants available to replace the lighting to LED. Mr. Manzi said he believes there is funding to convert to LED but this project is more than that. There was discussion on what is holding the lights. Mr. Eaton doesn't feel the people are going to vote in favor of \$250K for fields that are for children. He is looking for alternative funding to get this project completed. Mr. Manzi said they will look into options and come back to the board.

Mr. Starkey explained the pump stations that are for stormwater. He said they are maintained by Curtis Slayton's department and this is what he needs to maintain them.

The board recognized Mr. Starkey and his crew for the quality of the work they do.

MONTHLY MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR

Cassandra Carter was present for her report (see attached). She went over some of the programs held and numbers for the events. Mr. Eaton asked who would he request to have something added to the opening ceremony for the Memorial Day parade. Ms. Carter said to send it to her and she will bring it up as they work really close together with the American Legion for this event. Summer camp begins Monday and they have a total of 25 staff and 121 campers. She said that number will increase as time goes by so she will update the board at her next meeting.

Ms. Carter mentioned a trip they are partnering with to Ireland for 2025. Every sign-up the department would get \$200 which could be used like a fundraiser. There was discussion around promoting this as a private business and if it is legal and/or ethical. Mr. Manzi said it is legal for the town to do this.

Recreation CIP - there are 3 items for 2025. Ms. Carter would like to remove the wall between the 2 sets of lockers and create more multi-purpose space. There was discussion on heat and AC for this space and this area does have both. There was discussion on the repairs to the pickleball courts. The kitchen is outdated and looking to renovate this area that is in rough shape. Mr. Eaton said they have 2 large home improvement stores in towns and suggested we ask if they are interested in collaborating with the town on this project. Ravi feels the number for the kitchen renovation and lockers may not be enough and would like to have those looked at. They should include everything that has to be done as a complete package.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSION - BRIAN CHIRICHELLO

Commissioner Brian Chiricello gave a little background on himself. He lives in Derry, NH and represents them. They have a population of 34,000 and the only town that has a tax cap. The county commissioners run the county and they do not have an administrator like in local government where you have a town manager or town administrator. State representatives set the budget and the county commissioners spend the money. The county has 37 towns and a budget of \$101 million.

Commissioner Chirichiello discussed the nursing homes in the county and they went from a 2 star to a 5 star. They have been deficiency free at the Rockingham Nursing Home for 2 years in a row. There is an assisted living facility next door to the nursing home and they have also been deficiency free. He said in the county prison they have 150 inmates. They have a program in the prison system that allows them to treat the inmates with fetanyl addiction where most prison systems have to send inmates out for this. The sheriff's department is working to make more drug arrests and now has 2 dogs. The dispatch department helps the towns when needed and currently dispatches for 24 towns police and 17 fire.

Commissioner Chirichiello discussed the tax appropriations from property taxes from 2019-23 and how there was a tax decrease and level funded before getting back to the 2019 amount in 2023. There has been an inflation rate of 17.4% over this time. The county received AARPA funds. They are building a new building which cost \$77 million to include the AARPA funds and bonding. This building is about 1 year from completion.

Board took a break at 11:47AM. Board reconvened at 11:59AM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - MAY 13 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND JUNE 3 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Harold F. Eaton May 13 public.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Theresa A. Kyle May 13 non-public.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Harold F. Eaton June 3 public.
Unanimous

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton To adopt the minutes of
Second: Theresa A. Kyle June 3 non-public.
Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

- Salem Manufacturing Homes LLC - 223 Route 107 #13
- Melissa Silvestri - 167 Folly Mill Road
- Carl Perkins - 71 Railroad Avenue
- 18-19 Dracut Street LLC - 18 Dracut Street

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all
 Second: Harold F. Eaton water applications.
 Unanimous

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Salem Manufacturing Homes LLC - 223 Route 107 #13
 Melissa Silvestri - 167 Folly Mill Road
 Carl Perkins - 71 Railroad Avenue

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all
 Second: Harold F. Eaton sewer applications.
 Unanimous

DOG WARRANT

Shayna Merrill explained the dog licensure and said they have 109 that have not been licensed.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
 Second: Ravi dog warrant.
 Unanimous

FIREWORKS SALES LICENSE

Phantom Fireworks Showroom LLC - 1 Chevy Chase Road

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

DISCUSSION WATER SEWER EXEMPTIONS

The board was given the list of tax exemptions and feel this group is at a disadvantage and looking to see if they can make some water sewer abatement. Mr. Eaton doesn't feel it should be restricted to those who are 100% tax exempt. It shouldn't be based on property value it should be based on income. Ravi said this is just a starting point and can adjust as they see fit.

Michele Knowles said she received a check for \$28K from the state having to do with property taxes and water and sewer bills. Every person who applied received \$742 towards future bills.

DISCUSSION BUSINESS SIGNS

Ravi said this came up at the beach commissioners meeting regarding small lawn signs that are located in many places in Seabrook. These small signs are being blown everywhere with a small gust of wind. They are looking for clarification as to what can be done with these types of signs. Mr. Manzi said if political signs can be put on town right-of-ways then these

signs can be as well. He will get the board the existing ordinance and get legal opinion on the options the board may have.

Ravi asked about the ambulance data and Mr. Manzi feels he will have the information this week for the board.

Ravi asked about the cyber security plan. Mr. Manzi said there will be some items in the IT CIP plan that will partially address this. He will also provide the board with the information from Primex for coverage.

Ravi asked about the timber tax for a property that is taking down trees to build house. The assessing office said this is standard procedure but Mr. Manzi will get legal opinion.

Ravi asked about the map for existing parking areas. Mr. Manzi said this was given to the Police Chief. The task was to map the spots not to mark them on the street. The beach commissioners have no authority the streets are town roads. Mr. Manzi feels mapping is going to show a more complete picture of encroachment on town property.

Ravi asked about the signage and DPW Manager and Police Chief to look and make sure all are up and accurate. Mr. Manzi will have them to do the signs while they do the mapping.

Mrs. Kyle said she has had further complaints about dogs on the beach without leashes. This item will be up for discussion at the joint meeting.

Ravi asked if there could be a list for follow-up items so they are not forgotten and action is taken. Mr. Manzi said he does keep his own notes on those items.

HAWKERS & PEDDLERS LICENSE

EBike Expeditions - 28 Collins Street

Peter Morrill was present for a new business he is trying to establish. He has legal agreement with the firemen's association to run his business from the location. He has 20 bikes that are fully insured and complies with the laws and cannot go over 20MPH. This will be on Saturday and Sunday from 11AM to 6PM. His location is 4 parking spots in the back near the water tower. The potential for walk-ins is about 10%, most business is done online. There was discussion on how the rail trail in Seabrook is compared to other communities.

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton

To approve and sign the hawkers & peddlers license with condition of 20MPH on rail trail going south only, trash will be carry in and carry out and no food or beverages to be sold.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ravi and Mrs. Kyle attended the beach commissioners meeting. Mr. Manzi has not received any correspondence regarding dates for the joint meeting.

Mrs. Kyle attended the Lions Club meeting. They started a camp pride with land that was donated from someone in Seabrook for children with problems.

Ravi said the RPC had their annual meeting.

Mr. Eaton said he attended the planning board meeting and discussed the CIP. He said no new business was presented but they do have a meeting tonight.

Mr. Eaton and Mrs. Kyle attended the master plan meeting.

Mr. Manzi commented the board signed a supplemental tax warrant that was for a correction.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) tax deeding.

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

MOTION:
Second:
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting at 2:50PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Theresa A. Kyle,
Clerk

Date: _____