

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 13, 2024

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

Ravi opened the meeting at 10:02AM.

DISCUSSION - ANDOVER STREET WALKWAY

Mrs. Kyle requested to discuss this due to happenings at the beach getting out of hand. Many volunteers planted new dune grass and the Monday after the planting of the grass and construction of the new walkway a contractor drove over this area in a heavy truck.

Mrs. Kyle said there was also a bobcat on the beach removing dunes. She said she would be investigating this as well.

Mrs. Kyle said there are many dogs on the beach without leashes. There is a leash law in the state of NH. Mrs. Kyle said this is getting out of control. She said some residents feel that because they live at the beach, they can walk their dogs without a leash, and they cannot. Mrs. Kyle is requesting a meeting for a full discussion on this topic.

Mrs. Kyle said she attended a beach commissioners' meeting where they could have a meeting with the board to discuss various issues. She said it would be an open meeting, but they would not allow the public to speak.

Ravi said that citizens of the town are obligated to live in a way to allow their fellow citizens to live comfortably in the town. He said there are rules to be followed for dogs on the beach. Ravi said it would be helpful for them to read the rules of the beach as it is the beginning of the season. He would also recommend the rules be posted on the beach website, so everyone is aware.

Ravi said the driving over the new construction is discourteous and asked that if they see a violation in progress to contact the police or take pictures of the violation.

Mrs. Kyle also mentioned the use of fireworks at the beach. She said there are a lot of high value homes at the beach and the town voted for no fireworks at the beach.

Mr. Eaton said he supports a joint board meeting with the beach commissioners to address the issues and violations going on at

the beach. He said the homeowner who is under construction needs to understand they are responsible and need to ensure the rules are being followed. It is their responsibility to let their visitors know the rules and ensure they follow the rules.

Mrs. Kyle addressed the homeowners who are making their driveways look larger than they are so no one parks in that area. Residents are getting yelled at for parking when in fact it is an allowable parking area.

Ravi said it would be good to create a picture of allowable parking areas, such as a map, on the streets that can be posted on the website. This way the owners of the homes as well as the people parking know what is acceptable. Mr. Eaton said they need to work with the beach commissioners to address those driveways that are larger to conform to the existing rules, so they are in compliance.

Mr. Manzi commented it is an issue and will take some work in order to address. He said they have been issued a building permit that has a driveway that is larger than a legal driveway and his feeling is that is happening. The beach district claims it is not their jurisdiction it is the road agent. Mr. Manzi said if the plan shows the owner is encroaching on town land that permit should be denied.

Ravi discussed the plantings they did on the Andover Street walkway and said they conformed exactly to the plan drawn up by Henry Boyd at no cost to the town. He said there is a 1-foot setback that was left based upon recommendation of the conservationist. Mrs. Kyle commented where the property owners walkway is now to the boardwalk is on town property. Ravi said he measured the area and is confident it conforms to the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Guiffre asked if there is a point in the ground that shows the lot line. He said Henry Boyd can clarify where those markers are and if they are there. He feels the biggest issue is enforcement:

There was debate between Ravi and Joe Guiffre. Ravi feels that construction is not completed until the dunes are restored to the way they were before construction started. Joe Guiffre said this has been an issue where letters were sent, and attorneys were involved. There was further discussion on this and parking at the beach.

Mr. Manzi said that Eben Lewis has taken action on enforcement at the beach. He said it is difficult to enforce something when there is no evidence of who committed the crime. Joe Guiffre said he came to this meeting to get approval from the Board who did approve it then never went to the police department for enforcement. Ravi said the way Joe Guiffre was painting the picture, it looks as though the Board of Selectmen and police are unwilling to enforce the rules. He said that is not true the Selectmen and Police have always enforced the rules. If the information is circumstantial, it is hard to make a case which is why he is urging people to take pictures so a case can be made.

Mr. Manzi commented that yes in fact they have pictures that show tree was cut down but not evidence of who cut it down. He said the contractor was gone when they went to the location. Mr. Manzi doesn't feel anyone is going to admit to anything here. Mr. Eaton asked if there is a policy that states the property owner is responsible for any contractor working on their property. He feels it is the responsibility of the property owner and a fine should be imposed upon the owner.

Mr. Manzi said it is Eben Lewis for enforcement of protective areas. A violation of town property it is enforcement upon the town. In the beach district no building permit is required for exterior work which means it falls to the town to look and enforce. Mr. Manzi has asked numerous times to have them require a building permit with a plan so it will be documented when the property owner is encroaching on town land. They have repeatedly refused.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

<u>MOTION:</u>	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

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ravi	To adjourn the meeting
Second:	Harold F. Eaton	at 2:35PM.
Unanimous		

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:



Theresa A. Kyle
Clerk

Date: June 17, 2024

**TOWN OF SEABROOK
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

AGENDA

May 13, 2024

Open Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

**TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

NEW BUSINESS

1) Question of discussion on Andover Street walkway.

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) negotiations