

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2024

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

Ravi opened the meeting at 9:32AM.

MEETING - COTE & FOSTER CONST.

Ravi said there have been several residents over the years with the use of the public right of way with the contractor. Bill Foster & Steve Cote were present for questions and/or concerns. Bill Foster said Seabrook Beach has been a very important part of their business for at least the last 35 years and don't want to compromise that. He said there is a working foreman on site to deal with any issues especially with the parking.

Ravi discussed complaints heard such as where they are parking, when they are starting the business, overnight parking, etc. He said the Town of Seabrook's rules apply to contractors and he would like to ensure that they are following the rules.

Mr. Eaton spoke about what happens in Portsmouth if the subcontractors don't follow the rules. The contractor is then put on notice with a fine and the contractor is the one that needs to ensure the subcontractors are following the rules. Bill Foster said he is fine with that as he would rather know when it happens to address the issue than months later.

Mrs. Kyle said she had an extensive conversation with both of the owners prior to the meeting and she is satisfied with the resolution. She discussed the issues encroaching on town property and suggested they have a further discussion with them and the beach building inspector and road agent so they can work together. Mrs. Kyle said the work being done is giving the illusion that other residents can't park where they should be allowed.

MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Bill Edwards was present for his report (see attached). There was a discussion on the time to get equipment and what is in the CIP. The board is looking to get the pieces of equipment in queue, so they don't have to wait. The chase truck is in the CIP for 2025 and will be paid for out of the ambulance revolving fund. The timing of this vehicle is entirely on the board.

There was discussion on how revenue is added to the revolving fund. Ravi said the purchase of vehicles with the revolving fund don't go on town meeting. Mr. Manzi explained how the revolving was established by town meeting and is used based on what was established by a previous town meeting.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton To purchase ambulance 44 and the chase vehicle.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To purchase the chase vehicle immediately.

No second, motion failed.

Ravi said in order to support any motion he would need to see more information.

Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Opposed: Ravi
Motion by Harold F. Eaton passed 2-1.

There was discussion on the calls for service and the apartment calls for service. Chief indicated that the apartment calls were added per the board request to know how many calls are going to them.

CIP REVIEW - FIRE

There was discussion on the SCBA and how often they replace, and it is due to be replaced in 2026. The capital fund is for both the SCBA and turnout gear.

AMBULANCE BILLING DATA

Ravi would like to table this item. Mr. Eaton suggested they have someone from the billing company come in to explain.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - JUNE 17 NON-PUBLIC, JULY 8 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, JULY 15 PUBLIC AND JULY 22 PUBLIC

Ravi would like to hold as he comments on them.

ABATEMENTS

Lane Gordon - 74 Silver Street - \$2,165.88
Matthew Nastasia - 32 Evergreen Drive - \$4,666.04

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the abatement for 74 Silver Street.
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
 Second: Harold F. Eaton abatement for 32
 Unanimous Evergreen Drive.

Ravi would like both abatements confirmed that it is just the sewer portion that is being abated.

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Birch Real Estate, LLC - 172 Tilton Street
 SGI Group - 97 Railroad Avenue
 Dwight & Marcee Souther - 41 Walton Road
 Sweet Management Inc. - 72 New Zealand Road

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

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

SGI Group - 97 Railroad Avenue
 Dwight Souther - 41 Walton Road
 Sweet Management Inc. - 72 New Zealand Road

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

ERZ ZONE REQUEST

Ravi asked if this could be posted on the town's website. Mr. Manzi said it would be and the other 4 zones are also posted. There are monies available to local businesses who are already established in the revitalization zones.

There was further discussion on the area this would include on Walton Road. Mr. Manzi said he could come back with mapping and would be specifically for businesses in this ERZ Zone. This would be an authorization to start the process.

The board will hold for further information of the boundaries of the zone and better understanding of the qualifications through the state that will better the community or serve as a disadvantage to the community.

ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION CONTRACT

Ravi explained the third-party contract and how it came about to benefit the residents of the town. If any resident doesn't want the recommended source by the town, they have an "opt out" option. This type of contract will benefit those residents who don't actively manage their energy source. This contract is

only for the third-party company who will shop for the best electricity source. Once they have found one it will go on the town meeting ballot for approval by the voters. There was discussion on the fee that will be paid by the consumers to this consulting company.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the contract
Second: Harold F. Eaton for electricity
Opposed: Theresa A. Kyle aggregation.
Motion passed, 2-1.

Mrs. Kyle said she would not bind the town to this and had stated that previously during the presentation.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ravi said a beach civic association meeting took place and discussed the bridge project and harbor dredging. There was discussion on the sand from the dredging and use for Seabrook.

Ravi read a memo regarding the bridge project. He said there are 95 residents of Hampton who are getting water service from Seabrook and that is bringing in revenue. Lots of equipment has been set up and traffic jams have started, especially on nice days. The project is expected to last until 2028 and will be a fixed span bridge that will be 50' wide and include a bicycle lane.

Tim Rooney is here to discuss the park that is being done by FOSC in the Lower Collins Street/Marshview Circle area. He believes that the Town illegally harvested this area of land. He would like the board and town manager to come down and walk in this area.

Ravi said the fact is something unlawful has been done and that person/resident need to know that breaking the law is not going to be tolerated, they will face a penalty and there needs to be remediation. Tim Rooney is asking that a letter be sent to all the abutters alerting them to this and that it will not be allowed. Ravi said conservation land needs to be treated with care and feels any property that abuts town land needs to understand the consequences.

There was discussion of what the town would want the homeowner to replant for trees. Mr. Manzi said there is a police report, and they went to the site. The homeowner would come back with a reforestation plan for approval by the board. He said the property owner is here today.

There was discussion on a penalty. There is a penalty fee included in the RSA. Legal counsel has been consulted on this and is looking to put back the same type of trees that were cut down. Any plan put forth would need board approval by the board. Ravi said they can definitely look at the size of the trees cut down but ultimately, they need to restore the land to what it was. They need to get it back in a sensible way and not make it a witch hunt. Tim Rooney suggested they work with FOSC who may have something else in mind for the park they are looking to build now that they have more land to work with.

Steve Burdeau - 66 Marshview Circle - homeowner who cut the trees down on town property. He knows ignorance is not an excuse, but he did not know the lot right behind him was town owned land. He said he took it upon himself to clean up the area which included cutting down the trees. Some of the trees taken down were not on his watch. He has an appointment on August 23 with Matthew Tarr with UNH Cooperative Extension to offer suggestions. He has had conversations with the police and code enforcement who've not been prosecutorial, and he respects that. He is looking to address and correct what he did as best he can. He also has no problem involving FOSC as he is fully in support of this project. Steve Burdeau is open to solutions to resolve this. Mr. Eaton commended Steve Burdeau for being here today and taking ownership of the wrongdoing.

Mrs. Kyle said this is beginning to be a problem with property owners cutting down trees that are on town property, encroaching on town property. She feels there needs to be some hefty fines for these individuals. Ravi suggested they give Steve Burdeau the opportunity to come back with a plan and if he doesn't follow through then they can take further action. He said they have allowed residents at the beach who have interfered with the dunes to restore them so we should give the same opportunity to this property owner.

The board asked if someone from the town could meet with the state with the homeowner, so they understand what is going on and that it is being stated correctly. Mr. Manzi said they could, and he will reach out to them.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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

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

Roll call:

Ravi - yes

Mr. Eaton - yes

Mrs. Kyle - yes

MOTION: Ravi

Second: Harold F. Eaton

Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting

at 3:31PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Theresa A. Kyle,
Clerk

Date: _____