

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2024

Harold F. Eaton
Theresa A. Kyle
William M. Manzi, III

Mr. Eaton opened the meeting at 9:35AM.

MEETING - DES/OVERWATCH WATER SEWER CYBER SECURITY

Robert Scott, Alyssa Rosenspike along with Curtis Slayton were present for the meeting (see attached). Alyssa Rosenspike said the organization is grant funded. She said they identified one piece to improve upon which was remote access. Another area they would like to focus on is training.

Curtis Slayton explained what the water and sewer departments are doing to assist in the security of the technology side. Members of the Overwatch Foundation go and work with the employees so they can see what needs to be worked on.

Robert Scott said the Town isn't paying for the services, but it does take a lot of time from the employees. This is a 3-year project to complete both the water and sewer.

Aboul Khan, 3 Greenleaf Drive - asked if the water portion is complete and how long will it take for the sewer department. Alyssa Rosenspike said they are now starting on sewer plant and there is a 3-year educational support piece.

Mr. Manzi commented and thanked the Overwatch Foundation and the employees to get this project going.

MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR

Cassandra Carter was present for her report (see attached). She went over the highlights of the fall programs. Mr. Eaton asked if the basketball numbers have increased. Ms. Carter went over the numbers and said the cheer program actually had 6 less participants than last year. She said they will have the high school basketball program.

Ms. Carter said they are in the mini program session which started today. The community center is now open 9AM-9PM with the festival of trees happening Friday. They have a holiday vacation camp coming up and will also have after camp.

Mr. Eaton asked Ms. Carter to explain when the trees can be decorated for the festival. Ms. Carter said today is the last day to register with Wednesday being the last day to drop off trees. They can also do a wreath for the event.

There is some training in January such as conflict management and policies & procedures of the recreation department. The training will be through Primex.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes of
Second: Harold F. Eaton 11/18 public and non-
Motion passed 2-0 public.

ABATEMENTS

- Charles McDevitt - 92 Atlantic Avenue - \$140.89
- Kenny & Sandra Hartung - 167 Tilton Street - \$257.80
- Jon Tibbetts - 17 Border Winds Avenue - \$300
- Joseph & Denise Tuccolo - 33 Tricia Street - \$400
- Michael & Sallie Zinck - 148 South Main Street - \$220.43

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton abatement for 92
Motion passed 2-0 Atlantic Avenue.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton abatement for 167 Tilton
Motion passed 2-0 Street.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To deny the abatement
Second: Harold F. Eaton for 17 Border Winds
Motion passed -20 Avenue per the water
superintendent
recommendation.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To deny the abatement
Second: Harold F. Eaton for 33 Tricia Street
Motion passed 2-0 per the water
superintendent
recommendation.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To deny the abatement
Second: Harold F. Eaton for 148 South Main
Motion passed 2-0 Street per the water
superintendent
recommendation.

SURPLUS - POLICE & WATER

This is for police cruisers, traffic radars and a truck from the water department.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To surplus the vehicles.

Second: Harold F. Eaton
Motion passed 2-0

DONATION - PHANTOM FIREWORKS \$3000 - FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To accept the donation.
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Motion passed 2-0

POLICIES - INVESTMENTS, CAPITAL ASSETS, PURCHASING & FUND BALANCE

Mr. Manzi said the auditors ask for these policies to be approved every year and the four before them today have had no changes to them.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and review
Second: Harold F. Eaton them again after the
Motion passed 2-0 town meeting in March.

AGREEMENT - PURCHASING OF VOTING MACHINES

Mr. Manzi said this is per the AARPA funding and this is what is needed to make the purchase.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton To approve the agreement
Second: Theresa A. Kyle to make the purchase
Motion passed 2-0 with AARPA funding.

CLOSURE OF TOWN HALL DECEMBER 23 FOR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the request
Second: Harold F. Eaton to close the town hall.
Motion passed 2-0

DEFAULT BUDGET

Mr. Manzi explained the default budget. The changes made to the budget by the budget committee do not affect the default budget. The budget committee has no authority over the default budget.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the default
Second: Harold F. Eaton budget at
Motion passed 2-0

Mr. Eaton said the total tax rate for 2024 is \$11.72 per thousand. The total town tax levy decreased by \$1,140,187. Mr. Manzi said the water and sewer enterprise funds had an impact here. The increase is due mainly from the schools.

2025 TOWN WARRANT

There is a new warrant article for the council on aging in the amount of \$5000. This will now be article 32 moving the remaining articles a number. Mr. Manzi explained there has always been an article for this. However, they had unexpended funds so the board at that time took it off the warrant until those funds were expended. Mr. Eaton feels this is a good idea for the seniors.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To place the article on
Second: Harold F. Eaton the warrant & recommend.
Motion passed 2-0

Article 34 - read by Mr. Eaton. This article is to make the members of the ZBA be elected rather than appointed.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To place the article on
Second: Harold F. Eaton the warrant.
Motion passed 2-0

Aboul Khan, 3 Greenleaf Drive - the budget committee asked that the wording of the 8-firefighter article. The funding would commence on April 1, 2025, as it is written currently. The budget committee said when police placed this type of article on the warrant it had a commencement date of December 1. The budget committee feels if they were to do this with this article the impact would be a lot less and more feasible for the voters to vote in favor.

Mr. Eaton feels this may be something they should consider. He feels it would be a more realistic approach to hiring those firefighters rather than the April 1 date.

Both Mrs. Kyle and Mr. Eaton agreed it would make more sense to change the date from April to December 1 with recommendation and support of the chief.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Vikki Mitchell, Bristol Street - commented on how a newsletter could benefit the people. She said there was a great presentation from a new electric company. Vikki Mitchell commented on Hampton Falls paramedics being removed from Exeter Hospital and how they were going to utilize services from Seabrook and Hampton. Mrs. Kyle said our fire department is in desperate need of firefighters. Mr. Eaton said there is a difference in need for service agreement and mutual aid.

Matt Sbvorin - will be sworn in at the state house on Wednesday.

Aboul Khan - \$2 million dollar increase to school budget is alarming. He feels it needs to be talked about more often. He said the student ratio is declining so where is the money going. Mr. Khan said no new firefighters have been hired since 2003. He said the employees are exhausted and getting injured. Before something big happens, we need to support our fire department.

Mr. Eaton said this board has been very actively trying to get the school to come to a board meeting to present the budget. They have no authority over the budget, but it would help to get the community more involved in what is going on. If there is a proper education provided for the children, he is okay with the expense but he is not okay if the town is not giving them a good education.

Mr. Manzi said there was a grant approval at the last meeting. There is specific language they would like to include in the minutes (see attached).

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
 Second: Harold F. Eaton
 Motion passed 2-0

On 11/18 the board voted to accept a Highway Safety Grant for the police department in the amount of \$10,250, this grant is an 80%/20% split and include a minimum required match of 20% or \$2050 which the town agrees to meet or exceed; and to further authorize the Town Manager William Manzi to sign any and all paperwork on behalf of the town.

Mr. Manzi said the ERZ Zones have to be renewed by 12/31. There was a 5th zone developed.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
 Second: Harold F. Eaton
 Motion passed 2-0

To renew the 4 ERZ Zones

Kelli Hueber recommended that everyone attend the deliberative session for the school in February.

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

To adjourn the meeting at 11:15AM.

Motion passed 2-0

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Srinivasan "Ravi" Ravikumar
Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

December 2, 2024

Open Meeting at 9:30 A.M.

TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETINGS

- 1.) Meeting – New Business License – Great Bay Carpet Cleaning – 95 Ledge Rd
- 2.) Meeting – DES/Overwatch on Water Sewer Cyber Security
- 3.) Meeting – Nuclear Decommissioning Committee
- 4.) Monthly Meeting – Recreation Director
- 5.) Monthly Meeting – DPW Manager

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of approving previous minutes of November 18 public and non public.
- 2.) Question of approving abatements for Charles McDevitt – 92 Atlantic Ave - \$140.89, Kenny & Sandra Hartung – 167 Tilton Street – 257.80, Jon Tibbetts – 17 Border Winds Ave - \$300.00, Joseph & Denise Tuccolo – 33 Tricia Street - \$400.00 and Michael and Sallie Zinck – 148 South Main Street - \$220.43.
- 3.) Question of approving request for surplus of police cruisers.
- 4.) Question of approving donation of \$3,000 from Phantom Fireworks to the Fire Department.
- 5.) Question of approving policies for investments, capital assets, purchasing and fund balance.
- 6.) Question of approving agreement to purchase voting machines.
- 7.) Question of approving to close the Town Hall at noon on Monday, December 23rd for the annual holiday party.
- 8.) Question of adopting the Default Budget FY 2025
- 9.) Question of review of 2025 Town Warrant.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION