

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 9:33AM. Mrs. Kyle commented that the deliberative session is tomorrow evening at 7PM and the election is Tuesday, March 11.

MEETING - F.O.S.C.

Jill Gordon was present for this meeting. She is asking permission to install a shed over at the nature trail. It would be a 16X20 shed to be used to store equipment that would maintain the trail. They will be putting out a couple picnic tables that would also be stored in the shed during the winter months. The other would be to hire their own contractors to do the installation. This company would need to provide insurance to work on town property. FOSC would maintain and upkeep the shed.

Ravi inquired about naming the trail. Jill Gordon said they have discussed and welcome suggestions, but they are leaning towards keeping it with the name of the original land owners. Two board members suggested the name of a veteran who gave his life and lived in town.

There was discussion on the replacement of trees. Mr. Manzi explained there is a legal agreement that would need to be signed that would also allow him to take care of the stumps as he needs permission from the town to do so. It has not been signed but it will be. The work will not be able to be done until the weather is better.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton
Second: Ravi
Unanimous

To allow F.O.S.C to
place a 16X20 shed on
the trail with a private
contractor who will need
to provide insurance.

MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his report (see attached). There was discussion on the roads to be paved in 2025 if the warrant article passes the town meeting. He would like to come back before the board on March 17 with a list of streets based on calculations with the state bid.

Mr. Starkey said he believes the panels for the transfer station roof have been installed.

MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR

Cassandra Carter was present for her report (see attached). There was discussion on the programs offered and number of attendees and upcoming programs.

Mr. Eaton commented that the 8th grade travel basketball team was invited to attend the New England tournament in Rhode Island. They will be accepting donations if anyone would like to donate.

Ms. Carter gave an update on the maintenance of the building as well as the projects that are complete or ongoing.

Ms. Carter said during all vacation weeks they will be offering half the gym for parents to bring in their children or 13+ wanting to use the gym. This will give them a place to go rather than being on the streets.

Ms. Carter said she has 2 warrant articles this year. First is to repair the pickleball courts and the second is to renovate the locker rooms for more space at the center.

Ravi asked about situations that have been handled by recreation and what the recourse is if they don't like how it is handled. Ms. Carter said yes, they have had and she encourages anyone with issues to come directly to her to resolve the issue. Ravi said a lot of times people put it on social media which is not the right course of action.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 6 PUBLIC AND JANUARY 20 PUBLIC

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ravi	To adopt the minutes of
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	1/6 public.
Unanimous		

<u>MOTION:</u>	Harold F. Eaton	To adopt the minutes of
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	1/20 public.
Abstain:	Ravi	

2023 TAX/LIEN ABATEMENT

Connie Grimes - 211 Lower Collins Street Lot 41

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ravi	To approve the 2023 tax
Second:	Harold F. Eaton	lien abatement.
Unanimous		

1 ELDERLY EXEMPTION

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton elderly exemption.
Unanimous

VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

Francis & Erin Dunn - 235 Lower Collins Street
Steven & Karen Sicard - 28 Belgian Drive
Michael Malioneck - 32 Jean Drive

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all
Second: Harold F. Eaton veteran exemptions.
Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

DeRosa Development Company - 38 Rocks Road Units 1&2

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign both
Water applications.

Curtis Slayton explained how it was an existing unit but now it will be a duplex.

Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

DeRosa Development Company - 38 Rocks Road Units 1&2

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

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

David & Annette Brady - Section 32 Lots 3&4

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
quitclaim deed.

Mrs. Kyle said these individuals now live in Amesbury, MA. She said if they were a resident they can buy a plot at the cost a resident purchases a plot. She would like to table this and have a discussion on the cost of a plot.

Ravi said a lot of people want to go "back home" when deceased. Mrs. Kyle said anyone can buy a plot, but she doesn't feel they should pay the discounted rate. Mr. Manzi said the applicant came in under the old policy and suggested they look at the policy for new applicants. This will be a future agenda item.

Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To change town policy
for all ambulance calls
be invoiced to person
using the service.

Mr. Eaton said he doesn't believe the board should make that decision as the people were the ones who voted to do the billing the way it is. He believes it should be up to the townspeople to vote on that decision. Mr. Manzi said they would not be able to put that motion on the warrant this year. The language would need to be tightened up a bit but understands what the intent is.

Ravi said when they do look at this, he would like to see an appeal process for elderly, veterans, disabled if the policy were to change.

Mrs. Kyle said she doesn't feel a selectman should be putting out letters that was discussed in a private meeting. She said he also went against his other board members and said they were corrupt.

Mr. Eaton said they are going to write a letter they should speak about themselves not others. He doesn't agree that the population hasn't increased. The commercial properties in town have increased and people don't always fill out the census. Mrs. Kyle agrees with Mr. Eaton in that people do not fill out the census forms.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Jill Gordon asked if the topics that were put off for further discussion and asked if it would be a public meeting. The board is open to keeping the items in a public meeting.

Vikki Mitchell said she was disturbed by what she saw on the news this weekend. Mrs. Kyle said a letter should not have been sent to just one selectman. Vikki Mitchell apologized and said it was her error she thought she did send it to all three

members. She said she doesn't understand how so many employees can be out of work and being paid. Mrs. Kyle said there is a process that has to be followed.

Ravi said when someone allegedly does something wrong the town pays, and the taxpayer is always hurt. Mr. Eaton said they are innocent until proven guilty, that is the law we abide by.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION:	Theresa A. Kyle	To go into non-public
Second:	Harold F. Eaton	session under
Unanimous		RSA 91-A:3, II (c)
		welfare lien & (e)
		negotiations.

Roll call:

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

MOTION:	Harold F. Eaton	To adjourn the meeting
Second:	Ravi	at 11:57AM.
Unanimous		

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Harold F. Eaton
Clerk

Date: _____