

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 3, 2025

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

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 9:35AM.

Mrs. Kyle commented there would be a candidate's night on Wednesday at 6PM at town hall.

Ravi commented there would be a candidate's night on Tuesday at the Library at 7PM.

MEETING - HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN - THERESA WALKER

Theresa Walker from Rockingham Planning Commission presented the draft natural hazard mitigation plan. She explained that every town in the country is required by FEMA to have a local hazard mitigation plan, which is funded through New Hampshire Homeland Security. The plan is necessary for towns to be eligible for disaster relief funds.

Theresa Walker outlined the three main parts of the plan: describing natural hazards Seabrook is vulnerable to, what Seabrook has in place to be resilient to storms, and what actions can be taken to be more prepared. She noted that infectious disease was added to the plan due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan has been posted for public comment until April 2. After the comment period, the plan will be sent to New Hampshire Homeland Security and then to FEMA for review. Walker anticipated it may be several weeks before she returns to ask the select board to adopt the plan.

Ravi expressed concerns about the potential for combined nuclear and natural disasters, given Seabrook's unique situation as host to a nuclear power plant. He emphasized the need for a regional master plan for evacuation, considering the town's coastal location and proximity to state borders.

Mr. Eaton raised questions about the vulnerability of the town's sewer plant and the potential for flooding in marsh areas. Walker agreed to follow up on these concerns and incorporate them into the plan as appropriate.

Mr. Manzi thanked Walker for the timely submission of the plan, noting its importance in highlighting the town's diverse

location and the need for professional first responders. He urged the public to consider the plan when voting on warrant articles for town departments.

DISCUSSION - NET METERING

Ryan Smith from Freedom Energy presented information on virtual net metering, also known as group net metering. He explained that this program allows large renewable energy generators to sell power to utilities, with political subdivisions like municipalities acting as off-takers.

Ryan Smith clarified that participating in the program would not change the town's current utility arrangements or costs. Instead, the town would receive a 7% rebate on the prevailing utility generation rate each quarter as a thank you for participating.

Board members asked several questions to understand the program better, including:

- The commitment required from the town in terms of energy consumption
- The potential for breach of contract if the town's energy usage changes significantly
- How the program would interact with the town's recent energy efficiency upgrades

Ryan Smith assured the board that the program is flexible and that minor variations in energy usage would not be an issue. He estimated that based on current usage, the town could receive about \$11,700 in rebates in the first year, potentially increasing to \$17,000 by year 20 of the 20-year term.

The board expressed interest in the program but noted the need to consider how it fits with other ongoing energy initiatives in the town.

MEETING - POLICE CHIEF REPORT

This agenda item was postponed due to the Police Chief being unavailable.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - FEBRUARY 3 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND FEBRUARY 19 PUBLIC

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To adopt the minutes of
2/3 public & non-public
and 2/19 public.

ABATEMENTS

Malioneck Family Revoc Living Trust - 32 Jean Drive - \$50
Witham - 14 Cross Beach Road - \$191,838.67

The board discussed an abatement request for \$50 due to a missed appointment fee that was incorrectly charged to a new owner.

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

The board discussed a significant abatement due to a meter reading error that resulted in an incorrect bill.

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton abatement for 14 Cross
Unanimous Beach Road.

4 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

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

VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

Leonard Jewett - 27 Brooks Road Ext.
Gregory & Jessica Barrow - 6 Woodland Avenue

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

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Ledge Road Auto, LLC - 95 Ledge Road

The board discussed an application for a water meter for unit 2 of an 8-unit building. They clarified that this was not for a new unit but to add a meter to an existing unit.

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
Second: Theresa A. Kyle water application.
Unanimous

VEHICLE LEASE - WATER DEPARTMENT

The board discussed the need to re-approve a previously approved water department vehicle lease to provide documentation for financing purposes.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton
Second: Ravi
Unanimous

To approve the lease
vehicle for the water
department.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Mr. Eaton reported on a planning board site visit to 111 Walton Road regarding a proposed five-home development. He stated he would keep the board updated on the findings.

Vicky Mitchell from Bristol Street spoke to recognize Ravi's service on the board, emphasizing the importance of public involvement in town activities and understanding how the town works.

Ravi thanked Vicky for her kind words and offered his parting remarks. He expressed his enjoyment of serving on the board and praised the town's departments and workers for their excellent performance. He clarified that his focus on financial matters was due to his fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers and not a reflection on the appreciation for the work done by town employees.

Mr. Eaton thanked Ravi for his service and encouraged everyone to attend candidate events and stay informed.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

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

Roll call:

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

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Harold F. Eaton
Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

March 3, 2025

Open Meeting at 9:30 A.M.

TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETINGS

- 1.) Meeting – Hazard Mitigation Plan – Theresa Walker.
- 2.) Discussion – Net Metering
- 3.) Meeting – Report of Police Chief

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Question of approving previous minutes of February 3 public & non-public and February 19 public.
- 2) Question of approving abatement for Malionek Family Revoc Living Trust – 32 Jean Drive - \$50 and Whitham – 14 Cross Beach Road - \$191,838.67.
- 3) Question of approving 4 elderly exemptions.
- 4) Question of approving veteran exemptions for Leonard Jewett – 27 Brooks Road Ext., Gregory & Jessica Barrow – 6 Woodland Avenue.
- 5) Question of approving water service applications for Ledge Road Auto, LLC. – 95 Ledge Road.
- 6) Question of approving water department vehicle lease.

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