

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2015

Present: Raymond Smith  
Aboul B. Khan  
Theresa A. Kyle  
William Manzi

10:00AM

Mr. Smith opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

**MEETING - AECOM & NH DES**

Curtis Slayton, Bob Bell - AECOM, Doug DeNatale - AECOM, Christine Bowman - NH DES and Steve Roy - NH DES were present for this meeting.

Steve Roy spoke about the issues Seabrook has faced with water since the 90's and what they have done for new water sources. Seabrook has implemented a water facility and is considered one of the best in the State for tracking and treating the water and usage. They are now looking at a couple of different sites for additional water sources.

Christine Bowman spoke about the permitting for the new water sources. She said they would be subject to two large set of regulations. Once entered into the permitting process it takes 18-24 months to complete. If the land needs to be purchased by the Town it can take even longer. Once the permits are finalized with DES it can take 5-15 years for the new water source to be used.

Christine Bowman and Steve Roy explained the process and in their experience how long it takes to get the water into the system to be utilized. Municipalities have different issues that they face when implementing new water sources and vary depending on the location of water to the water treatment plant.

Mr. Khan questioned the Pineo Farms site where the water was found. The issue they were having was getting the water to the treatment plant. Curtis Slayton spoke to his concern and said they are hoping to find even more water to make it worthwhile for the town to bring the water to the treatment plant. Steve Roy said it would be more cost effective if they could bring more than 300gpm of water from the test site to the plant. The Town would have some work to do to get the land as they currently do not own this property. Bob Bell explained this target was picked as there were no other municipal wells at this location.

Doug DeNatale went through the Pineo Farms site and getting the water to the plant which is about two miles away. They are hoping to find additional water sources along the way to make it more cost effective to the town. He spoke about the Mill Lane well field that has not been in use for over 20 years. He said there is a good chance they could find water at the Mill Lane location based on information they have to date.

Curtis Slayton, Bob Bell, Christine Bowman, Steve Roy and Doug DeNatale left the meeting at 10:40AM.

Board took a 5-minute break at 10:41AM. Board reconvened at 10:44AM.

**MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF**

Acting Police Chief Mike Gallagher was present for this monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Smith complimented the Acting Chief on the information he has been providing to the Board.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Aboul B. Khan	To authorize the Police
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	department to work with
Unanimous		the State Police on the
		sobriety checkpoint and
		to give permission for
		them to use the parking
		lot on Route 1A.

Paula Wood wanted to speak regarding issues with a safety concern. Mr. Smith advised Ms. Wood she would have an opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting.

**MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF**

Fire Chief William Edwards was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Smith asked about the fire danger for this area. Chief Edwards said we are right in the middle but on the lower end however, this week is going to be hot and dry so it will increase a little.

Mr. Khan asked the Town Manager to read his memo regarding the ladder truck (see attached). The quote meets our bid requirement and they have secured a rate of 2.03% on \$881,200 to be borrowed. The lease program will need to be finalized and they would come back to the Board for a final approval.

Fire Chief Edwards asked the Board for approval to start implementing the Explorer Program so as to put into their schedule.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To allow the Fire Chief  
 Second: Aboul B. Khan to move forward with the  
 Unanimous Explorer Program.

Fire Chief William Edwards left the meeting at 11:20AM.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - JUNE 25 PUBLIC AND JULY 20 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To table this item  
 Second: Theresa A. Kyle until the next meeting.  
 Unanimous

**PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS**

Mr. Smith read the list of permits (see attached).

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the permits.  
 Second: Theresa A. Kyle  
 Unanimous

**ELDERLY EXEMPTION & HARDSHIP ABATEMENT**

Angela Silva was present for this item. She explained this person was getting the exemption previously but didn't respond in 2012 to her requests so she had to remove it but she would have qualified. Ms. Silva would like to approve the elderly exemption and give her back the exemption for the past two years. Mrs. Kyle said she has an issue with granting the exemption for years past if someone else would be benefiting from the trust. Ms. Silva said she could request a list of beneficiaries. Lillian Knowles commented that they have done a lot of work on this for over a year. Mrs. Kyle said her concern is that a lot of work was done but they weren't responding to the requests. Mrs. Knowles said the elderly woman is competent and knows who everyone is but the family is not nearby so it took them a while to gather all of the paperwork.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve pending the  
 Second: Theresa A. Kyle Town Manager & Assessor  
 Unanimous gather the paperwork  
 needed to clarify Mrs.  
 Kyle's concerns.

**DISABILITY EXEMPTION**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle disability exemption.  
Unanimous

**2014 TAX ABATEMENT**

Home Depot - \$6,741

Mr. Manzi said if they do not agree with the assessed value they have an avenue for appeal and it happens all the time.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle 2014 tax abatement.  
Unanimous

**REFUND**

Judith Keefe - 16 Lower Collins Street - \$183.70

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle refund.  
Unanimous

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

William Foster - 219 Bristol Street - \$50

Robert Gray - 20 Haverhill Street - \$100

Carlotta Lewis - 71 Causeway Street - \$50

Steve Lago - 47 Boa Lane - \$50

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle water application for  
Unanimous William Foster.

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Second: Theresa A. Kyle water application for  
Unanimous Robert Gray.

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Second: Theresa A. Kyle water application for  
Unanimous Steve Lago.

**SEWER SERVICE APPLICATION**

Follansbee/Picard - 364 Woodstock Street - \$150

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle sewer application.  
Unanimous

**REVISED WATER & SEWER APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Manzi said at the last meeting there was discussion to update the forms and both of the superintendents have provided new forms.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To table until the next  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle meeting.  
Unanimous

Mr. Khan requested the forms be sent to the planning board for review.

**INVESTMENT POLICY**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To table until the next  
Second: Aboul B. Khan meeting.  
Unanimous

Mr. Khan requested the policy be sent to the budget committee for review.

**2016 BUDGET GOALS**

Mr. Khan said they have a joint meeting with the budget committee and he requested they have a discussion to set some budget goals prior to the meeting. He would also like to discuss how many warrant articles a department can request through the CIP. Mrs. Kyle feels they should discuss and it might be they need to increase the tax rate. Mr. Smith would like to see it stay the same for one more year. He said the town is growing and it is going to cost more money but would like to see the tax rate not increase for at least 2016. Mr. Manzi said the labor costs have gone up due to the new union contracts but it is being offset by the contribution to healthcare costs. Mrs. Kyle said the police and fire departments need additional personnel.

**DESALINATION PLANT**

Mr. Manzi said desalination is changing salt water into drinking water but it is very expensive. The pipe is already in place from the power plant so that would save on some of the cost. As other towns need water they would come to Seabrook if there were a desalination plant.

Mr. Khan said it would be beneficial to partner with other towns and cities to share the water and cost. He would like to give the authority to the town manager to look into other towns and partnering with them.

Mrs. Kyle said it is a good supply of water but it still needs further research before deciding if it is good for Seabrook. Mr. Manzi spoke of some town in Massachusetts that have these plants but are operating under capacity. Swansey, MA does have a successful plant. The town manager will look into this option and gather information to present to the Board.

Mr. Khan said the rail trail run and Old Home Day were successful and thanked all of the staff who contributed. Mrs. Kyle said the volunteers should also be thanked for their help and contribution. Mr. Smith said it was a great event and the only complaint was the heat.

Robie Beckman said the town really needs a capital improvement fund so if an item is really needed it doesn't go on as a special warrant article. He said the audio for channel 22 needs to be addressed.

Robie Beckman said he has an issue with the procedure of the Board of Selectmen and asked if it is run by Robert's Rule of Order. Mr. Smith said he doesn't like chaos so he basically has set it up to be an agenda item or left until the last item.

There was clarification on the location for the new water source and individuals using private well systems.

Ruth McGrath of 6 Hooksett Street is requesting the Board reconsider the elimination of the one-day fall clean-up.

Paula Wood said there is money in the budget for the fall clean-up so asked why it was being eliminated. Ms. Wood said the Board discussed keeping the tax rate the same as last year but the warrant articles are on the ballot and they increase the tax rate. Ms. Wood requested the warrant articles be brought at the same time as the CIP.

Paula Wood commented that the water committee looked into a desalination plant and they should be able to look at the report that was presented.

Paula Wood said she is here today to speak with the fire and police chiefs as well as the water and sewer superintendents however, with the setup of the meeting she had to wait to ask her questions. Her main concern is the needles that are found in town and all over social media. She said she has heard residents have called the police department and was told that private citizens can pick them up. Ms. Wood said a CVS employee went outside and swept them up and put them in a bag then called

the police and it was then that the police took care of them. She said there is an issue in town and it needs to be looked into and addressed.

Paula Wood said there were complaints about dogs on the beach but that has been taken care of. She asked why the parking is not addressed at the beach. She claims when she pulls into Harborside Park there are cars from out of town parked and also on the streets where it should be for residents only.

Paula Wood said the chairman of the planning board was here to talk about the water sources but had to leave for work and was going to advise the Board there is a \$17K grant available.

Acting Chief Mike Gallagher addressed the contaminated needle and indicated if someone sees one they should call the police department and they will handle it. They do not take sterile needles and residents would need to find other means to dispose of those. He said he would follow-up on Paula's concerns.

Acting Chief Mike Gallagher addressed the parking at the beach and said it is always a hot issue in the summer. He said the officers are down at the beach and they are ticketing those who do not have stickers or placards. He said it is hard to see them when driving by but the officers are out walking and looking. Paula said they are in the park and parking on the lawn. He said he would look into signage for the park.

#### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

<u>MOTION:</u>	Theresa A. Kyle	To go into non-public
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	session at 12:0PM
Unanimous		under RSA 91-A:3, II (a)
		personnel and (e)
		legal.

Roll call:

Mr. Smith - yes  
Mr. Khan - yes  
Mrs. Kyle - yes

Board reconvened in public session at 2:18PM.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Raymond Smith	To seal the minutes.
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	
Unanimous		

<u>MOTION:</u>	Raymond Smith	To adjourn the meeting
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	at 2:18PM.

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 2:18PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

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Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_