

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2015

Present: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Raymond Smith
Aboul B. Khan
William Manzi

10:00AM

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 10:16AM.

HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Area Homecare - Judy Taylor was present

Ms. Taylor explained what they offer for services. She said 55 residents from Seabrook received services. Seabrook receives 24% of the service hours they provide.

Rockingham County Nutrition - Jaymie Chagnon was present

Ms. Chagnon said they offer the meals on wheels program that is through the Community Center. The services are provided to the residents in their home or at the center for residents who are able to get out. They only have 9% administration fees and the rest goes into the program. They cannot charge any fees but they do accept donations of \$2 per meal.

Mr. Khan commented he did a ride-along and it was an eye-opening experience. He said the distribution center for Seabrook is the Community Center.

Community Action Program - Keith Bates was present

Mr. Bates said one issue they have in providing numbers is duplication as they have many services where one resident may take advantage of several different programs.

Mr. Hess asked how many staff members they have. Mr. Bates said they have 5 full-time and the total payroll is \$130K for the Seabrook office. About \$27,500 is donated in food and that is distributed to the Seabrook residents.

Mr. Bates said the \$42,700 goes to the general operation so he doesn't have a percentage that goes directly to payroll. He said 53% of the services go to Seabrook residents and there are 7 towns that are served out of Seabrook. The towns pay proportionately based on the services they receive. For example, Hampton pays a third and receives a little less than a third of the services they offer.

Mr. Hess said they receive the building for free and in the future it may be that the town will have them pay a fee as all of the towns come here for no charge and Seabrook should not be

paying for everyone. He feels the other towns should have to pay towards the rental fee.

Mr. Khan asked when the town started picking up the trash as no other business or organization receives this benefit. Mr. Bates said he is not sure when it started but it has been a benefit they have received from the town. Mr. Khan said the taxpayer gives them the building for free and the organization has not mentioned this in the past 7-years.

Mr. Khan said a resident asked for each of them to be put in separate warrant articles and brings another 24 articles for a total of 65 articles. Mr. Manzi said they could meet the intent of the budget committee if they were to put a threshold of \$5K into one article and anything above \$5K would be separate. They could revisit it next year if needed. Mr. Smith said he has an issue with cutting it at \$5K he would recommend anything above \$10K be in separate articles.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To put agency request
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. under \$5K into one
Opposed: Raymond Smith article and over \$5K
Separate articles.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend A Safe
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. Place for \$6K.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Aids
Second: Raymond Smith Response of the
Unanimous Seacoast for \$2,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Area
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. Home Care for \$4,500.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Big
Brothers for half
of the request for
total of \$4,700.

There was discussion on whether the agency was told if they didn't show up for the meeting the funding could be cut.

Eric Small of 156 Walton Road doesn't think it is fair what the Selectmen are doing. He said they should have notified the agencies and they are only hurting the people of town. He said if the Selectmen are going to change the policy they should

notify the agencies in advance. Mr. Smith agrees with Eric Small and feels they should change the policy for next year and notify the agencies if they do not attend the meeting the funding would be cut. Mr. Manzi suggested they include a notification to the agency that if they cannot attend the meeting they should notify the town and provide a written report to the Board of Selectmen with the information.

Keith Bates said the other towns ask questions of the agencies to respond to and he would be willing to work with the welfare officer to develop those questions so that the same questions are asked to each agency. Eric Small said the agency will provide the information if they are asked.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To withdraw previous
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. motion and recommend
Unanimous Big Brothers for \$9,400.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Child &
Second: Raymond Smith Family Services for
Unanimous \$4,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Child
Second: Raymond Smith Advocacy for \$2,500.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Chucky's
Second: Raymond Smith Fight for \$5K.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Cross
Second: Raymond Smith Roads for \$3,500.
Unanimous

There was discussion on Easter Seal's and Mr. Manzi said he would recommend the \$10K. Mr. Hess would like them to try again to get someone from Seabrook to do the plowing.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Easter
Second: Raymond Smith Seal's for \$10K.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Families
Second: Raymond Smith First for \$7,500.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Red Cross
Second: Raymond Smith for \$2K.

Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Lamprey
Second: Raymond Smith Health Care for
Unanimous \$3,800.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Retired
Second: Raymond Smith Senior Volunteer
Unanimous Program for \$1,300.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Richie
Second: Raymond Smith McFarland for \$4,800.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To not pick up the
trash at Community
Action.

Mr. Smith said this should not be taken up at this time.

Mr. Khan withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To recommend Community
Second: Aboul B. Khan Action for \$42,700.
Unanimous

MOTION: Raymond Smith To recommend Adult
Second: Aboul B. Khan Learner Services for
Unanimous \$1K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Rockingham
Second: Raymond Smith County Nutrition for
Unanimous \$9,570.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Community
Second: Raymond Smith Table for \$5K.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Lions Club
Second: Raymond Smith for \$5K.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Seacoast
Second: Raymond Smith Mental Health for \$5K.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Seacoast
Second: Raymond Smith Visiting Nurses for

Unanimous \$9,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Seacoast
Second: Raymond Smith Youth Services for
Unanimous \$20K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend Sexual
Second: Raymond Smith Assault Support Service
Unanimous for \$1,517.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend TASC for
Second: Raymond Smith \$3,900.
Unanimous

There was discussion on the building rent for Community Action. Mr. Manzi would recommend \$600 monthly or \$7,200 annually and would pay as a triple net to everything that applies. If the Selectmen agree they would have an agreement with Community Action. Mr. Smith said he would like to review further before making an agreement. He said it is hard to put a dollar amount on an individual of the town. He would suggest directing the Town Manager to negotiate with a cap of \$7,200.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To let the Budget
Committee decide on
funding and come back
for rental agreement.

No second to motion.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend \$6K
Second: Raymond Smith annually and send to
budget committee for
recommendation.

Mr. Smith said he would probably vote in favor of this but still doesn't like making a decision without further information. Mr. Hess said he doesn't feel they should decide right now they should have another meeting.

Opposed: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Motion passed.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To take a 5-minute break
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

Board reconvened at 11:58AM.

LIBRARY BUDGET

Ann Robinson and Eric Small were present. Ms. Robinson said they are requesting to add money for books back into the budget. She said the budget stayed the same other than the money for books. Mr. Khan said he would not support this as the money would be in two places which don't give the voters a choice. He feels it should remain as a warrant article as it has been for the past 10-years. The budget committee did request this go back to the Board of Selectmen for a vote.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the library
 Second: Raymond Smith budget at \$532,589.
 Unanimous

Mr. Khan said there was discussion at the budget committee on the Board of Selectmen stipend. There was discussion on the budget for the Selectmen and what the salary would be.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To accept the budget
 Second: Raymond Smith committee's
 Abstain: Raymond Smith recommendation from
 Thursday January 5 for
 a stipend for the Board
 of Selectmen which is
 the same as last year
 which was set in 2007?
 and thereafter the Board
 of Selectmen will not
 seek any health
 insurance funding from
 the town. The
 Selectmen's budget will
 Be \$18,093 for FY2015.

Mr. Smith said for the last 6-years the insurance cost has not been an issue and what the Selectmen make for salary with a budget of over \$20 million he doesn't believe this should be taken away from someone who might need it. Mr. Hess said the Selectmen put in a lot of hours to do the work that comes before them and the health insurance was a great benefit for what they do. He thanked the voters for what he received. Mr. Khan said he took the benefit and thanked the voters for it and said it was his proposal as they have been taken a lot of criticism for this benefit.

Motion passed.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE

Eric Small explained the article he is requesting for additional money to continue with the work on the old south meeting house. The money from last year's article has already been spent on the building. The historical society will be given \$10K towards this project. Mr. Hess said he feels this would be money well spent as this is the oldest building in Seabrook and he feels Eric has done a great job maintaining it. This project will include fixing the steeple.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To change the article
Second: Raymond Smith from \$40K to \$45K for
Unanimous the old south meeting
house.

DEFAULT BUDGET

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve the default
Second: Aboul B. Khan budget at \$20,200,851.
Unanimous

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Raymond Smith To go into non-public
Second: Aboul B. Khan session at 12:40PM
Unanimous under RSA 91-A:3, II (c)
personnel and (e)
negotiations.

Roll call:

- Mr. Hess - yes
- Mr. Smith - yes
- Mr. Khan - yes

Board reconvened in public session at 3PM.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To recess the meeting
Second: Aboul B. Khan to January 14 at 10AM.
Unanimous

Meeting recessed at 3:00PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____