

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2015

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

10:00AM

Mr. Hess opened the recessed meeting at 10:09AM and said Selectmen Khan would not be present today as he is ill with the flu.

PUBLIC HEARING - D'ALESSANDRO FUNDS

Mr. Hess opened the hearing at 10:10AM and read notice into the record (see attached).

Maria Brown spoke of the issues dealing with substance abuse and would like to see if they could filter some of this money through the department to help with the issue. She feels there is a big need for this and it not only affects the person using but also the families and the community. She said Rockingham County in September of 2014 was designated a high substance abuse county and would request the Board look into the state and federal government to see if there are any funds available.

Mr. Hess said he is in support of this and feels we should bring the surrounding towns (Amesbury, Salisbury, Newburyport, and Hampton) as Seabrook is not the only town dealing with this. Mr. Manzi spoke about the effects and impact to the community this has and agrees we should work on bringing forum to the town. He said the money for this would have a budget going forward.

Mr. Hess closed the hearing at 10:23AM.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept the \$240K from
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. D'Alessandro estate.
Motion passed

MONTHLY MEETING - WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Curtis Slayton was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Slayton said the drilling company was onsite today to test for new water sources. They will be drilling two holes near bedrock well #4 to replace as it is not pumping enough water. Mr. Slayton said they have not been able to acquire access to the land at Pineo Farms by one homeowner so the project is on hold.

Mr. Smith asked if the 4% increase in water is normal. Mr. Slayton said they have seen decreases and increases so hard to say. Mr. Manzi said they are seeing a trend and it seems we will see this continue. During seasonal events we are pumping at 95% and that is concerning.

Mr. Slayton spoke about asset management and the GIS system so they can make decisions on what lines need to be replaced first.

Curtis Slayton left the meeting at 10:37AM.

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

Mr. Hess read the list (see attached).

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve the permits.
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Motion passed

2014 TAX ABATEMENTS

NM Cook Enterprises LLC - 262 Route 107 - \$1145
Armando Cabral - 2 Andy's Park - \$564

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign both
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 2014 tax abatements.
Motion passed

ABATEMENTS

Charles & Norma Carline - 73 Cynthia Circle - \$321.41
Charles & Rena McLaughlin - 86 Alison Drive - \$68.99

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign both
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. abatements
Motion passed

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Mark & Donna Ward - 1 Timber Court - \$50
Barbara Green Trust - 187 Atlantic Avenue - \$50

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign both
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. water applications.
Motion passed

TAXI LICENSE

Dennis Croteau - Surfside Taxi, LLC.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the
Second: Raymond Smith taxi license.
Motion passed

FIRE WARDEN APPOINTMENT - WILLIAM EDWARDS

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign the
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. appointment for fire
Motion passed warden.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR TOWN WARRANT

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To recommend the
Second: Raymond Smith proposed budget for the
Motion passed town warrant.

Mr. Manzi said there was an article recommended by the Board which he believes is article 34 for a sidewalk plow. The DPW Manager and he concurs that this article should be withdrawn.

Mr. Starkey said the sidewalks fall into different categories and they have one that is mandated by the state, then sidewalks for the school and all others. He feels they could lease-purchase the machine they need for 7 years which would be about \$23K per year. He would like to look at the highway block grant, transportation fund, highway budget and overall budgets as it is a bottomline to find the \$23K rather than burden the taxpayers with raising additional money. If the warrant article fails they would need to look at other options to maintain the sidewalks and it could mean it would be contracted out with poses other problems for the town.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To withdraw article
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. #34 for the sidewalk
Motion passed plow.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Hess said that Sandy Beaudoin and Frances Eaton will be retiring and party will be held on January 31 for them. He thanked them for their years of service.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adjourn meeting
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. at 10:55AM.
Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 1:26PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____