

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 5, 2015

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

10:00AM

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 10:12AM.

MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF

Chief Lee Bitomske was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Chief Bitomske said Officer Michael Cawley is retiring after 20 years of service and congratulated him for his years of service.

Chief Bitomske said the radar trailers are out and most residents have seen them. They are working out the bugs with the system. He said statistics can be printed and provided to the Selectmen as needed. There was discussion on the number of cars that travel on Railroad Avenue. The average speed on this road is 31MPH.

Chief Bitomske provided an update on the dog situation from the meeting he attended with Senator Stiles, Mr. Manzi and Selectman Smith. His office has not received any complaints at this time with dogs being left out in the cold and said Jeff Baillargeon is monitoring the situation. He they could put something on channel 22 to educate the public.

Chief Bitomske said Officer Justin Murphy was commended by Salisbury Police due to a tragic incident he responded to. He deserves a lot of credit for what he did that day.

Mr. Khan asked about the drug overdoses in town and if there is any program they could adopt to help. Chief Bitomske said there really isn't anything. He said syringes are found all over town and there is nothing that can be done. He said people need to be educated but also need to be willing to accept help otherwise the programs won't work.

Chief Lee Bitomske left the meeting at 10:31AM.

MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF

Chief William Edwards was present for his monthly report (see attached) also the Deputy Chief Lawrence Perkins was present.

Chief Edwards went over the two articles he would like to increase. He has an additional article he would like the Selectmen to consider placing on the warrant (see attached).

Mr. Khan asked who maintains the records on ambulance calls. Chief Edwards said he could contact 911 to see if they can give us numbers on how many calls were for potential overdoses. If he can get the number he will include in his monthly report numbers to the Selectmen.

Deputy chief Perkins said the appointment of the Fire Chief should be conducted by the NH Fire & Standards; which was enacted in 2001 when they voted to appoint a Fire Chief. He feels they used an illegal hiring practice and should conduct it by what the article states. Mr. Khan said they would look into this and will provide an explanation in written form to him. Deputy Chief Perkins said if the position needs to be reposed he suggests they consult with the fire department before posting.

Chief William Edwards left the meeting at 10:48AM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - DECEMBER 5 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, DECEMBER 13 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, DECEMBER 15 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND DECEMBER 17 NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adopt the minutes of
Second: Aboul B. Khan 12/5 public & non-public
Unanimous 12/13 public & non-
public, 12/15 public &
non-public and 12/17
non-public.

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

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

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the permits.
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

TIMBER TAX

Marshall Way - \$416.19

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan timber tax.
Unanimous

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATION

Robert Lima - 218 Bristol Street - \$100

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To approve and sign the sewer application.

SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING

D'Alessandro Account - \$240K - hearing to be scheduled for the next meeting in January.

SELECTMEN'S SCHEDULE

It was stated that due to the President's Day holiday there is only one meeting in February unless the Selectmen would like to schedule another date.

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To schedule a 2nd meeting on February 23 at 10AM.

AMENDMENT TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT

Mr. Khan said the Selectmen had discussed to negotiate a contract amendment with town counsel approval. The two changes were to extend the contract out to 2019 and increase the salary with a cap.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To approve the amendment to the town manager's contract and for town counsel to initial each page.

WARRANT ARTICLES

Mr. Hess said they would hold a special meeting to go through each article.

Theresa Kyle asked how they would advertise for this meeting. Mr. Manzi said it would be on the website and channel 22.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Hess thanked and commended the DPW employees for their work during the storm.

Mr. Khan said the budget committee and Selectmen would hold a joint meeting tonight at 6PM to discuss the human service agencies.

AngelJean asked about the union contract articles. Mr. Manzi said they are still negotiating and have made some progress. The contributing factor is the healthcare cost and employee sharing in this cost. Deadline for contracts is January 13;

which still requires union approval and Selectmen approval to go on the warrant? The Selectmen had decided earlier in the year that during contract negotiations they would address the healthcare cost and would not agree to a contract without employee cost sharing.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Raymond Smith To go into non-public
Second: Aboul B. Khan session at 11:06AM
Unanimous under RSA 91-A:3, II (c)
personnel and (e)
negotiations.

Roll call:
Mr. Hess - yes
Mr. Smith - yes
Mr. Khan - yes

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adjourn the meeting
Second: Aboul B. Khan at 1:00PM.
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____