

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JULY 16, 2018

Present: Ella M. Brown  
Aboul B. Khan  
Theresa A. Kyle  
William Manzi

10:00AM

Mrs. Brown opened the meeting at 10:05AM.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mrs. Brown said she and Mr. Khan attended the funeral of a long-time resident of Seabrook, Harold "Hardy" Nadeau, who passed away from a motorcycle accident and asked for a moment of silence for the family.

**MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER**

John Starkey was present for his monthly report (see attached). He gave an update of the beach and where they stand for clean-up due to the plovers. Mrs. Kyle asked about Andover Street and the brush and bushes that are overgrown and if they could be cut back.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle  
Unanimous

To have the Town Manager and DPW Manager look into the cost to put flags on the light poles along the route for the Memorial Day parade.

Joe Guiffre asked about raking the beach and Mr. Starkey said he does not believe it is safe due to the people using the beach. Mr. Manzi said there is no budgetary allocation for this project and logistically it is not reasonable to do this project right now.

**MEETING - POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Gallagher announced his retirement from the town effective August 1. Mr. Khan said the town is grateful to him for his last 29 years service and thanked him for that. Mrs. Kyle said she has great admiration for him and thanked him for his service and work with the opioid crisis. Mrs. Brown thanked him for his work and service for the town and residents and said he has done an amazing job. She wishes him well and hopes he is able to spend a lot more time with his wife and his first grandson. Mr. Manzi thanked him for his service and said he started out as an officer and worked his way up the ranks and has brought the department forward.

**MEETING - WATER SUPERINTENDENT**

Curtis Slayton was present and updated the board on the water issue that happened this weekend. He said the last round for the month water samples were taken and they were notified that one of the eight tested positive for e-coli. The chief operator was notified and he called DES. They followed protocol and tested the water sources with DES onsite and they found no reason for a positive test. Mr. Slayton said they retested the water and those results came back negative. They cannot explain how one sample came back positive and they may never know.

Mr. Khan said the department did the work picture perfect. Mr. Slayton commented that the employees came in to take samples and never asked questions. He said both Bill Manzi and George Eaton worked all weekend on this issue. Mr. Khan thanked the department for the work they did as they all did a great job.

Mrs. Kyle said this just goes to show the exemplary departments we have and a special thank you to George Eaton who knew exactly what to do and worked hard to clear it up.

Mrs. Brown said they did a great job and said there was something on Facebook but if there was anything wrong with the water they would notify the residents. Mr. Manzi thanked Curtis Slayton, George Eaton and the department and also DES who was onsite at 7AM and helped with anything that needed to be done.

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| <b>MOTION:</b>   | Aboul B. Khan   | Request to receive an |
| <b>Second:</b>   | Theresa A. Kyle | update every 48 hours |
| <b>Unanimous</b> |                 | on the water samples. |

Henry Boyd asked if they could also put the information on channel 22 for those who do not use the internet.

Mr. Slayton said they monitor 3 groundwater monitoring wells and there are triggers in there to tell them what actions to take. One of those have hit voluntary water ban, one has hit mandatory water ban and the other one is still ok. He has met with the town manager and he feels they should institute a voluntary water ban as they have not had a lot of rain lately. A public statement to notify the residents when using outside water to think about what they are doing and if it really needs to be done right away. Mr. Manzi will put out a statement on the web, Facebook and channel 22 indicating to the residents to be cautious.

Mrs. Brown recessed the public meeting at 10:48AM in order to go into the public hearings.

**PUBLIC HEARING - HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Joe Titone and Theresa Walker of RPC were present. Since hurricane Katrina FEMA has required that all towns have a plan in place. This plan would guide the town if a natural disaster were to occur in Seabrook. Once the plan is approved by FEMA it would come back to the board to be adopted. The plan will need to be updated every 5 years and is required in order to receive funding for any grant money that is available for natural disasters that occur.

Mrs. Kyle said she sat in on some of the meetings and they did a lot of work on this and she thanked everyone for their work. Mr. Titone also thanked everyone for their work in putting this together.

**PUBLIC HEARING - PARKING BOAT LAUNCH ON RIVER STREET**

Mr. Manzi would recommend they not implement anything until next year. Mrs. Kyle would like a legal opinion on this before they implement anything.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To continue the public  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle hearing to the next  
Unanimous meeting.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To have the next meeting  
Second: Ella M. Brown at 6:30PM to allow for  
Unanimous public input on the  
parking hearing and the  
water & sewer rate  
hearing.

Mrs. Brown recessed this public hearing at 11:04AM to the next meeting at 6:30PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING - WATER & SEWER RATE STUDY**

Richard Maguire spoke and said in many towns the water & sewer are self-sustaining. He would like each board member to give their feelings on how to increase the rates.

Mr. Khan agrees they need to get to the point of self-sustaining but doesn't feel they should do it all at once as many people can't afford that. He feels it should be gradual over a 2-3 year period.

Mrs. Kyle said she is in favor of just doing and you pay for what you use. She said right now it is a 10% increase in the taxes.

Mrs. Brown said she doesn't feel the rates should be raised for the residents but should be increased for commercial businesses and has no problem with implementing that right now but will not do that to the residents. She has spoke to the representatives and they also feel that commercial businesses should have a different rate then residents.

Mr. Manzi said there are still a couple pieces of data the board is waiting for so in all fairness to the board they should have all the data before making a decision.

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Ella M. Brown | To move the August 20   |
| Second:        | Aboul B. Khan | meeting to August 27 at |
| Unanimous      |               | 6:30PM and to include   |
|                |               | the public hearings at  |
|                |               | this meeting.           |

Lawrence Deschler said he supports Mrs. Kyle's position. He asked how much input have they received in order to form their opinions. Mr. Khan said his feedback was that they could not attend a 10AM meeting so asked for a night meeting. Mrs. Brown said she knows that there are a lot of people requesting help through the welfare office and this will cause them to inquire even more.

Eric Small asked if they have done a comparison of all of the scenarios. Mr. Manzi said they have and explained what they heard previously at the public hearing on the 4 different options provided. At the next meeting Mr. Manzi will provide the slides and show what the differences would be.

Vikki Mitchell asked Mrs. Brown if she feels they can raise the rates to subsidize the two million dollars that is being raised in tax dollars. Vikki Mitchell doesn't feel it is fair to be paying the water in the taxes and if they pay their fair share of the water bill then this would not be included in the tax bill.

Mr. Khan explained the process to get the house bill passed in the legislature. He feels this has been brought to them before and it has not passed. He said our largest taxpayer paid 90% of our tax bill and they are no longer paying that.

Joe Guiffre said he appreciates all the opinions but he supports Mrs. Kyle. He explained how he feels the homeowners will save money as they see the difference in what they pay for a water bill versus taking it out of the taxes.

Eric Small commented that the water system has been in place for 61 years and has been an issue since then.

Rose Flanagan said it should be a fair share across the board and supports Mrs. Kyle.

Doris Sweet said the representative suggested they pull the band aid and asked if they listened to him. Mrs. Brown said yes and she apologizes if she upset anyone and again explained her position.

Mrs. Brown recessed the public hearing until August 27 at 6:30PM.

**MEETING - WALTON ROAD EXT.**

Bruce Brown was present and said they are requesting to open this road that goes to Greeley's Mill/Walton Mill. He gave the history of the road and why he feels it is a town road. Mr. Khan discussed with Mr. Brown what has to be done. This would be to remove the obstruction that is blocking the road to the mill. They would also need to apply for a permit with the state as they would be working near marshland.

Henry Boyd said he understands why the residents there now would not be in favor of this for traffic reasons and noise, etc. He feels if they do open this up they need to find a way to discourage people from traveling this road but for historic reasons it would be nice to open.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To have the town manager  
Second: Ella M. Brown take the first step into  
Unanimous opening up this road.

**NEW BUSINESS LICENSES**

The Finish Guy LLC - Marc Bibaud - Carpentry, handyman business

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the  
Second: Ella M. Brown business license for The  
Unanimous Finish Guy LLC.

Marc Bibaud asked why he was asked to come into a meeting after being in business all these years. The board said they were going to look at this going forward.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To discontinue the  
Second: Ella M. Brown process and only have  
Unanimous the business owner come  
in if there are

questions.

EZ Mart Foods of NH Inc. - Mustafa Jumal  
New business owners but this business has been here for 40  
years.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan business license for EZ  
Unanimous Foods.

Chartwell Holdings - Rockingham Village Apts.  
New owners but it is an existing business. Mr. Manzi asked if  
they were good with the existing fire issues.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan business license for  
Unanimous Chartwell Holdings.

Smoking Monkey - William Walsh  
There was discussion on returning the fee for this business as  
it just moved location.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan business license for  
Unanimous Smoking Monkey.

DMG Mori USA Inc. - Darren Murphy  
It is CNC Machine on Ledge Road - same business just a new  
owner.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle business license for DMG  
Unanimous Mori USA Inc.

Autoshine of NE, Inc. - Chris Loisello

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle business license for  
Unanimous Autoshine of NE, Inc.

Board took a 10-minute break at 12:32PM. Board reconvened at  
12:50PM.

**STATE POLICE CHECKPOINTS - JULY 27 & SEPTEMBER 1**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve both check-  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle points for the State  
Unanimous Police.

**STATE CERT TEAM USE OF GUN RANGE JULY 19**

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve the use of  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle the range for the State  
Unanimous Cert Team.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - JUNE 4 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND JUNE 18 PUBLIC**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes of  
Second: Ella M. Brown 6/4 public & non-public  
Unanimous and 6/18 public.

**PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS**

Mrs. Brown read the list of permits (see attached).

**VETERAN'S EXEMPTION**

Roger McKenzie Sr. - 301 Portsmouth Avenue

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the  
Second: Ella M. Brown veteran's exemption.  
Unanimous

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATION**

Terry & Paul Provencher - 302A South Main Street - \$400

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan water application.  
Unanimous

**SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

Terry & Paul Provencher - 302A South Main Street - \$150  
Spednik LLC. - 3 Adder Lane - \$150

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign both  
Second: Aboul B. Khan sewer applications.  
Unanimous

**NEW RECREATION POLICY**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the  
Second: Ella M. Brown new recreation policy.  
Unanimous

**QUITCLAIM DEEDS - HILLSIDE CEMETERY**

Raymond & Florence Huot - Section 30 Plots 7 & 8  
James DiMare - Section 28 Plots 2 & 3

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign both

Second: Ella M. Brown  
Unanimous

quitclaim deeds.

**SURPLUS - POLICE DEPARTMENT**

MOTION: Ella M. Brown  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle  
Unanimous

To approve the request to surplus for the police department.

**SURPLUS - IT DEPARTMENT**

MOTION: Ella M. Brown  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle  
Unanimous

To approve the request to surplus for the IT department.

**ANNIVERSARY BONFIRE - GOVERNOR WEARE PARK**

Mrs. Kyle would like to indicate there will be no alcohol allowed.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To approve the use of Governor Weare Park for the bonfire with the condition that no alcohol is allowed.

**PHEASANT STOCKING**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan

To approve the request to allow the pheasant stocking from Fish & Game.

Mr. Manzi said he doesn't have an issue with this request.

Second: Ella M. Brown  
Abstain: Theresa A. Kyle

**POSTING OF BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION**

MOTION: Ella M. Brown  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle  
Unanimous

To approve posting for this position.

Mrs. Kyle said the 250th will be offering coins for sale in silver or gold for anyone that is interested.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Khan said last week they had a scheduled worksession that they could not hold due to other business. He would like to have the town manager contact the department heads to see what fees they charge currently and what they would like to see moving forward. Joe Guiffre asked if they could consider looking at the fines as well.

Mrs. Brown said there is a problem with a lady's property that is located near Blacksnake Road and Ledge Road as the home is run down and the neighbor's are getting rats in their homes. This lady currently lives in her car on her property. Mr. Manzi said he has spoke to the building inspector about this and said it is a sensitive case due to privacy issues and the state has not said they would want to get involved. Mr. Manzi will provide a report to the board by the end of the week as to what action will be taken.

On August 4 the parade will begin at 9AM at Seabrook School. This is the kick-off for the 250th Anniversary and the bonfire will be that night.

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

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Theresa A. Kyle | To go into non-public    |
| Second:        | Aboul B. Khan   | session under RSA 91-A:3 |
| Unanimous      |                 | II (c) welfare liens at  |
|                |                 | 1:29PM.                  |

#### Roll call:

Mrs. Kyle - yes  
 Mrs. Brown - yes  
 Mr. Khan - yes

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Aboul B. Khan   | To seal the minutes of |
| Second:        | Theresa A. Kyle | 7/16 as recommended by |
| Unanimous      |                 | the town manager.      |

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Aboul B. Khan | To adjourn the meeting |
| Second:        | Ella M. Brown | at 2:55PM.             |
| Unanimous      |               |                        |

Approved and endorsed

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Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

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