

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2018

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

10:00AM

Mrs. Brown opened the meeting at 10:07AM.

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Starkey said the sanders are being mounted to prepare for the upcoming winter season.

Mr. Khan asked Mr. Starkey to read his memo regarding household hazardous waste day so the residents are aware of what is happening. He said the town pays a fee and he would like to know how many residents are actually using the service to determine if it is effective. This announcement will be on the website and channel 22 but they must go to Exeter themselves as it is not transported by the town.

MONTHLY MEETING - SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Phil Maltais was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Maltais said they are working on completing the summer projects so that they can prepare for the upcoming winter season.

There was discussion on the pipe under Blackwater Bridge. This was a warrant article that passed town meeting. There is a lot to look at as the tide continues to come in and out. It is important to get this repaired as it is the pipe that discharges from the plant to the ocean.

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

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

MS-1 EXTENSION FORM

Mr. Manzi explained why they are asking for an extension.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan MS-1 Extension form.
Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Roger Kelley - 300 South Main Street - \$400

Dianne Kiedaisch - 142 Ocean Blvd. - \$400
Diane L. Miller - 134 Farm Lane - \$400
Paul Lepere - 2 Carol Lynn Park - \$50
Thomas Woelfel - 216 Bristol Street - \$400
Florence Henderson - 16 Folly Mill Road - \$400

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign all
Second: Theresa A. Kyle water applications.
Unanimous

SURPLUS FIRE COMMAND VEHICLE

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the request
Second: Aboul B. Khan to surplus the fire
Unanimous command vehicle.

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Spednik LLC - 2 Adder Lane - \$150
Century Builders - 35 Atlantic Avenue - \$150

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign both
Second: Theresa A. Kyle sewer applications.
Unanimous

Chief Brett Walker explained the beards for tots that the police department does in the month of October. Donations are accepted for each officer and the department has about 20 officers involved.

BEACH SAFETY DISCUSSION

Mr. Manzi said he has provided a memo to the board with copies of previous memos from both the fire and police chief's. He said the first item they were to look at was the marine rescue patrol which requires a boat. The fire department has acquired the boat from the police department and the board has approved the request for a mooring.

The second was the placement of lifeguards at the beach. Cost estimates have been given to the board and would essentially buy into the Hampton lifeguard program. The cost could be put directly into the budget for approval or they could put it in as a warrant article. The lifeguards would enforce Seabrook's rules and regulations for the beach. The liability issue for the town would change and would require some research and further discussion. Mr. Manzi said the first year cost would be about \$225K and about \$150K for subsequent years. This cost would be for equipment and personnel.

The third option would be to purchase equipment but there is a couple of issues which one would be staffing and if the equipment could be used effectively. There is a procedural issue as to whether or not one article passes and one is defeated. This is going to need further discussion from the board.

The fourth issue would be the creation of an early warning system (flag system). The only question is who would change the flag colors and ensure it is done on a daily basis. Chief Walker said the lifeguards in Hampton change the flags as they monitor the tide conditions throughout the day so if a riptide occurs later in the day the people are notified. Under the current staffing levels it is not as easy as it sounds and could become a liability to the town.

Mrs. Kyle asked about the 2 boats and what they are good for. Chief Edwards said they good for the river side but not in the open sea as these boats are only about 20 feet. The boats that the police department had was not a rescue boat was more for patrol. The boat was sold as the chief had decided they were not going to have a marine patrol and the boat had major deficiencies.

Mr. Khan asked if these are all separate programs. Mr. Manzi said technically they are but not because you would still need to staff the boat and other equipment.

Chief Walker explained that when he met with the lifeguards in Hampton they rode up and down the beach to come up with the number of lifeguards needed in Seabrook. They also considered what has happened in Hampton to make it safe in Seabrook. These were considered ideal numbers from the lifeguards but there is room to spread it out as well.

Mr. Khan asked if they could put an article on the ballot to see if the voters want any of these programs as the funding would be paid from their tax dollars.

Larry Deschler asked why Hampton doesn't staff Sun Valley. Chief Walker said he understands they haven't had lifeguards in that area for 10 years. Larry Deschler said he understands the problem to be they cannot get lifeguards. He said Salisbury has lifeguards but they roam the beach they are not stationary and this could be an option to consider.

Joe Guiffre asked how many first responders are certified in water rescues. Chief Edwards said last year they sent 6 to get

certified but they have no equipment for these types of rescues. Joe Guiffre said Hampton has 5 or 6 that are certified. Chief Edwards said he believes that as they hire they send them to be certified so it may be 80% of their force is certified. Chief Walker said they have certified water captains but they do not track as it is done for personal reasons. Mrs. Brown said we live in a water community and it is important that our first responders are certified.

Phyllis Farfaras said with the flag system and houses being so close together she doesn't know how people would see them. She said there is a difference with houses on the beach where Hampton has no houses on the beach. Where there is less congestion and with no lifeguards what happens if someone has an issue, the liability would then be with the lifeguards. Phyllis Farfaras said some of the paths you could not get the equipment out to the beach for a rescue and asked if there has been any discussion on making the paths wider. Mr. Manzi said as they look at the programs they would need to look this issue as well.

Mr. Manzi said in his original memo to the board he discussed the availability of lifeguards but that the wage schedule would be more like Salisbury rather than Hampton. He said they will be forced to pay a higher rate as the rates that are being offered will not fill the positions. Other than contracting with Hampton he doesn't know of one to contract with and starting from scratch is not a feasible solution. Mrs. Kyle said they should give this to the attorney to see what the liability will be for the town by adding the lifeguard program and what the insurance rates will be as right now it is swim at your own risk.

Carol Tomaszewski said it is going to increase the liability and the insurance but you can't put a price on saving a life. She does understand they need to study this and asked if they could look at Salisbury's program. She does believe the reason they are not getting lifeguards is due to the wages that are paid.

Carol Tomaszewski asked if it would be possible to have a meeting with everyone when all of the information is available so they can see what the majority of the people would like to see at the beach. Mr. Manzi said the board will be meeting to discuss the budget and capital improvement plan which includes warrant articles. The budget committee will also be discussing so there will be multiple meetings where this option would be discussed. Carol Tomaszewski said the residents are also willing to help and appreciates anything they are willing to do.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

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

To go into non-public
session under RSA 91-A:3
II (e) legal at 11:35AM.

Roll call:

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

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

To adjourn the meeting.

Approved and endorsed

Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

Date: _____