

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2018

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

10:00AM

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

PUBLIC HEARING - BOND ARTICLES

Mrs. Brown opened the public hearing at 10:13AM. Mr. Manzi explained the bond articles and said they have been approved by the Board of Selectmen. They require a public hearing and 3/5 vote on the ballot.

There was discussion on how much it will cost the town for the bond and where the money will come from for the radios. Mr. Manzi said they are trying to pay the bond for the radios from the revolving account which has revenue of about \$70K yearly.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To close the public
Second: Theresa A. Kyle hearing and open for new
Unanimous business.

RETIRED LIBRARIAN - ANN ROBINSON

Mrs. Kyle read the citation that was presented to Ms. Ann Robinson for her dedicated years of service (11 years). She personally thanked her for the programs that she brought to the library.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE VACANCY

Eric Small was present and said that Ellen Chase submitted her resignation and the trustees would like to recommend Paul Kelley for the position.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve Paul Kelley
Second: Theresa A. Kyle as the recommendation to
Unanimous the library trustees.

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present and briefly went through his report (see attached). Mr. Starkey said the transfer station will be closed the 24th and 25th and trash pick-up for both days will be on Wednesday. Christmas trees can be put out curbside and will be picked up the entire month of January.

Mrs. Brown said they do a great job and appreciates everything they do in the department.

WATER SERVICE APPLICATION

Jame Sullivan - 319 Route 286

Mrs. Kyle commented on how this builder had demolished property without the proper permits. She feels the work is so extensive and they should have to apply with a board for review before this application gets approved.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To table until the
 Second: Ella M. Brown application is filled
 Unanimous out completely.

2018 EQUALIZATION MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT DATA CERTIFICATE

Angela Silva was present and explained this is to go through sales and answer questions to determine the equal assessment for properties in town. She said this ratio is done yearly so that the state can determine if someone is fairly assessed if they go to the board of land and tax appeals.

Mr. Manzi said by doing this yearly it levels the playing field for assessed values or it could be a drastic change in five years. Ms. Silva said if the population is over 10,000 it has to be voted on at town meeting to do this yearly. She said some towns do wait the five years but can see a drastic change when doing this.

Mr. Khan said that Mr. Manzi provided a financial report a couple months ago and said the residents should know that the taxes collected 50% goes to the school, 44% to the town and 6% to the county.

Mrs. Brown said that if a resident has an issue with the assessed value they should contact Angela Silva and she will do her best to make corrections.

Mr. Manzi explained how the assessed value works when raising tax revenue and that the town can only raise the amount the state tells them when setting the tax rate.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
 Second: Aboul B. Khan equalization assessment
 Unanimous data certificate.

2018 UNAPPLIED PREVIOUS BILLS

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
 Second: Theresa A. Kyle 2018 unapplied bills.
 Unanimous

TAX ABATEMENTS

Darlene Bellmer - \$198
Lorraine Noble - \$287
Denis Gagnon & Cynthia Higgins - \$275
Seacrest Cooperative Inc. - \$59
Dagostino Revocable Trust - \$163
Robert Collins - \$568

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

LETTER TO PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Khan commented that he brought this to the board as the representative of the planning board and is requesting as a board they oppose the change of zoning to allow apartment complexes in town. The impact would be to the town's water supply, schools, police and fire. These departments are struggling now to keep up with what the town has and he can't see where they would be able to handle more.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the letter to
Second: Theresa A. Kyle the planning board to
Unanimous oppose the apartment
complex.

WATER & SEWER FEE SCHEDULE

Mr. Manzi said this is the final report from the consultant. There are fees being charged for some services that currently have no fees or very little fees. Mr. Maltais was present and discussed the sewer fees that will be charged. He said some of the services have been extended to homeowners where if they had a private entity they would have to pay for those services. This will not raise a lot of money but does to help offset operating costs. The fee schedules will be posted on channel 22 and the website.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the fee
Second: Aboul B. Khan schedule for the water
Unanimous and sewer rates.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
Second: Theresa A. Kyle hazard mitigation plan.
Unanimous

CAPITAL ASSET POLICY

Mr. Manzi said this policy has been adopted by the town several years ago. He feels it is good but will have some updates in 2019. The independent auditors ask that the policies be approved by the board yearly. Mr. Khan asked if the auditor's can come to a meeting in January or February. Mrs. Kyle asked that a copy be provided to the beach commissioners and Mr. Manzi will also put it on the website.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adopt the capital
Second: Theresa A. Kyle asset policy.
Unanimous

WARRANT ARTICLES

Lifeguards, police officers and police radio equipment

Mrs. Brown read the article for the police officers. She said the town has grown but the police department has not expanded the force and have worked with the same number of officers. Mr. Khan said these positions are necessary so services can be provided to the entire town.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the article
Second: Ella M. Brown as amended for the
Unanimous ballot.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To recommend the article
Second: Ella M. Brown
Unanimous

Mr. Khan read the article for the bond.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the article
Second: Ella M. Brown as amended for the
Unanimous ballot.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend the article
Second: Ella M. Brown
Unanimous

Mrs. Kyle read the article for the lifeguards. She would like something added that the rates are based on today's rates so in future years the rates could be different. Mrs. Brown feels that the money for this article could be used for the police and fire departments. She said there are signs that say swim at your own risk and when the current is strong you should not be in the water. Mr. Khan said the board has to make a recommendation and he will support whatever the voters decide on the article but at this time he is not in favor of this article.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the article
Second: Aboul B. Khan as amended and the one
change from the summer
season to between
Memorial Day and Labor
Day.

Mrs. Kyle retracted her previous motion. The board would like to see something in the note that indicates there is an increase in liability to the town.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the article
Second: Aboul B. Khan as amended and rewritten
Unanimous by the town manager.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To not recommend this
Second: Ella M. Brown article based on reasons
Unanimous discussed & cost factors

Mr. Manzi said the four capital program articles are just to establish the funds and he will look into adding money in the next cycle. The budget committee has also discussed having these accounts. The articles will be taxpayer funded and the board will request an amount to be voted on based on what the needs of the department are. These articles will help to stabilize the money being spent.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the article
Second: Theresa A. Kyle for technical capital
Unanimous items for the ballot.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the article
Second: Ella M. Brown for municipal buildings
Unanimous for the ballot.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the article
Second: Ella M. Brown for police equipment
Unanimous for the ballot.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the article
Second: Ella M. Brown for DPW vehicles for the
Unanimous ballot.

Mr. Khan would like to know how many students from Seabrook were sent to Winnacunnet. This will help to understand where the 50% of the money is going to educate students. Mrs. Brown would like to know what the services are that they get from the SAU.

Mrs. Kyle would like to know what is being done about the bullying in schools and the negativity that Seabrook students feel when going to Winnacunnet.

Mrs. Brown said they all attended the meeting at the coop for the dredging. She thanked Senator Shaheen and Senator Hassan for being there and supporting Seabrook. Mrs. Kyle thanked Seabrook and Hampton for working together to get this project going. Mr. Khan also thanked the town manager as he has been working a long time on this as well.

Mr. Khan wished all the residents and employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Mrs. Kyle said they have a wonderful town to live in with the citizens, committees, boards and employees. Mrs. Brown also said Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Mrs. Kyle thanked her colleagues as well and even with all of the arguments she does appreciate both of them. Mr. Manzi said he has a great staff and appreciates all of them for everything they do.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

<u>MOTION:</u>	Theresa A. Kyle	To go into non-public
Second:	Ella M. Brown	session under RSA 91-A:3
Unanimous		II (e) negotiations at
		11:56AM.

Roll call:

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

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ella M. Brown	To seal the minutes of
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	12/17 as recommended by
Unanimous		the town manager.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ella M. Brown	To adjourn the meeting
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	at 1:04PM.
Unanimous		

Approved and endorsed

 Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

Date: _____