

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 27, 2018

Present: Ella M. Brown  
Aboul B. Khan  
Theresa A. Kyle  
William Manzi III, Town Manager

6:30PM

Chairwoman Brown opened the meeting at 6:32PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**MEETING - FIRE CHIEF**

William Edwards was present for his monthly meeting. Mr. Edwards read his report (attached).

Selectman Khan asked the chief about the number of calls this summer.

Chief Edwards said there has been a 4-5% increase in ambulance calls and a 6% increase in fire calls.

Selectman Khan asked Chief Edwards what he would be asking for in warrant articles for 2019.

Chief Edwards said his department will be looking to replace the 2001 rescue truck.

Mr. Khan also asked how the new dispatch center was working out. Chief Edwards says it is getting better. The issues they had have been worked out. The Fire Alarm Operators have been a huge benefit to the department.

The Board commended the department for their efforts at the beach on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Edwards left the meeting @ 6:41.

**MEETING - ACTING POLICE CHIEF - BRETT WALKER**

Acting Chief Walker was present for his monthly meeting. Mr. Walker read his report (attached).

Selectwoman Kyle asked Mr. Walker to explain Code Red. He explained that it is similar to reverse 911. It is a pro-active way to get messages out to the public. You need to sign up in order to get the alerts.

Selectman Khan thanks the department for attending community events.

The Board also thanks the department for their rescue efforts at the beach on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Walker left the meeting @ 6:52.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ella M. Brown	To reconvene the
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	recessed public
Abstain:	Unanimous	hearing on water &
		sewer rates at 6:55pm.

Chairwoman Brown said the Board would entertain questions from the audience. The audience would like an explanation of the proposal.

Town Manager Manzi read a memo (attached) that he suggests will explain.

Selectman Khan asked that the water & sewer superintendents join the meeting.

Fran Chase asked how much the increase would be. As an example the average rate payer now pays \$41 per quarter for water & sewer. With the increase the amount would increase to approximately \$49 per quarter. That would mean that the operating budget would decrease by 8% within two years.

Fran would like to know if this would require more employees and the answer is no.

The increase would be for residential and industrial/commercial.

There was general discussion on the difference on rates charged. Water Superintendent Slayton explained (memo attached).

Selectwoman Kyle further explained the minimal increase residents should see in their water & sewer bills. She would like to see everyone "pay for what they use".

The question was asked if this is a two year proposal what would the increase be for a one year proposal.

Superintendent Slayton said it would be an approximate 18% increase on the water & sewer bill.

Resident Lee Chance asked if desalinization had been considered as he thinks it would be a good idea.

Town Manager Manzi said it had been researched and it is not feasible for the town. Very expensive.

Some members of the audience would like to start this increase immediately as they think people would be more frugal and start conserving water.

Selectwoman Kyle would like to "rip the band-aid off" and start now.

Selectwoman Brown would like to stretch the increase out over time so it isn't too much of a burden on people living on a fixed income.

Selectman Khan would like the increase to be gradual (2 years).

There were more questions and discussion on the proposal.

Selectman Khan will agree to a one year proposal if the increase is gradual (4 times per year).

<u>MOTION:</u>	Aboul B. Khan	To increase water &
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	sewer rates in 2019
Abstain:	Ella M. Brown	starting on January 1
		With increases in
		four installments.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ella M. Brown	To close public
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	hearing.
Unanimous		

<u>MOTION:</u>	Ella M. Brown	At 8:15PM to take a
Second:	Theresa A. Kyle	short break.
Unanimous		

Meeting reconvened at 8:30PM.

Hunter education would like permission to have field day at the shooting range on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Acting Police Chief Walker will notify the town of Kensington. As long as they clean up they have Permission.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To allow a one time  
 Second: Theresa A. Kyle use on conditions  
 Unanimous that they have police  
 supervision and notify  
 the town of Kensington.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - JULY 16 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC.**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes.  
 Second: Ella M. Brown  
 Unanimous

**QUESTION OF SIGNING THE MS-1 EXTENSION FORM**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the  
 Second: Aboul B. Khan form.  
 Unanimous

**WATER REFUND REQUEST**

Harry & Karen Aznoian - 123 Atlantic Ave. \$164.58

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the  
 Second: Aboul B. Khan request.  
 Unanimous

**WATER ABATEMENT REQUEST**

Rose Bowden - 80 & 80A Washington St. \$682.38

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To not approve the  
 Second: Ella M. Brown abatement.  
 Unanimous

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

139 Folly Mill Road LLC - 139 Folly Mill Road, T. Park Realty - 33  
 B St. & Rose Bowden - 80 & 80A Washington St.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve water  
 Second: Aboul B. Khan service applications.  
 Unanimous

**SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

Dockham Builders - 246 Ashland St. & Bruce Brown - 31 Norman Road.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the sewer  
Second: Ella M. Brown service applications.  
Unanimous

**QUITCLAIM DEED**

Hillside Cemetery - Dorothy Johnson - Section 28 Plot 49 &  
Kathleen Danusis - Section 31 Plot 19.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the quit-  
Second: Ella M. Brown claim deed.  
Unanimous

**STREET LIGHT REQUEST**

Pineo Farms Road

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the request.  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

**EXPENDITURE REQUEST**

D'Allasandro Fund (Memo Attached)

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve the request.  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

**AMBULANCE BILLING**

Write down request

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the request.  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

**AMBULANCE BILLING POLICY**

(Attached)

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle policy.  
Unanimous

**INVESTMENT POLICY**

(Attached)

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the  
 Second: Ella M. Brown policy.  
 Unanimous

The Selectmen attended several events of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They would like to bring the 250<sup>th</sup> committee members in to the next meeting to present certificates of appreciation to them.

Audience members request the next meeting be at night and at a bigger venue.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To hold the September  
 Second: Ella M. Brown 17<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 pm  
 Unanimous at the community center.

Selectwoman Brown would like to remind residents that the overdose awareness meeting will be held on Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm at the Trinity Church.

Selectwoman asked for a moment of silence for the August 19th drowning victims.

The board would like to congratulate town employee Morgan Cogdill on the birth of her baby boy William.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To adjourn at 8:55PM  
 Second: Aboul B. Khan  
 Unanimous

Approved and endorsed

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 Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

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