

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2007

Present: Cora E. Stockbridge  
Richard A. McCann  
Robert S. Moore  
Fred Welch

9:00AM

Chairman Stockbridge opened the meeting at 9:05AM.

Board agreed to do the warrant articles first and then regular business if time permits.

Mrs. Stockbridge announced the town manager has given his resignation and the board would be looking for a new town manager.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Welch read the notice for January 16 on the bonding of \$12.5 million for a TIF District. He said another hearing is set for January 16 should the article be approved today.

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

Mr. Welch read the article into the record for \$360K to be transferred into the sewer department for improvements. He said this would allow us to complete 50% of the work needed to be done.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Robert S. Moore be placed on the ballot.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To support the article.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

Mr. Welch read the article to change the purpose of the water source fund to allow expending of funds to rehabilitate the wells. This would be for no more than \$250K. The department is continuing to look for new water sources. Mr. Moore said he has spoken to the engineers and we could put perimeter wells at well #5 and this could potentially eliminate the water ban.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Robert S. Moore be placed on the ballot.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To support the article.  
Second: Robert S. Moore

Unanimous

Mr. Welch read the article for a bond in the amount of \$462K to construct a facility for arsenic, iron, radon and manganese removal. He said they arrived at the amount of money by a consulting firm and it is only an estimate. He said this would allow us to do the project in phases and would allow the board to hold a special town meeting.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Robert S. Moore be placed on the ballot.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To support the article.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

Mr. Welch read the article for \$12K for environmental testing at the town hall. He said this is the best estimate they could get due to rising costs. This would include test on the air ducts. He said the walls and ceiling need to be tested due to a flood from a sprinkler system break.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Robert S. Moore be placed on the ballot.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To support the article.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

Mr. Welch read the article for \$12,500 for computer upgrades to MS Office 2007. He said this includes all departments.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Robert S. Moore be placed on the ballot.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To support the article.  
Second: Richard A. McCann  
Unanimous

Mr. Welch read the article for a carry in carry out beach on Seabrook beach. He said this article has already been approved it is just for review.

Mr. Welch read the article for Timber Court. He said this article has already been approved and is just for review.

Mr. Welch read the articles for the disability exemption, veteran's exemption and elderly exemption. These articles have already been approved and just for review.

Mr. Welch read the petition article to establish ambulance fees. He said town counsel has this and is reviewing.

Mr. Welch read the article for a taxicab ordinance amendment. He said the second part of the article is to change the license fee. This article has already been approved and is just for review.

Mr. Welch read the article repealing the fireworks ordinance and enacting the new statute. He said town counsel has this and is reviewing.

Mr. Welch read the petition article to establish a TIF District and the article to raise and appropriate \$12,500,000.00 as a bond. He said these are two separate articles and would be voted on separately.

Mrs. Stockbridge questioned the three papers that are not attached and if they would become part of the article. Mr. Welch said the board should ask for legal review. He said without the papers he does not know how the voters could make a reasonable decision.

Mrs. Stockbridge said she has a problem with the process. If the plan is adopted, the appraised value is what is there as of that day and any structures built later would go to paying back the TIF. She said the Town of Seabrook would not see that money to do with what they chose. Mr. Moore said it would tie us into that for 30-years. What if NH decides to go with a sales tax where would it leave us? He feels a TIF is good for a depressed area and Seabrook is not a depressed area. Mr. Welch said the boundaries of the proposed district are confusing as well.

Mrs. Stockbridge said if adopted it takes 15 years to correct any problems. Mr. Welch said what legal authority do we have to make changes to a state highway system.

Mr. McCann said he doesn't think "no tax impact" should be stated because it does affect the taxes. If NH does go to a sales tax it could affect the businesses in the location leaving the residents of Seabrook to pay the bond.

There was general discussion of 10% cut by town meeting. Discussion of whether or not the town meeting can change the

bond amount to \$0. Mr. Welch said these would be questions to pose to town counsel.

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To not recommend the  
Second: Robert S. Moore article.  
Unanimous

Mr. Welch read the petition article to modify the dog ordinance. The supervisors of the checklist have certified this.

Mr. Welch read the petition article to support the NH climate issues. The supervisors of the checklist have certified this.

Mr. Welch read the SPA contract article to raise and appropriate \$68,040. He asked if there should be a companion article to hold special meeting as there was last year should this article not pass. Mr. Welch said the union has requested this be added. Mr. Moore said he does not feel the second article should be included. The board agreed and removed the second article on all the union contract articles.

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To recommend the article  
Second: Richard A. McCann be placed on the ballot  
Unanimous and to support the  
article.

Mr. Welch read the SFA contract article to raise and appropriate \$74,800 and to ratify.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To ratify the contract.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

MOTION: Cora E. Stockbridge To recommend the article  
Second: Richard A. McCann be placed on the ballot  
Unanimous and to support the  
article.

Mr. Welch read the SSEA contract article to raise and appropriate \$64,500 and to ratify.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To ratify the contract.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

All of the unions are looking at a 3% increase with 2 years of negotiations as the contracts failed at town meeting last year.

Mrs. Stockbridge gave examples of the benefits to the town through the negotiation process. Mr. Welch talked about the short and long term disability and workers compensation benefits.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Cora E. Stockbridge be placed on the ballot  
Unanimous and to support the  
article.

#### **DEFAULT BUDGET**

Mr. Welch said he reviewed this again and everything is in order.

Mrs. Wood asked what happens if the figure is incorrect in the default budget and it is not discovered until after town meeting could it be corrected. Mr. Welch said no it couldn't without a special town meeting. He said it could be changed at the deliberative session only or by special town meeting.

General discussion between Mrs. Wood and Mr. Welch about the default figures with the school budget.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To approve and sign the  
Second: Robert S. Moore default budget in the  
Unanimous amount of \$15,726,232.

#### **ENCUMBRANCES**

Mr. Welch said there is \$2,765,502 of money raised and appropriated to be encumbered on work that is not done.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To encumber the funds.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

Mr. Welch said there is \$18,675 for the sewer department for work that has not yet been paid.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To encumber the funds.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

#### **MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Mr. Welch recommended to the board there is a position of laborer and to remove with subsidiary cost and place the sums within the police department budget. He explained the position is not filled and the police have a vacant position that needs

to be filled at time and one-half for one year per the contract. There was general discussion on the reasons.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To reduce the sewer  
Second: Robert S. Moore budget and add the sum  
Unanimous to the police budget.

Mr. Welch said the deadline to print and post the warrant is January 29, 2007.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To take a five-minute  
Second: Robert S. Moore break at 10:45AM.  
Unanimous

Reconvened at 11:00AM.

Mr. Welch read the SEA article to raise and appropriate \$196,692 with revenues of \$153,211 for a difference of \$43,481 to be raised. Mrs. Stockbridge said this is the largest union and about 50% of the time they have had no contract. She said the union has agreed to a 10% JY Plan co-pay.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To ratify the contract.  
Second: Robert S. Moore  
Unanimous

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article  
Second: Robert S. Moore be placed on the ballot  
Unanimous and to support the  
article.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES - 12/18/06**

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To adopt the minutes of  
Second: Robert S. Moore 12/18 public.  
Unanimous

#### **DISCHARGE OF LIEN BY TAX COLLECTOR**

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To approve and sign the  
Second: Robert S. Moore lien discharge.  
Unanimous

#### **SOLICITATION PERMIT**

Seacoast Civic Dance Company - Wal-Mart & Shaw's - 1/14, 21 & 28

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the  
Second: Richard A. McCann solicitation permit.

Unanimous

**EXTENSION OF MBS CONTRACT**

Mr. Welch said he met with MBS representatives and the management of the company has changes. He said he suggested they prepare an extension request with a date for completion for board's approval. He said they would be sending out additional notices to the residents to get the project completed. Mr. Welch said the schedule expectations are gone but this does protect us with the insurance and bonds.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve an extension  
Second: Richard A. McCann until 11/1/07.  
Unanimous

**ABUTTER CONCURRENCE**

Mr. Welch said there is silt fencing within 20-feet of boundaries for town property.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve the abutter  
Second: Richard A. McCann concurrence.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To authorize the chair  
Second: Robert S. Moore to sign.  
Unanimous

Meeting for January 10, 2007 to be cancelled.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To go into non-public  
Second: Robert S. Moore session at 11:22AM under  
Unanimous RSA 91-A 3, II, (a),  
(c), and (d).

Roll call:

- Mrs. Stockbridge - yes
- Mr. McCann - yes
- Mr. Moore - yes

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

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Robert S. Moore, Clerk

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