

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2008

Present: Richard A. McCann
Robert S. Moore
Brendan Kelly
Scott Dunn

10:00AM

Chairman McCann opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

PUBLIC HEARING - BOND \$12,000,000

Notice of hearing was read into the record. Preliminary design is available for public review. Current estimate is \$11.6 million. Mr. Dunn gave a brief overview of reasons this is needed and explained the federal mandate to reduce the arsenic levels. Mr. Dunn said we would not qualify for federal grants due to our rate structure for water and the rates being too low.

Mr. Jeffers commented that 4 gravel packed wells would not go through the plant.

Frank Palazzo asked how the cost goes from \$2 million to \$12 million. Mr. Dunn said the plant is \$5.6 million, \$1.4 million is for administration and the remaining is to connect the wells. Mr. Dunn explained the funds we would be applying for to help with cost.

Cora Stockbridge asked if there is any document on the mandate. Mr. Jeffers explained where the mandate comes from and that Seabrook is the only municipality left to treat for arsenic. He said the price quoted in 2004 does not seem accurate and that someone may have misunderstood.

Mr. Dunn said the money is to bring the new water sources to the plant it is not for the new water source itself. The estimated yearly payment is unknown.

The plans were described by the town manager in the preliminary stages.

The estimated cost to run the plant has not been completed. One new position has been added for 2008 as the plant operator. It will take about 18 months for completion of the plant. Mr. Dunn explained the reasons for the increase of the project from \$8 million to \$12 million. The administrative building will be an alternate for the bid process so if there is no money available it would not be added.

Frank Palazzo asked when the final plans would be completed so the voters would have the information. Mr. McCann explained how the bid process works.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To adjourn the meeting
Second: Brendan Kelly at 10:35AM.
Unanimous

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Brendan Kelly, Clerk

Date: _____