

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 20, 2009

Present: Brendan Kelly
Aboul B. Khan
Robert S. Moore
Barry M. Brenner

10:00AM

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting at 10:01AM.

MONTHLY MEETING - ASSESSOR

Angela Silva was present for her monthly report.

Assessment Report - is a review of procedures and the ratio. The report was favorable to the Town. Mr. Moore said they commended Ms. Silva for her attention to detail and the review. Mr. Brenner explained what the report is about and that the letter was very complimentary to Ms. Silva and her department. Ms. Silva thanked her staff Mary Souther and Genessa Carrillo and also Tia Knowles her worked in the assessing department while the review was taking place.

Building Permits - are almost complete for the new tax billings.

Elderly Exemptions - have increased due to the article on the ballot that passed.

House Sales - have slowed down over the winter months.

Market Analysis - will be completed before the December tax bills go out.

Foreclosures - the Town has seen 6 foreclosures to date, which is the same as last year.

2009 Tax Warrant - is on the agenda to be signed and the bills will be due by July 1, 2009.

Angela Silva left the meeting at 10:12AM.

MEETING - MAX ABRAMSON

Mr. Abramson requested to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He talked about the odor complaints and the conflicting stories on where the odors are coming from.

Ivan Eaton said this should not be discussed in an open meeting as it is only adding fuel to the fire and anything said could be used against the Town in the legal case.

Mr. Abramson said in his opinion the problem lies with the containment tank not with the system that is used. He feels that PMC has not been responsive in replacing the equipment and our employee's are the one that are fixing the problems. His other concerns are the liability to the Town and the cost for trucking the sludge away.

Mr. Abramson said he has done research on the PMC process and said it does well with grease from restaurants. He thinks the Town could be losing out on potential businesses coming into the Town if they do not consider using for this and it could also be a potential cost savings.

Paula Wood commented about the numerous issues with PMC and said she was shocked to hear him say the Town should consider experimenting with the grease. She commented that she signed the petition and was fully aware of what she was signing and why.

Mr. Abramson responded and said the number 1 complaint was the odor and as he understands it there will continue to be odors regardless of the system used. There was general discussion over the odors.

Ivan Eaton questioned Mr. Abramson's experience/degrees. Mr. Abramson responded that his degree is in electrical engineering and what he does. He said he spoke with 4 employees at the plant and they all felt the problems could be worked out.

Max Abramson left the meeting at 10:40AM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - APRIL 22 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, MAY 4 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, MAY 5 NON-PUBLIC AND MAY 6 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To adopt the minutes of
Second: Aboul B. Khan 4/22 public & non-public
Unanimous 5/4 public & non-public,
5/5 non-public and 5/6
public & non-public.

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

Mr. Kelly read the list of previously signed permits into the record (see attached).

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve the permits.
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

TAX WARRANT - \$16,099,811.00

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan tax warrant.
Unanimous

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Arthur Wilson - 1 plot

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan quitclaim deed.
Unanimous

YIELD TAX LEVY - \$98

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan yield tax levy.
Unanimous

REFUNDS

Daniel Syvinski - 191 Lafayette Road - \$102.76
Alfred Demers - 97 Folly Mill Road - \$113.40

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign both
Second: Aboul B. Khan refunds.
Unanimous

ABATEMENT

Rose Bowden - 80 Washington Street - \$375.72

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatement.
Unanimous

WATER & SEWER WARRANTS - METERED \$36,186.01 & FLAT \$445,140.88

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign both
Second: Aboul B. Khan warrants.
Unanimous

INFORMATIONAL LETTERS ON WATER & SEWER BILLS

Mr. Brenner explained this would be an insert to go out with the tax bills and it requires approval by the Selectmen to do so.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve sending the
Second: Robert S. Moore informational letters
Unanimous with the tax bills.

CEMETERY HEADSTONE REQUEST - WILDWOOD CEMETERY

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve the request
Second: Aboul B. Khan for a headstone.
Unanimous

TAX ABATEMENTS

James Falconer - 241 Route 107 - \$204
James Falconer - 239 Route 107 - Denied
Sam's R.E. Business Trust - 13 Batchelder Road - \$14,381
Windsurf Realty LLC Store - 738 Lafayette Road - \$626
Susan Gardner Rev. Trust - 9 Saltmarsh Avenue - \$217
Barbara Green Trustee - 187 Atlantic Avenue - \$434
Kevin & Pamela Barry - 307 Atlantic Avenue - \$985

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign all
of the abatements.

Mr. Brenner explained why Sam's Club is receiving such a large tax abatement for Mr. Khan.

Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

SPECIAL RESIDENT PERMIT

Michael & Rosemary Jeans - 231 Atlantic Avenue

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan special resident permit.
Unanimous

ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

Phila Sturgis - 53 Washington Street
Robert & Phyllis Haas - 30 Folly Mill Road

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign both
Second: Aboul B. Khan elderly exemptions.
Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

Second Generation - 779 Lafayette Road
Robert W. Pigott & Co. Inc. - 727 Lafayette Road Suite 3
Henkel Corp. - 137 Folly Mill Road

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign all
Second: Aboul B. Khan the business licenses.
Unanimous

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT FOR FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER NH DES DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM

Mr. Brenner explained this is the Federal Stimulus Program and the Town has been successful in obtaining \$5-million. He explained how the Town receives the money through the grant and loan program. He explained the interest is a low rate. The Town rated very high as the project is considered "shovel ready".

Mr. Brenner said the two requirements are that the contractor has to pay Davis Beacon wages. The rates are higher so it would add to the total cost of the project. The second is to buy American for any goods or materials that are needed. He does not believe that either of the conditions would exceed the \$2.5-million that is given as a grant.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve signing the
Second: Aboul B. Khan application.

Ivan Eaton commented that Ocean Mist looks beautiful with the new shingles on the roof.

Paula Wood commented about the Federal funds and how soon would it be before bonding the loan. Mr. Brenner said he is only looking for authorization not looking to bond the loan anytime soon. He said once the construction company presents the schedule we would know more as to when the additional money would be needed. Mr. Brenner said the State of NH needs to allocate the funds before they can move forward.

Mr. Kelly spoke about the meetings and would like to see them run more like a business going forward. He would like issues that do not affect the whole town brought to the Town Manager and only issues affecting the whole town brought to the Selectmen.

Paula Wood asked if the Town Manager had an opportunity to look at the Fee Study Committee's recommendations. Mr. Brenner said he has not had a chance at this time. Mr. Kelly said it would be looked at and that the department heads are also making recommendations. Paula Wood believes the committee made recommendations to increase revenues without having to cut services. Mr. Brenner explained what the department heads were asked to do and the fee study report would be looked at as a whole with their recommendations.

Paula Wood questioned holding night meetings. Mr. Kelly said if there were a reason to hold a night meeting the Selectmen would accommodate. Paula Wood said as a voter they have the right to bring their concerns to the Selectmen. Mr. Kelly further clarified when night meetings would be held.

Max Abramson requested a copy of the fee study report.

Unanimous

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To adjourn the meeting
Second: Aboul B. Khan at 11:26AM.
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:26AM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Robert S. Moore, Clerk

Date: _____