

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2007

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

7:00PM

Chairman McCann opened the meeting at 7:00PM.

MONTHLY MEETING - CODE ENFORCEMENT

Paul Garand was present for his monthly report.

Mr. Garand said the numbers of permits issued this year are comparable to last year's number.

Mr. Garand left the meeting at 7:05PM.

MONTHLY MEETING - WATER DEPARTMENT

Mike Jeffers was present for his monthly report.

Test Wells - ongoing for new water sources.

Fences - are completed for the well protection area.

Painting - of the water tank is now complete and came in under budget.

Water Report - will be sent out and Mr. Jeffers knows that the residents will call with concerns on the arsenic levels.

Mr. Jeffers said that the water department needs its own backhoe. He would like to submit a warrant article for a dump body truck and backhoe.

Water Meters - there is one left and it is to be completed on December 21.

Aqua Freed - asked for permission to go ahead with this process for the rock well.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve the request
Second: Robert S. Moore to move forward with
Unanimous this process.

Mike Jeffers left the meeting at 7:22PM.

MEETING - STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATOR

Jim Webber, Al Weare and Maggie Hassan were present.

Senator Hassan gave a handout on the definition of "adequacy" that was passed in legislation. She explained the laws that the senate is looking to pass. There has been talk of an amendment by the Governor but she could not comment, as she has not seen the language.

Mr. McCann explained his concerns with the bills and the donor community coalition who are getting hit hard by taking the money from the utility tax.

Senator Hassan said the more information they have the better the case they can make for Seabrook and the other towns in similar situations. Mr. McCann recommended they look at California's model and how it works.

Mr. Weare explained where Seabrook stands and doesn't believe Seabrook will get any money back from the plant. He gave a handout on all the bills before the house.

Senator Hassan said she is looking to strategize with Seabrook and get the ball going. Mr. McCann agrees and doesn't think this is the only discussion. He suggested they perhaps meet on a monthly basis.

Mr. Kelly thinks it is a great undertaking to amend the constitution. He said he is embarrassed with the Seabrook schools and the high dropout rate. He believes the government should not be involved with the school and education.

Maria Brown spoke and said last year only 44 out of 83 Seabrook students were issued diplomas last year. She asked that Senator Hassan take that back and to help our kids.

Senator Hassan said the more private citizens the better chance we will see change. She will setup local meetings to keep informed and where people can speak and ask questions. If anyone is interested she will take email addresses and notify them when something of interest comes up.

Mr. Dunn spoke about the judicial system and who is in control. He also feels they should look into gambling to help with money for education.

State Representatives and Senator left the meeting at 8:22PM.

MEETING - FEE STUDY COMMITTEE

Jason Page, Jason Janvrin, Cora Stockbridge and Paula Wood were present.

The committee went over the recommendations for the health inspection and building inspection fees. The fees are based on a basic rate structure.

Mrs. Wood spoke about how they came up with fees without gouging the businesses.

Mr. Page said he believes they would need to place a warrant article on the ballot to allow the selectmen to change the fees.

Mr. Page asked about the next charge of the committee. Mr. McCann said that would come from the town manager at a later date.

Committee members left the meeting at 8:43PM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - DECEMBER 12 PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC

<u>MOTION:</u>	Robert S. Moore	To adopt the minutes of
Second:	Brendan Kelly	12/12 public and non-
Unanimous		public.

APPOINTMENT - STREET LIGHT COMMITTEE

Mr. McCann would like to hold this item until the next meeting.

CONTRACT - SLUDGE REDUCTION

The contract has been reviewed with town counsel and ready to move forward.

Aboul Khan asked for an explanation on how it would be no cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Don Rodgers explained the current monies being paid out would pay for the contract. Once it is paid in full it would be a savings to the town.

Cora Stockbridge asked how the board could justify the cost of \$621K without going before the voters. Mr. McCann said they are using funds already committed to sludge removal and there is a clause if it does not work we are not obligated. Mrs. Stockbridge said if there is a change to a building it should go before the voters. Mr. McCann said if it was a permanent fixture he would agree but there is a bail out clause.

Paula Wood asked for clarification on the retrofit. Mr. Don Rodgers explained how it would work. She voiced her concerns on the board entering into a contract without going to the voters. She said the rate schedule includes a 3% increase every two years.

Mr. Dunn explained the 3% increase on interest bearing financing. He said the sludge removal is going to increase by 3% regardless. His hope is after a year or two and it are working well we would go to the voters to pay off the financing in its entirety.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the
Second: Robert S. Moore contract.
Unanimous

REVIEW OF WATER & SEWER RATES

Mr. Dunn explained it is a work in progress. He still needs to sit down with Mr. Jeffers and discuss. He said this would be an interim rate schedule until the full rate study has been completed.

DRAFT 2008 WARRANT

Mr. Dunn said he is looking for the board to approve the articles so he can finalize the budget. His goal is to have a 0% increase on the municipal portion of the tax rate.

The board would like to hold this until the next meeting.

REVIEW OF DRAFT BUDGET

Mr. Dunn said the new bottom line of the budget is \$16,965,011.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve the new
Second: Brendan Kelly figure and forward to
Unanimous the budget committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

Billy Knowles, SEA union president, spoke about unsafe working conditions. Mr. Dunn said he is unsure of the conditions as there is a study being done. Mr. Knowles continued the discussion into winter coats and Mr. Dunn informed him this is not the place to have this discussion. The foul weather gear is under arbitration and until they hear back there will be no coat issued. Mr. Knowles asked how the men could get their coats. Mr. McCann said the union could drop the arbitration.

TAXI RENEWAL SERVICE - RECREATION CENTER

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve and sign the
Second: Brendan Kelly contract.
Unanimous

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Robert S. Moore
Second: Brendan Kelly
Unanimous

To go into non-public
session at 9:40PM under
RSA 91-A 3, II, (e).

Roll call:

Mr. McCann - yes
Mr. Moore - yes
Mr. Kelly - yes

MOTION: Robert S. Moore
Second: Richard A. McCann
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting
at 10:10PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

Brendan Kelly, Clerk

Date: _____