

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

Present: Edward J. Hess, Jr.  
Raymond Smith  
Aboul B. Khan  
William Manzi

10:00AM

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 10:06AM.

Mr. Hess said this might very well be his last meeting as he is going in for surgery but he will be kept informed of what is going on until the end of his term. He thanked everyone who supported him during his tenure and thanked all the residents of the town.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Candidates Night will be February 19 at 6PM at the Town Hall.

Maria Brown spoke and thanked Ed Hess for his 3-years of service. She said she would be helping with Candidates Night as she is not running for office this year. She said they wanted to put boxes out for questions and asked that the Selectmen consider this for future years as it is important that the candidates be educated on what is going on in the town.

Mr. Hess said he understands they need to be educated but doesn't feel someone needs to have a degree to run for office. There are no educational requirements for running for office and everyone should have an opportunity if they desire.

Mr. Khan said in his opinion when a candidate prepares a speech as to why they are running for office it informs the voter.

Theresa Kyle spoke and said she feels Mr. Hess is being prejudicial towards someone who has a degree. She feels the criteria should matter to the voters of the town. Mr. Hess said he is not diminishing her education or anyone else's for that matter.

Substance Abuse Forum will be March 7 at 11AM. Mr. Hess read the statement (see attached). He said he wrote a letter to the Governor and read that letter (see attached). He apologized for sending the letter if he offended anyone.

Maria Brown thanked Mr. Hess for writing the letter and asked if he could contact Kelly Ayotte and Senator Stiles along with the representatives. She said the go-fund-me account that was set up was done by someone who is running for office and asked that

they consider having someone who is not a political figure establish and run the fund. Maria said her and her husband have been removed from Seabrook Watchdogs and has asked if it was done a personal move. She thinks it is distasteful and doesn't think a single member from the town should be running something that is for the entire town. She asked that the Selectmen look into this especially the go-fund-me account.

Mr. Hess said she did this as a volunteer and is trying to raise money for substance abuse/Chucky's Fight and doesn't feel it was done for political reasons she did it out of the goodness of her heart for the program.

Mr. Khan said they are here to do town business and should not be involved in this which is a private organization as the town is only one of the sponsors of the event. They should not be focusing on this with taxpayer's money it is the right way for the Board to operate. Mr. Hess said he disagrees and said the town should be involved.

#### **MONTHLY MEETING - SEWER SUPERINTENDENT**

Phil Maltais was present for his monthly report (see attached). Mr. Maltais thanked Mr. Hess for his service and durability as it is a difficult position to be in.

Winter has been a challenge for all of the departments. They are working on hiring for a vacant position. He is working on the town permit for discharge at the plant which expires in November 2015.

Mr. Maltais said he has two articles to replace vehicles that are reaching the end of their life span. He also has an article to repair the roof at the operation center, pavement overlay and for a septic hauler truck. He is asking the voters for their support on these articles.

Phil Maltais left the meeting at 10:55AM.

#### **MEETING - WATER SUPERINTENDENT**

Curtis Slayton was present for this meeting. He thanked Mr. Hess for his support to the water department over the last 3 years.

Mr. Slayton said there was an approved article for groundwater management for \$178K. RFP's were put out and 3 bids were received. He is recommending AECOM for \$123,500. He read the letter from DES back on October 17, 2013 (see attached). This is a way of demonstrating a need for additional water supply as

they have requested and he feels it is very important to the town. It will give us the tools needed to determine if a water ban needs to be in place in the future. Mr. Manzi commented that the other 2 bids were from Tighe & Bond for \$123,950 and Geosphere for \$144K and that qualification's were also looked at.

Mr. Khan asked for a status on the location of new water sources. Mr. Slayton said it is still ongoing and has been unable to get permission from the owners to drill on the Pineo property so that portion of the project has not moved forward. Mr. Khan said he has not seen any results from this company in 3-5 years and doesn't know if they should get another contract without showing results.

Mr. Slayton said this project once awarded will begin almost immediately. He said this company has over 30 years with the town and any new company would have to start new so he feels they will get a better project from them. He said there is a meeting scheduled for March 4 with the water department, town manager, AECOM and DES to discuss the Gruhn site, bedrock wells and new water supply. It is important to keep the same team together and for AECOM to maintain the relationship with DES.

Mr. Manzi said the contract was approved but with limited expenditures which required reports to come to the Board from AECOM before going onto the next phase. Mr. Slayton said if they cannot get permission from the key property owner there is no sense in spending the money. He has made phone calls that have not been returned and letters have been sent.

Mr. Smith said he understands that looking for water is a crapshoot but also understands Mr. Khan's side where they have not done anything for the town. Mr. Slayton said they have only been actively searching for water for the last 6 months. They were going to look at the Riley Road well field but scrapped it and went with Pineo Farms site.

Mr. Khan said 5 months ago they asked this contractor to go to the site. Mr. Slayton said they couldn't get on the site 6 months ago and they cannot get on the site now.

Mr. Hess said Mr. Slayton worked hard on this project and should let the department head carry out his work. Mr. Manzi asked Mr. Slayton to explain the differences between the two contracts. Mr. Slayton said the groundwater management is to take readings on the water and will be downloaded into graphs and charts so we can see how the wells are affecting other areas of the well

field which could eventually lead to other areas to be looked at for water. The main function is to maintain the existing wells of the town.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the contract  
Second: Raymond Smith to AECOM.  
Opposed: Aboul B. Khan

Mr. Manzi said the Chase property is being offered at \$45K which is the assessed value of the land. He is looking for direction from the Board as to which way they would like to proceed. He can gather additional information on it if the Board would like. This land would help us to relocate gravel pack well #4. Mr. Slayton will look into to see if there has been testing done this site in the past.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To authorize the town  
Second: Raymond Smith manager to talk to the  
Unanimous parties and bring a  
recommendation to the  
Board in the near  
future.

Curtis Slayton left the meeting at 11:38AM.

#### **MEETING - FIRE CHIEF**

Fire Chief Bill Edwards was present for this meeting. He said they are looking to increase the fees and charges on ambulance billing to be current with the industry standard for the surrounding communities. This would bring in additional revenue to the town.

Mr. Smith asked if these rates increase would it mean an increase to the residents on their healthcare cost. Mr. Manzi said he cannot answer that question. Seabrook does not balance bill for any Seabrook resident.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To increase ambulance  
Second: Aboul B. Khan fees as presented.  
Unanimous

Maria Brown thanked the Fire Chief and congratulated him on his new position. She asked if there was any way the two chief's could brainstorm together to use the D'Alessandro funds to help the situation we are having in town with substance abuse. Mr. Smith said he read the agreement and if they violate it in any way they could lose everything. From his perspective it needs to be clad in stone before he would approve.

Mr. Manzi said they have discussed this and they would look into what they can and can't do with the funds.

Mr. Hess asked the Fire Chief he could look into getting nurses and/or doctors from Exeter and Portsmouth hospitals to come to the forum.

Chief Bill Edwards left the meeting at 11:50AM.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 5 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC**

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adopt the minutes of  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 1/5 public and non-  
Abstain: Aboul B. Khan public.  
Motion passed

**PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS**

Mr. Hess read the list of permits (see attached).

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the permits.  
Second: Raymond Smith  
Unanimous

**MODIFICATION**

Judith Sullivan Revocable Trust - 34 Ocean Blvd. - \$25

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan modification.  
Unanimous

**1 DISABILITY EXEMPTION**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Raymond Smith disability exemption.  
Unanimous

**VETERANS EXEMPTIONS**

Henry Tarr Jr. - 516 Lafayette Road  
Thomas Moran - 22 Robert Road  
Elliot Lander - 7 Coleman Court  
Guy & Carmela Zwicker - 34 Tricia Street  
William Doherty - 235 Walton Road

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign all  
Second: Aboul B. Khan veteran's exemptions.  
Unanimous

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

Paul Lepere - 199A Walton Road - \$400

Paul Lepere - 199B Walton Road - \$400

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign both  
Second: Raymond Smith water applications.  
Unanimous

#### **REVISED BUILDING PERMITS**

Stephan Zalewski was present for this item. He said the issue they are having is that the existing permit is four pages and it can be confusing even when the project is small. The current permit is used from replacing a water heater to building a supermarket. He feels it would make it easier for the applicant to complete and the staff to decipher what the applicant is looking for. There was discussion on fees and Mr. Zalewski said the resident would not be billed for each additional permit they would not be double charged. He said today if someone comes in for an electrical, plumbing or mechanical permit they are not issued the same day it takes over a week so most of the time the work is being done without the permit. The new application would allow the clerk to issue the permit the same day.

Mr. Khan would like the town manager and Mr. Zalewski to talk with the planning board and the assessing department to be sure they are accepting to the new applications. The Board will take this item up at the next meeting once Mr. Zalewski provides the information.

Mr. Smith said they could adopt the revised applications so long as there are no objections from the planning board or assessing department.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To table this item and  
Second: Raymond Smith put on agenda as  
Unanimous unfinished business.

#### **RECOMMENDING ARTICLES 16 & 25**

Mr. Hess said Chucky is doing a great job with this program. Mr. Manzi explained this is before the Board today due to the change in the amount of the request for funding.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To recommend article  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 16 for \$7500.  
Present: Aboul B. Khan

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To recommend article  
Second: Raymond Smith 25 for \$7500.  
Present: Aboul B. Khan

**MONTHLY MEETING - COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY**

Brian Murphy was present for his monthly report. He said he has revised the IT policy which has minor language changes and a change in the text messaging. Mr. Murphy discussed the changes with the town manager and he agrees.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To table this item  
Second: Raymond Smith until the next meeting.  
Unanimous

Mr. Murphy said they have a new website which is going to make it easier to add information to the site as well as making it easier for the user to navigate. Mr. Manzi said they will see a lot more activity on the website and it is going to be better for the residents.

Mr. Manzi said he is working on a table which is posing issues for where the projector screen will be placed. He is hoping to have it completed by the end of March.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Hess said he attended the substance abuse committee and they will hold a forum on March 7. He thanked all the departments for their work during all the snow storms. He said they worked 65 straight hours with only a couple hours off.

Mr. Smith said he attended the deliberative session for the school and it went smooth.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

MOTION: Raymond Smith To go into non-public  
Second: Aboul B. Khan session at 12:24PM  
Unanimous under RSA 91-A:3, II (c)  
personnel and (e)  
negotiations.

Roll call:

Mr. Hess - yes  
Mr. Smith - yes  
Mr. Khan - yes

Board reconvened in public session at 3:10PM.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adjourn meeting  
Second: Aboul B. Khan at 3:10PM.  
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 3:10PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

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Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

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