

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2015

Present: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 10:00AM
Raymond Smith
Aboul B. Khan
William Manzi

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 10:16AM.

HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES - REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Area Homecare - Judy Taylor was present

Ms. Taylor explained what they offer for services. She said 55 residents from Seabrook received services. Seabrook receives 24% of the service hours they provide.

Rockingham County Nutrition - Jaymie Chagnon was present

Ms. Chagnon said they offer the meals on wheels program that is through the Community Center. The services are provided to the residents in their home or at the center for residents who are able to get out. They only have 9% administration fees and the rest goes into the program. They cannot charge any fees but they do accept donations of \$2 per meal.

Mr. Khan commented he did a ride-along and it was an eye-opening experience. He said the distribution center for Seabrook is the Community Center.

Community Action Program - Keith Bates was present

Mr. Bates said one issue they have in providing numbers is duplication as they have many services where one resident may take advantage of several different programs.

Mr. Hess asked how many staff members they have. Mr. Bates said they have 5 full-time and the total payroll is \$130K for the Seabrook office. About \$27,500 is donated in food and that is distributed to the Seabrook residents.

Mr. Bates said the \$42,700 goes to the general operation so he doesn't have a percentage that goes directly to payroll. He said 53% of the services go to Seabrook residents and there are 7 towns that are served out of Seabrook. The towns pay proportionately based on the services they receive. For example, Hampton pays a third and receives a little less than a third of the services they offer.

Mr. Hess said they receive the building for free and in the future it may be that the town will have them pay a fee as all of the towns come here for no charge and Seabrook should not be

paying for everyone. He feels the other towns should have to pay towards the rental fee.

Mr. Khan asked when the town started picking up the trash as no other business or organization receives this benefit. Mr. Bates said he is not sure when it started but it has been a benefit they have received from the town. Mr. Khan said the taxpayer gives them the building for free and the organization has not mentioned this in the past 7-years.

Mr. Khan said a resident asked for each of them to be put in separate warrant articles and brings another 24 articles for a total of 65 articles. Mr. Manzi said they could meet the intent of the budget committee if they were to put a threshold of \$5K into one article and anything above \$5K would be separate. They could revisit it next year if needed. Mr. Smith said he has an issue with cutting it at \$5K he would recommend anything above \$10K be in separate articles.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Opposed: Raymond Smith

To put agency request under \$5K into one article and over \$5K Separate articles.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Unanimous

To recommend A Safe Place for \$6K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Aids Response of the Seacoast for \$2,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Unanimous

To recommend Area Home Care for \$4,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan

To recommend Big Brothers for half of the request for total of \$4,700.

There was discussion on whether the agency was told if they didn't show up for the meeting the funding could be cut.

Eric Small of 156 Walton Road doesn't think it is fair what the Selectmen are doing. He said they should have notified the agencies and they are only hurting the people of town. He said if the Selectmen are going to change the policy they should

notify the agencies in advance. Mr. Smith agrees with Eric Small and feels they should change the policy for next year and notify the agencies if they do not attend the meeting the funding would be cut. Mr. Manzi suggested they include a notification to the agency that if they cannot attend the meeting they should notify the town and provide a written report to the Board of Selectmen with the information.

Keith Bates said the other towns ask questions of the agencies to respond to and he would be willing to work with the welfare officer to develop those questions so that the same questions are asked to each agency. Eric Small said the agency will provide the information if they are asked.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Unanimous

To withdraw previous motion and recommend Big Brothers for \$9,400.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Child & Family Services for \$4,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Child Advocacy for \$2,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Chucky's Fight for \$5K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Cross Roads for \$3,500.

There was discussion on Easter Seal's and Mr. Manzi said he would recommend the \$10K. Mr. Hess would like them to try again to get someone from Seabrook to do the plowing.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Easter Seal's for \$10K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Families First for \$7,500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith

To recommend Red Cross for \$2K.

Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Lamprey Health Care for \$3,800.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Retired Senior Volunteer Program for \$1,300.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Richie McFarland for \$4,800.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan

To not pick up the trash at Community Action.

Mr. Smith said this should not be taken up at this time.

Mr. Khan withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To recommend Community Action for \$42,700.

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To recommend Adult Learner Services for \$1K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Rockingham County Nutrition for \$9,570.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Community Table for \$5K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Lions Club for \$5K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To recommend Seacoast Mental Health for \$5K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith

To recommend Seacoast Visiting Nurses for

Unanimous	\$9,500.
<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan Second: Raymond Smith Unanimous	To recommend Seacoast Youth Services for \$20K.
<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan Second: Raymond Smith Unanimous	To recommend Sexual Assault Support Service for \$1,517.
<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan Second: Raymond Smith Unanimous	To recommend TASC for \$3,900.

There was discussion on the building rent for Community Action. Mr. Manzi would recommend \$600 monthly or \$7,200 annually and would pay as a triple net to everything that applies. If the Selectmen agree they would have an agreement with Community Action. Mr. Smith said he would like to review further before making an agreement. He said it is hard to put a dollar amount on an individual of the town. He would suggest directing the Town Manager to negotiate with a cap of \$7,200.

<u>MOTION:</u> Edward J. Hess, Jr.	To let the Budget Committee decide on funding and come back for rental agreement.
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No second to motion.

<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan Second: Raymond Smith	To recommend \$6K annually and send to budget committee for recommendation.
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Mr. Smith said he would probably vote in favor of this but still doesn't like making a decision without further information. Mr. Hess said he doesn't feel they should decide right now they should have another meeting.

Opposed: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Motion passed.

<u>MOTION:</u> Edward J. Hess, Jr. Second: Aboul B. Khan Unanimous	To take a 5-minute break
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Board reconvened at 11:58AM.

LIBRARY BUDGET

Ann Robinson and Eric Small were present. Ms. Robinson said they are requesting to add money for books back into the budget. She said the budget stayed the same other then the money for books. Mr. Khan said he would not support this as the money would be in two places which don't give the voters a choice. He feels it should remain as a warrant article as it has been for the past 10-years. The budget committee did request this go back to the Board of Selectmen for a vote.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the library
Second: Raymond Smith budget at \$532,589.
Unanimous

Mr. Khan said there was discussion at the budget committee on the Board of Selectmen stipend. There was discussion on the budget for the Selectmen and what the salary would be.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To accept the budget
Second: Raymond Smith committee's
Abstain: Raymond Smith recommendation from
Thursday January 5 for
a stipend for the Board
of Selectmen which is
the same as last year
which was set in 2007?
and thereafter the Board
of Selectmen will not
seek any health
insurance funding from
the town. The
Selectmen's budget will
Be \$18,093 for FY2015.

Mr. Smith said for the last 6-years the insurance cost has not been an issue and what the Selectmen make for salary with a budget of over \$20 million he doesn't believe this should be taken away from someone who might need it. Mr. Hess said the Selectmen put in a lot of hours to do the work that comes before them and the health insurance was a great benefit for what they do. He thanked the voters for what he received. Mr. Khan said he took the benefit and thanked the voters for it and said it was his proposal as they have been taken a lot of criticism for this benefit.

Motion passed.

Eric Small explained the article he is requesting for additional money to continue with the work on the old south meeting house. The money from last year's article has already been spent on the building. The historical society will be given \$10K towards this project. Mr. Hess said he feels this would be money well spent as this is the oldest building in Seabrook and he feels Eric has done a great job maintaining it. This project will include fixing the steeple.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To change the article from \$40K to \$45K for the old south meeting house.

DEFAULT BUDGET

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To approve the default budget at \$20,200,851.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To go into non-public session at 12:40PM 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 3PM.

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Unanimous

To recess the meeting to January 14 at 10AM.

Meeting recessed at 3:00PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____