

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Present: Robert S. Moore
Brendan Kelly
Aboul B. Khan
Barry Brenner, Town Manager

10:00AM

Chairman Moore opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

PUBLIC HEARING - ALMENA WAY

Mr. Moore opened the public hearing at 10:02AM.

Mr. Brenner explained this was voted on by the planning board in June 2011 to recommend as a public road to the Selectmen.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To accept Almena Way as
Second: Aboul B. Khan a public road.
Unanimous

Mr. Moore closed the public hearing at 10:04AM.

MEETING - 2010 AUDIT REPORT

Sheryl Pratt and Michael Campo from Plodzik & Sanderson and Debra Knowles, Finance Office Manager were present.

Ms. Pratt went over the report and said that it is an unqualified opinion, which is the best you can receive.

Ms. Pratt discussed the governmental funds, the general fund balance and the unreserved fund balance. She explained how they get to the figure for the unreserved fund balance.

Ms. Pratt discussed the single audit for the federal funds received on the water treatment plant. She explained the things that needed to be tested for the federal funds. She said there was one minor finding, which was the reporting process being done untimely.

Ms. Pratt discussed note 23 that is applicable for 2011, which is GASB54 and the reserved fund balance. There will be five categories that the funds will be categorized by and it will present a much clearer picture.

Mr. Khan said he has concerns with the report and was told it was a draft report. He wants to see the raw report before it is finalized and he will not read it until it is complete. He said the report was given to the town manager and finance manager, then back to the firm to make changes and he is not happy with

that process. He said there was no discussion with the Board of Selectmen and believes it is the wrong practice.

Ms. Pratt said there were very few changes and she explained what some of the changes were. She said a raw report could be sent to the Selectmen she has no issue with that.

Mr. Brenner clarified the changes made were clerical errors and that the Town has no authority to make changes to any figures within the report. They can question a figure with the firm but cannot order them to change it for their purposes.

MOTION:	Aboul B. Khan	To take a final report
Second:	Brendan Kelly	from the auditor's not a
Unanimous		a draft report.

Mr. Brenner explained further the single audit report for the water treatment plant and said the final audit for this is in 2011. He explained what is involved.

Sheryl Pratt, Michael Campo and Debra Knowles left the meeting at 10:48AM.

MEETING - LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Ann Robinson was present for her monthly report.

Ms. Robinson went over the programs offered for children, young adults and adults. She said the AARP Tax Help program will begin on February 6. This is a free service.

Ms. Robinson went over some of the new items received at the Library.

Ann Robinson left the meeting at 10:55AM.

MEETING - PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his monthly report.

Mr. Starkey commented that the Highway Department is notified by the Police Department of issues with roads due to snow.

Recycling Shingles - new business opening in Brentwood, NH that could potentially save the Town money. He said they do recycle shingles now but the business is located in Scarborough, ME.

Fuel - has concerns with the cost of fuel increasing and not having enough money in the budget. He thinks an adjustment could be made at the deliberative session.

Operation Plan - the State of NH is requesting this plan for the transfer station. It has been given to them but now they would like it amended.

Power Plant - looking to use the pier to bring in a large item. Discussion on having them build the large items at the site rather than outside of the town.

There was discussion on the access road to the transfer station.

John Starkey left the meeting at 11:22AM.

CITIZENS PETITION WARRANT ARTICLE #37

Mr. Brenner read through the legal opinion and the affect if the article were to pass town meeting. He explained the legal opinion previously had on prohibiting fireworks in the beach village district.

There was discussion on the options if the article were to pass. The article can be amended at the deliberative session.

Maria Brown said the voters voted something in and it should go back to the voters for any changes. She said that people need to be held accountable.

Richard Maguire spoke about the actions taken by the Selectmen with the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the residents who are affected in the beach village district.

Tom O'Hara said he is disappointed with the vote of the Selectmen and thinks it should go back to the voters. He said the Fire Chief also stated that no fire has ever been started by a firework.

Albert Abramson also agrees the vote should be taken at Town Meeting.

Beach residents spoke and were upset about the various comments made especially the one where the beach and town are separated.

Mr. Khan said that Richard Maguire requested Tom O'Hara talk to the residents at the beach to come up with an agreement and Mr. Khan is requesting they do that instead of pointing fingers.

Mr. Kelly commented that it needs to be readdressed with some exceptions especially with the July 4th and New Year's Eve holiday.

Paula Wood commented and said if the voters voted to allow fireworks in town then it should go back to the voters. She suggested having the zoning laws at the beach be better explained so the voters could make an informed decision.

Maria Brown talked about the fireworks agent and having a permit to display fireworks. This could be a type of control over lighting fireworks.

Tom O'Hara said he would consider withdrawing his article if the Selectmen would withdraw their previous enactment. They could then begin to work together to come up with a solution.

ARTICLE 12 - HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY REQUEST

Mr. Moore explained what happened with the amount of the funding and said it was a clerical error.

Paula Wood commented she didn't believe it was and it is not the authorization of the Town Manager to change the figures. The correct way would have been to change it at the deliberative session. She is requesting that Town Counsel be present at the public hearings for the budget committee as he has been previously and that the articles be reviewed in advance so this doesn't happen again. The Selectmen said they have no issues with this request.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 4 PUBLIC AND JANUARY 18 PUBLIC

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To adopt the minutes of
 Second: Aboul B. Khan 1/4 public and 1/18
 Unanimous public.

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

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

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve permits.
 Second: Aboul B. Khan
 Unanimous

WATER & SEWER WARRANTS - \$21.54 AND \$150

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign both
 Second: Aboul B. Khan warrants.
 Unanimous

ABATEMENTS

Diana Riley Rev. Trust - 154 Ocean Blvd. - \$58.72

Gregory & Debra Tomaszewski - 6 Coleman Court - \$90
Herbert Fowler - 11 Washington Street - \$82.03

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign all
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatements.
Unanimous

REFUNDS

Sally Tatro - 138 Blacksnake Road - \$60
Clayton Gould - 27 Weare Road - \$100

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign both
Second: Aboul B. Khan refunds.
Unanimous

REFUND DENIAL

Gene & Rita Grillo - 11 Tyngsboro Street - \$10

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve the denial of
Second: Robert S. Moore the refund per the
Unanimous recommendation of the
Water Superintendent.

VETERAN'S EXEMPTION

Christopher Richard - 19 Fowlers Court

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan veteran's exemption.
Unanimous

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO HB1561

Mr. Brenner explained HB1561. Mr. Kelly read the letter into the record.

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

RENEWAL TAXICAB LICENSE

Abba Taxi Service

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan renewal taxicab license.
Unanimous

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Robert Rosie - Section 30 Plots 27 & 28

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the
 Second: Aboul B. Khan quitclaim deed.
 Unanimous

STREET LIGHT - BOYD'S WAY

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve the request
 Second: Aboul B. Khan for a street light.
 Unanimous

DEFERRING IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER & SEWER RATES FOR CHURCHES

Mr. Brenner said this is similar to what they are doing for municipal buildings.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve the deferring
 Second: Aboul B. Khan of water & sewer rates
 Unanimous for churches for 1-year.

PUBLIC HEARING - DEFAULT BUDGET

Mr. Brenner explained the RSA requires a public hearing for this ballot question. Mr. Kelly suggested an evening meeting for this issue.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To hold the public
 Second: Brendan Kelly hearing on 2/15 at 6PM.
 Unanimous

Mr. Moore attended the recreation commission meeting. Mr. Khan attended the RPC Executive Committee meeting and they are very concerned with HB1561.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To go into non-public
 Second: Aboul B. Khan session at 1:07PM under
 Unanimous RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a)
 Personnel & (c) tax liens and
 deeds.

Roll call:
 Mr. Moore - yes
 Mr. Kelly - yes
 Mr. Khan - yes

Board reconvened in public session at 2:20PM.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly
Second: Robert S. Moore
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting
at 2:20PM.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20PM
Minutes taken by Kelly O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul Khan, Clerk

Date: _____