

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2013

Present: Brendan Kelly  
Aboul B. Khan  
Edward J. Hess, Jr.  
Joseph Titone

6:30PM

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING - HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Mr. Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:31PM.

Mr. Titone introduced Dillon Smith who has worked on this plan. Mr. Smith said with the acceptance of this plan it would allow us to apply for grants with the federal government.

Mr. Smith explained how the plan was put together and what it will do for the Town and what grants would be able to be applied for.

Mr. Kelly said he has read through the plan and said it is a very comprehensive plan. Mr. Khan asked for an explanation on how it came about. Mr. Smith said it started in 2010 and several departments were involved and also the Selectmen's representative had input.

The plan once adopted is good for 5 years.

Mr. Kelly closed the public hearing at 6:43PM.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adopt the hazard  
Second: Aboul B. Khan mitigation plan.  
Unanimous

**PUBLIC HEARING - D'ALESSANDRO FUNDS**

Mr. Kelly opened the public hearing at 6:44PM. Chief Lee Bitomske was present.

Chief Bitomske explained how the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of funds was received in the amount of \$250K, which needs to be accepted by the Selectmen.

Mr. Khan asked for a total in the account. Chief Bitomske said they currently have \$604K and have spent about \$170K.

Maria Brown asked if he had any thoughts to educate the youth on the drug problem in town and perhaps hire an additional officer for this with the money that has been received. Chief Bitomske said he has considered this and if they can find a plan to do so it would be discussed further.

Mr. Kelly closed the hearing at 6:50PM.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To accept the funds in  
Second: Aboul B. Khan the amount of \$250K.  
Unanimous

**MEETING - POWER PLANT AGREEMENT**

Attorney Rob Ciandella and Glenn Walker were present for this meeting.

Attorney Ciandella said the 3 factors that were considered and why they are here today are: 1) The Selectmen were proactive; 2) Business relationship with the plant and 3) History with the plant.

Attorney Ciandella said the assessment was at \$644 million and that went up to \$1.6 billion. He said at that time the pollution control exemption came about and the recession hit, which resulted in abatements from the Town to the plant.

Glenn Walker explained the valuation (see attached). He said the plant is at \$1.24 billion for valuation compared to the DRA's opinion of \$825 million.

Both Rob Ciandella and Glenn Walker feel the Selectmen did very well in negotiating this for the Town and maintaining the tax base of 50% paid for by the power plant.

Mr. Kelly feels both parties did well and worked together to get this agreement. Mr. Khan spoke about the energy committee he is serving on as the representative. He commended Mr. Moore for his hard work as he set the ground and this Board of Selectmen just wrapped it up. He said a lot of people worked hard on this - Town Manager, Finance Manager and Assessor. Mr. Hess agrees how hard everyone worked to get this deal and said it is a very good deal for the Town. Mr. Titone said it was a very good team effort. He congratulated all that worked hard on this task.

Rob Ciandella and Glenn Walker left the meeting at 7:19PM.

**MONTHLY MEETING - WATER SUPERINTENDENT**

Curtis Slayton was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Slayton said the rates for water are still at the 2012 rate and said no increase has been made.

The Selectmen had a plan to get to 50% recovery but may need to reconsider this is due to the current economy situation.

Mr. Slayton talked about the steps taken to have the billing done more efficiently and said that less water is being used.

Mr. Hess said he would like to see the increase postponed.

Mr. Khan questioned how often payments are made on the water treatment plan and if there would be any problems if they postponed the increase. Both Brendan Kelly and Lilli Gilligan confirmed the money is included in the overall budget and the bill for the water treatment plant would be paid.

Maria Brown asked what percent of residents still have bills to pay. She commented on the 60,000 gallons of water that used to be included and asked the Board of Selectmen to consider giving 30,000 to the taxpayers before any fees are charged. She feels the shut-offs should be looked at and how people are handling due to the economic situation we are in.

Mr. Khan commented that the bill for the water treatment plant needs to be paid regardless of the fees that are charged.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> Edward J. Hess, Jr. Second: Brendan Kelly Unanimous</p>	<p>To postpone the water fee increase for 6 months and then reassess the situation.</p>
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Maria Brown asked what part of the Town does not go through the water treatment plant. Mr. Slayton said the Town most affected is Riley Road and Blacksnake Road.

Mr. Kelly said the water department will have rain barrels for sale through the Rotary Club for \$75. Mr. Slayton explained how this program will work and how they will be using this program to show DES what we are doing to conserve water. He said the Rotary Club is doing 99% of the legwork and no money is being made.

Curtis Slayton left the meeting at 7:45PM.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - DECEMBER 19 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, DECEMBER 27 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, JANUARY 7 PUBLIC AND JANUARY 11 PUBLIC**

Mr. Kelly said the only change he had is to the default budget amount in January 11 public minutes.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> Brendan Kelly Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. Unanimous</p>	<p>To adopt all minutes with the changes to January 11 public meeting.</p>
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**PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS**

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

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the permits.  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

**WATER & SEWER WARRANT - \$215,146.40**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan warrant.  
Unanimous

**ABATEMENTS**

Town of Seabrook - 20 Washington Street - \$306.86  
Staples Mobile Home Park - 187 Orchard Street - \$561.50  
Tracey Roberts - 39 Farm Lane - \$18.92  
Robin Gallant - 60 Lillian Avenue - \$11.54

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign all  
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatements.  
Unanimous

**1 ELDERLY EXEMPTION THAT WAS REMOVED**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. elderly exemption.  
Unanimous

**VETERANS EXEMPTIONS**

Genevieve Baines - 122 Concord Street  
Lawrence Bowse - 13 Lower Collins Street  
Richard Burke - 5 Ash Court  
Elmer & Barbara Cooper - 7 A Street  
Larry Howe - 24 Pineo Farms Road  
Robert Naso - 129 Garden Street  
Salvatore & Barbara Scalia - 13 Blueberry Lane  
Helen Theriault - 82 Cynthia Circle  
David Whitworth - 33 Lakeshore Drive

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign all  
Second: Aboul B. Khan veteran's exemptions.  
Unanimous

**1 ELDERLY EXEMPTION**

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan elderly exemption.

Unanimous

**1 BLIND EXEMPTION**

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. blind exemption.  
Unanimous

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

- Frank Randall, Jr. - 35 New Zealand Road - \$50
- Green & Co. - 10 Halls Way - \$400
- Green & Co. - 12 Halls Way - \$400
- Green & Co. - 14 Halls Way - \$400
- Green & Co. - 16 Halls Way - \$400

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign all  
Second: Aboul B. Khan water applications.  
Unanimous

**SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS**

- Green & Co. - 10 Halls Way - \$100
- Green & Co. - 12 Halls Way - \$100
- Green & Co. - 14 Halls Way - \$100
- Green & Co. - 16 Halls Way - \$100
- John Swart - 24 Dwight Avenue - \$50

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign all  
Second: Aboul B. Khan sewer applications.  
Unanimous

**QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY**

Deborah & Ronald Johnston - Section 30 Plots 56 & 57

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan quitclaim deed.  
Unanimous

**DONATION TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR \$1000 FROM WAL-MART**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To accept the donation.  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.  
Unanimous

**TAXICAB LICENSE - ABBA TAXI**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. taxicab license.  
Unanimous

**WAIVING OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

This is for the water department to replace the existing pumps and associated controls in town owned facilities.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the waiving of  
Second: Aboul B. Khan building permit fees for  
Unanimous the water department.

**BID AWARD - AUDIT SERVICES**

Lilli Gilligan explained she visited the sites of the 3 lowest bidders. She was very impressed with Vachon Cluckay & Company of Manchester, NH. She said they are very well established with over 60 municipalities in the state.

Mr. Khan commented on the fee for the presentation and said it was a little high. Both Mr. Kelly and Mr. Hess have no objections.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the bid award to  
Second: Brendan Kelly Vachon Cluckay & Co. that was  
Unanimous recommended by the Finance  
Manager.

**BID AWARD - 2012 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the bid award to  
Second: Brendan Kelly Countrypress of Middleboro,  
Unanimous MA.

**BID AWARD - OVERHEAD DOORS AT DPW**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the bid award to  
Second: Aboul B. Khan R.G. Tombs Door Co. of  
Unanimous Hooksett, NH.

Mr. Khan said he attended the planning board meeting and they are working now to get the warrant set for deliberative session and town meeting. Mr. Kelly said he attended the budget committee public hearing and it went very well. Mr. Hess said they all have worked hard to cut down the budget by 3.5%. He said the recreation commission will have a meeting on Thursday at 7PM for anyone who would like to attend.

Maria Brown thanked both Kelly O'Connor and Joe Titone for stepping up and doing the work for the Town. She would like to know from each of the board members their plan for hiring a Town Manager.

Mr. Kelly said they have talked about it and he is not sure how long it will take. He is a believer that if it is not broke don't fix it.

He said he is torn on how to handle this due to how it has been done in the past.

Mr. Khan said each Town Manager has a different personality and they have all had issues with different boards and/or committees. He would like to see a wide range of people and then decide who would be best suited to the position. His proposal would be to bring the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Chair of Planning Board, Chair of Budget Committee to sit in on the selection process so all are in agreement with who is selected.

Mr. Hess said they brought in someone at a very tight point and he has done a very good job. He said there will always be something that is not known. He has informed the Board of Selectmen of everything he has done and he has given 110% to the Town. They couldn't ask for someone better who will work with the Selectmen. He hasn't asked for a lot of money and he lives in Town but the main thing is he consults with the Selectmen. Mr. Hess stressed that he would be the first one to state that he would have Joe Titone as the next Town Manager.

Nancy Rineman asked Mr. Titone if he was interested in the position. Mr. Titone indicated it is premature to answer the question but he is very happy with Mr. Hess' endorsement.

The question was asked about Candidates Night! Information to be forthcoming.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adjourn the meeting  
Second: Aboul B. Khan at 8:25PM.  
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

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Edward J. Hess, Jr., Clerk

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