

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 6, 2013

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

6:30PM

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

**MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Everett Strangman was present for his monthly meeting. He briefly went over his report (see attached).

Ambulance - the new ambulance is expected for delivery in July of 2013.

Mr. Hess asked that going forward the Chief include the number of calls for service.

Chief Everett Strangman left the meeting at 6:35PM.

**MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Lee Bitomske was present for his monthly meeting. He briefly went over his report (see attached).

D'Alessandro Funds - request to use funds for the following:

- Replace aging equipment in the dispatch center. This money would be reimbursed if the grant is received that the Chief has applied for.
- Security for the Town Hall.
- Change in the color of the uniforms for the officers.
- Purchase another vehicle to be assigned to the Emergency Management Director. Mr. Titone said this would save the Town money over the life of the vehicle as the stipend would no longer be paid. This vehicle would be returned to the Police Department when no longer needed.

Chief Bitomske said there was a meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 7 at the library and that meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 6PM at the library due to the storm. He has a lot of speakers coming to inform the public and said it is not going to be a gripe session. He is requesting volunteers for the committee they would like to form that will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the drug issues and ways the community can help.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr.  
Second: Brendan Kelly

To approve the use of the funds of \$82,000 from the D'Alessandro account.

Maria Brown asked if the item about naming the gym after Ted Pickard could be moved up as there are a lot of people here for this. Mr. Kelly commented that the Board of Selectmen doesn't have the authority to change what happened at the deliberative session.

Mr. Titone explained the attorney's opinion and what he advised. Mr. Hess said he is in favor but it has to be done the proper way. Mr. Kelly said he has no opinion as he did not know him but if the 2 other Board members agree that's all they need. He said he felt the legal intent was to honor the individual and that wasn't changed only the way he is being honored.

Paula Wood spoke about the discussion from the last meeting and having a public hearing to be heard tonight with the Selectmen making a motion to name the gym tonight. She said now all of a sudden things changed. When did they have a discussion to determine the hearing would be after town meeting? Mr. Hess commented about doing by the law and why is it such a rush if it is going to be done.

Selectman Aboul B. Khan arrived at the meeting at 7:00PM.

Maria Brown said the petitioner went out and got the 25 signatures as required and at the deliberative session it was changed. She said the school board had their deliberative session the following night and the same thing was tried to change an article and they were told by the attorney and the moderator that it could not be done. She said in Exeter they paid big for changing a petition article. She said the Selectmen have the authority to put a plaque up as the school has done to honor someone.

Paula Wood said if the warrant article passes and the Board of Selectmen decide to name the gym with a plaque that does not cause a conflict and it does not require a public hearing. She said this is not about the money it is about the dedication of the person being honored.

Mr. Khan apologized for being late and would like to have all Selectmen state their opinion on this matter. Mr. Kelly said he acknowledged the request and would like to have this item put on the next agenda.

Mr. Kelly said he feels that if they vote tonight they are going against what the people voted for at the deliberative session and will have lawsuits. Mr. Khan asked the Town Manager to read that article that is on the ballot. He said if the Board wishes they can name the gym tonight.



Mr. Hess said he would agree to the motion if it included having a second attorney look into the legality of this matter.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To have on the next agenda  
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. an item to discuss naming  
 Opposed: Aboul B. Khan the recreation center gym  
 after Ted Pickard.

Mr. Hess stated that he will personally look into this to be sure it is ok to do this.

Lynette Sargent spoke and said her father would not appreciate this and all the anger in this room.

Barry Sargent commented about one Selectman calling him swearing and yelling at him. He said that same Selectman went to the fire station where he works and was on shift and Barry repeatedly asked him to not do this here and he continued on.

Mr. Kelly called for a five minute break at 7:52PM. The Board reconvened at 8:02PM.

Kathy Schrempf asked why a Selectman would get on the phone and go to an employee's place of work and swear and yell at him. Mr. Hess said it was him but that he was not swearing at the employee it was a within a question. He said he did apologize to the employee.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES - FEBRUARY 20 PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adopt the minutes of  
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 2/20 public and non-public.  
 Unanimous

#### **RELEASE OF NON-PUBLIC MINUTES - FEBRUARY 20**

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To release the portion of  
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. the non-public minutes as  
 Unanimous as indicated.

#### **PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS**

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

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

#### **VETERAN'S EXEMPTIONS**

June Pond & William Evans - 17 Blueberry Lane

James & Eileen Hazen - 136 Garden Street

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

**2 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS**

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

**1 DISABILITY EXEMPTION**

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

**WATER SERVICE APPLICATION**

Paul Lepere - 27 Irene's Way - \$400  
Joseph & Jean Silk - 75 Atlantic Avenue - \$100  
Douglas Crow - 15 New Zealand Road - \$100  
Michael Loiselle - 28 Forest Drive - \$100

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

**SEWER SERVICE APPLICATION**

McDonald's Restaurant - 710 Lafayette Road - \$300

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

**LETTER SUPPORTING CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATE GRANT**

This is to restore the retaining wall at the Methodist Cemetery.

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

**AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE**

Sanweco Inc. (aka KFC) - 306 Lafayette Road

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

**APPOINTMENT - ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

John H. Kelley - Alternate Member

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

**DISCHARGE OF TAX LIENS FROM 1963 - \$300.66**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the  
Second: Aboul B. Khan discharge of tax liens.  
Unanimous

Mr. Khan commented there was damage at the location of Harborside Park and it should be repaired before investing money into the park. He doesn't feel it is in the best of the Town as this project wouldn't be finished for several years. He is requesting the bid process stop until the Board has a discussion with the DPW Manager. Mr. Hess said he would also like to have the DPW Manager in to discuss and talk about the cost.

Maria Brown spoke and said that as elected officials they need to be very careful with private meetings and everything should be done in an open public meeting. Mr. Hess commented that as for transparency he is disgusted with that comment of one Selectman. Mr. Khan said for the record he objects to the word "disgusting" and will prove it.

Paula Wood questioned the use of the harbor by Hampton when their pier is being repaired. Mr. Khan said it would need approval and there haven't been any inquiries.

Mr. Kelly said he would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Seabrook.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adjourn the meeting  
Second: Brendan Kelly at 8:23PM.  
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:23PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

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Edward J. Hess, Jr., Clerk

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