

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 23, 2012

Present: Brendan Kelly
Aboul B. Khan
Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Barry Brenner, Town Manager

10:00AM

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

Chairman Kelly read a press release into the record on the decision of the NH Supreme Court on the pollution control exemption (see attached).

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his monthly meeting.

Mr. Starkey thanked his crew for their efforts on Cross Beach Road and Memorial Day.

Paving - he recommends piggy-backing with the state bid. He said this is not in sync with the capital improvements due to the water department bringing the wells to the water treatment plant for treatment and it would go through the road that public works would be paving in 2012. Pine Street and Batchelder Road south should be bumped up to 2012 and it is estimated at \$91K to finish Batchelder Road. The north access road is \$63K and Pine Street is estimated at \$50K, this would leave \$34K that should be used for cracksealing.

The north access road is completed but need a key from the power plant to open the gate. Mr. Starkey thinks the public should be notified of an official date to open. He will bring an update on the bill once it is received.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the DPW
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. Manager's recommendation
Unanimous on the paving.

Harborside Park - the plan depicts the minimum that needs to be done to satisfy the grant. The ramp must meet the ADA requirements. Mr. Starkey explained what the conceptual park would look like. It can be more than what is shown but it cannot be less.

Mr. Khan would like the Seabrook restroom/welcome center added to the plan. Mr. Kelly would also like the public parking added and the amount of spaces available.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To authorize the DPW
Second: Aboul B. Khan Manager to move forward
Unanimous with the permits.

Paula Wood questioned the parking and said there are issues down there. She asked if there could be something done for the residents of Seabrook to be able to park. Mr. Starkey said he feels there is an area by the Yankee Coop that could potentially be looked at in the future. There was discussion on options for future parking.

Transfer Station - discussion on opening on Sundays again. Mr. Starkey said it would cost about \$500 per Sunday for a total of about \$6500 from June 4th through Labor Day. If considering opening for the remainder of 2012 it would cost about \$15K.

Mr. Starkey spoke about the excavator that needed a new motor and cost about \$19K. The excavator was used primarily for the sewer project and if that charge was billed to the sewer department it would leave that money to open the transfer station on Sundays. He suggested putting an article on the ballot for 2013 to see what the people in Town would want.

Mr. Khan said he has received a lot of requests to open the transfer station on Sundays and also to continue this year with the fall clean-up. He would like to suggest opening the transfer station from now until the next election and then having a warrant article to address this issue. Mr. Khan said the fee to fix the excavator should come all three of the departments that use the excavator.

Mr. Brenner spoke about the Selectmen setting a policy on the level of service. He said the financial situation for the Town has not changed significantly. The goal of the Selectmen for 2012 was a \$0 increase and they are currently on target for 2012. There is no way to predict the weather for November and December. Mr. Brenner said there is other equipment that needs repair and the DPW is over-expended for equipment maintenance. There was discussion on options for the Selectmen to consider.

Mr. Hess said they could consider a Saturday one week and a Sunday the following week after Labor Day and from Memorial Day until Labor Day have open every Saturday and Sunday.

Paula Wood said they have a recycling account that the money could be considered to use to keep the transfer station open for the summer so not coming from the budget.

Mr. Kelly suggested opening on Sundays from the Sunday after Memorial Day through the Sunday after Labor Day, then open Saturday and/or Sunday alternating. Mr. Khan feels this would be too confusing and cannot support.

Mr. Khan suggested opening the transfer station from the Sunday after Memorial Day until Labor Day and then the DPW Manager can make a recommendation at a meeting after Labor Day.

Mr. Khan suggested the Town Manager look into the broken excavator bill for the excavator cost and cost account it to all three departments. The Town Manager will bring a recommendation to the Selectmen.

Mr. Brenner asked the Selectmen if they were going to suggest a source of funding to keep the transfer station open. They discussed the idea of using the recycling revolving account funds.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Edward J. Hess, Jr.	To use the recycling
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	revolving account funds
Unanimous		to keep the transfer
		station open.

John Starkey left the meeting at 11:22AM.

MONTHLY MEETING - LIBRARY

Ann Robinson was present for her monthly meeting.

Ms. Robinson went over the upcoming programs (see attached).

Selectmen took a 5-minute break at 11:25AM. Reconvened at 11:32AM.

Ms. Robinson continued with the upcoming programs. She said over 410 new items were added and went over some of them.

Ms. Robinson said she has digitized the town reports from 1925 - 2006 and will continue through to the current year if the Selectmen would like. The Selectmen agreed this would be a great asset to the Town and the people.

Ann Robinson left the meeting at 11:40AM.

MEETING - HEALTH INSURANCE & UNION CONTRACTS

Paula Wood was present for this meeting at her request.

Paula Wood said she is concerned that the contracts have not been signed. Mr. Brenner went over the process when the contracts are approved and that they are out for signature. He said the SPA and SSEA contracts have been completed. The SFA contract was sent out at the same time but has not yet been completed. The SEA contract was drafted by the union representative with his review but there is one issue they are working on resolving. Mr. Brenner stated the contracts are in effect on April 1st.

Paula Wood said if the raises are in effect April 1st why is the health insurance not in effect. Mr. Brenner explained what happened and why it was pushed out to June 1st. Paula Wood said she is extremely upset that it is costing the townspeople money and they are not saving money as it was presented. Mr. Brenner explained the savings and said it was a very conservative figure. Paula Wood said the taxpayers are paying the raises to the employees and the old insurance rate they are not getting the benefit of the cost savings for the new insurance. There was discussion on the cost savings.

There was discussion on the employees staying on the Blue Choice or JY Plan. Paula Wood questioned why they were not told this. Mr. Brenner said it was not an economic cost item. He indicated that the rate is the rate regardless how many employees take the insurance. Mr. Brenner indicated the rate is based on the number employees who are employed by the Town.

Paula Wood questioned if the Town Manager would receive an amount for the Lumenos plan or another amount that was provided by the Selectmen back in February. She said they are not getting the savings on the Town Manager's contract. Mr. Brenner said it is important to remember that union contracts run April 1st to March 31st.

Mr. Hess said in February 2012 the Selectmen agreed to keep the Town Manager's insurance amount at the current level. Mr. Brenner agreed there was an amendment and explained his contract allows for payment equivalent to the Town's health insurance cost.

There was discussion between Brendan Kelly and Paula Wood that was too difficult to take minutes. Paula Wood did state that she felt insulted by Mr. Kelly.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - APRIL 25 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND MAY 1 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adopt the minutes of
 Second: Brendan Kelly 4/25 public and non-
 Abstain: Aboul B. Khan public.

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

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

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

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

WATER & SEWER WARRANT - \$45,888.27

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

REFUND

John & Sylvia Accursio - 3 Nashua Street - \$240

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

ABATEMENT REFUND

Dennis White - 49 Belgian Drive - \$38.06

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

1 ELDERLY EXEMPTION

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the
 Second: Aboul B. Khan 1 elderly exemption.
 Unanimous

1 DISABILITY EXEMPTION

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the
 Second: Aboul B. Khan 1 disability exemption.
 Unanimous

VETERANS EXEMPTION

John Catania - 111 Route 286 #90

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

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Salem Mfg. Homes LLC - 8 Zealand Park - \$50
Matthew Perkins - 6 Walton Road - \$100
Cleve Brown - 67 Collins Street - 400
Valerie Brown - 44 Collins Street - \$50
Valerie Brown - 79 Centennial Street - \$50
Forrest Carter - 26 Washington Street - \$100

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

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATION

Valerie Brown - 44 Collins Street

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

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Scott Nolan - Section 30 Plot 15 & 16

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

RENEWAL SPECIAL RESIDENT PERMIT

Linda Peterson - 90 Portsmouth Avenue

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

RENEWAL FIREWORKS SALES PERMITS

Rudy Fireworks Enterprises Inc. - 919 Lafayette Road
Rockingham Fireworks Mfg. & Display Co. Inc. - 788 Lafayette Rd.
Atomic Fireworks - 287 Lafayette Road
Fantasy Fireworks - 571 Lafayette Road

Mr. Khan asked about the request last year that the businesses put a sign near the registers stating that there are no

fireworks allowed on Seabrook Beach. Mr. Brenner will inquire as to this and verify it is being done.

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

AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSES

Honey Pot Bar & Lounge - 920 Lafayette Road
 Chop Shop Pub & Grub - 920 Lafayette Road

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

REAPPOINTMENTS ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

Aboul B. Khan - Commissioner
 Francis Chase - Alternate Member
 Jason Janvrin - Alternate Member

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign all
 Second: Brendan Kelly reappointments.
 Abstain: Aboul B. Khan

The Selectmen also have a recommendation for the housing authority appointment. They received 6 or 7 letters of interest and the recommendation is to appoint Phil Reed.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the housing
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. authority recommendation
 Unanimous to appoint Phil Reed as
 a member.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

The Selectmen would like to change the schedule due to a conflict.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To change the schedule
 Second: Aboul B. Khan to the 1st Wednesday at
 Unanimous 10AM and 3rd Wednesday
 at 6:30PM. The meeting
 for July 4 will be
 cancelled.

MAILING OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Mr. Khan said he received numerous requests to mail the town reports to all households. He suggested that perhaps we could go back to this process if the books were not printed as fancy.

Mr. Brenner said it was a policy decision of the Selectmen last year to not mail due to the budgetary issues. He said if the issue is the warrant and the voters not seeing it for town meeting we could get a cost to just mail out the warrant.

LOAN AGREEMENT NH MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

Mr. Brenner explained this is a follow up from the last meeting to bring the remaining wells to the water treatment plant. This is the final authorization of money to finish the project. The Town will have 7 million borrowed with the bond bank. He said that bond counsel has to give a legal opinion for any investors of this bond.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. loan agreement to
 Unanimous complete the project.

Mr. Brenner explained the costs to get the wells to the plant. He also explained the warrant article from 2008.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To authorize the
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Hr. chairman to sign on
 Unanimous behalf of the Board.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve and sign the
 Second: Aboul B. Khan resolution with the
 bond bank.

Mr. Brenner advised the Board as to when the payments would begin with the \$1 million dollar bond.

Unanimous

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To go into non-public
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. session at 1:05PM under
 Unanimous RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a)
 personnel.

Roll call:

Mr. Kelly - yes
 Mr. Khan - yes
 Mr. Hess - yes

Board reconvened in public session at 3:22PM.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To adjourn the meeting

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Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Unanimous

at 3:22PM.

Meeting adjourned at 3:22PM
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Edward J. Hess, Jr., Clerk

Date: _____