

**Town of Seabrook
Budget Committee
January 12, 2012**

Not Present: Dianna Demars, Kathy Cronin

Meeting opens at 6:04PM

Present:

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| Don Hawkins | Roger Frazee |
| Branden Kelly | Peg Weare |
| A. Max Abramson | Paula Wood |
| Dick Maguire | |

{Pledge of Allegiance}

To accept Nov 22, 2011 minutes

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| Motion | D Hawkins |
| Second | D Maguire |
| Yes | ALL IN FAVOR |

PASSED

To accept Dec 8, 2011 minutes

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| Motion | P Wood |
| Second | D Hawkins |
| Yes | D Hawkins, P Wood, P Weare, D Maguire, B Kelly, R Frazee |
| Abstain | A Abramson |

PASSED

To accept Dec 15, 2011 minutes

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| Motion | D Hawkins |
| Second | P Wood |
| Yes | D Hawkins, P Wood, P Weare, A Abramson, R Frazee, B Kelly |
| No | |
| Abstain | D Maguire |

PASSED

Beach District

Summary of Beach District budget given by D Maguire

A Abramson asks what the beach does for itself. D Maguire says that it does its own zoning among other things but that is the major distinction.

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| Motion | A Abramson | Budget of \$75,000.00 |
| Second | D Hawkins | |
| Yes | A Abramson, D Hawkins, P Wood, P Weare, R Frazee, B Kelly | |
| Abstain | D Maguire | |

PASSED

Operating Budget

P Wood notes the Bud Com decrease on the operating budget.

A Abramson asks which depts are turning back money. B Brenner says that they are still in the process of closing the year. A Abramson asks if he could guess at the surplus, B Brenner says that there are no figures and that there are bills still out, he anticipates figures within a week or so. A Abramson suggests tabling the vote until the next meeting.

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| Motion | A Abramson | Table vote on Operating budget until the next meeting |
| Second | P Wood | |
| Yes | P Wood, A Abramson, R Frazee, P Weare, D Maguire | |
| No | D Hawkins, B Kelly | |

PASSED

Discussion on the differences in budget from last year to this year, looking at the different areas where budgets have been reduced.

Channel 22

D Hawkins asks when negotiations are set to end on the Comcast contract. B Brenner says that negotiations are set to end at the end of March. B Brenner explains the reasons for the negotiations and the benefits of waiting for the Comcast contract.

Discussion on cable contract options and ways to upgrade Channel 22.

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| Motion | D Maguire | Budget of \$9171.00 |
| Second | A Abramson | |
| Yes | P Weare, A Abramson, D Maguire, R Frazee, D Hawkins, B Kelly | |
| No | P Wood | |

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Contracts

D Hawkins suggests that the employee contracts be discussed. B Brenner gives an overview of the contracts explaining the significant changes in the health insurance plans and the process of collective bargaining. B Brenner notes that the change could save the town \$750,000.00 per year. He explains that an employee has the option to stay on the current plan but the town is only obligated to pay the cost for the new plan. D Maguire asks what the employee is giving up with this change. B Brenner answers that the employee is giving up the entitlement to a 100% paid Blue Choice and 90% paid JY Plan. A Abramson asks if there is a savings with the wage increase included in the contract. B Brenner says yes.

Discussion on savings with the new contracts, with D Hawkins breaking down and explaining the savings.

Discussion on what happens if the contracts do not pass. P Wood would like a breakdown of the costs. D Hawkins feels that the warrant articles aren't written to show the savings. Discussion on the warrant articles and the way they are written.

5 Min Break

Meeting re-opens at 8:09 PM

Contracts cont....

A Abramson asks when we will see a change if the new contracts are approved. B Brenner says that we will see changes as soon as the plan goes into effect

D Hawkins asks how the adjustments will be shown. B Brenner says that the money won't be expended and that we could talk to Ms. Knowles and see if could be shown.

Discussion on adjusting budget if contracts are passed and the use of the savings.

Articles

Article 15- Library Materials \$40,000.00

Motion D Maguire To recommend article 15
Second A Abramson
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 16- Library COLA increase \$7,102.00

Motion A Abramson To recommend article 16
Second P Wood
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 17- Police Station Video Security Equip \$30,000.00

Motion D Hawkins To recommend article 17
Second D Maguire
Yes D Hawkins, D Maguire, B Kelly
Abstain R Frazee
No P Weare, A Abramson, P Wood

NOT RECOMMENDED

Article 18-Fire Dept Turnout Gear \$40,000.00

Motion D Maguire To recommend article 18
Second A Abramson
Yes D Maguire, A Abramson, P Wood, D Hawkins, R Frazee, P Weare
Abstain B Kelly

RECOMMENDED

Article 19-Cleaning and Rehab of Water Wells \$50,000.00

Motion D Maguire To recommend article 19
Second D Hawkins
Yes D Hawkins, D Maguire, P Weare, R Frazee, B Kelly, A Abramson
No P Wood

RECOMMENDED

Article 20- GIS Water Mapping \$18,000.00

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Motion D Hawkins To recommend article 20
Second A Abramson
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 21-Town Road Repairs \$238,000.00

Motion A Abramson To recommend article 21
Second D Maguire
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 22- Sidewalk Snowblower with 4-season attachment \$52,000.00

Motion P Weare To recommend article 22
Second A Abramson
Yes D Hawkins, P Weare, B Kelly
No A Abramson, P Wood, R Frazee, D Maguire

NOT RECOMMENDED

Article 23- Recycle Truck \$135,000.00

P Wood asks if this can be paid for out of the revolving account. B Brenner says that would be a question for Mr. Starkey

Motion P Wood To hold vote until questions are answered
Second A Abramson
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

PASSED

Article 24-DPW One-Ton Truck \$60,000.00

Motion D Hawkins To recommend article 24
Second D Maguire
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 25-Resurfacing cemetery roads \$35,000.00

Motion A Abramson To recommend article 25
Second D Hawkins
Yes P Wood, D Hawkins, B Kelly, P Weare
No A Abramson, R Frazee, D Maguire

RECOMMENDED

Article 26- Veteran's park paving \$25,000.00

Motion A Abramson To hold vote on article 26 until Jan 16
Second B Kelly
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 27-Grant match for Harborside Park \$50,000.00

Motion A Abramson To recommend article 27
Second D Maguire
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 28-Public Works facility repairs \$35,000.00

Motion D Hawkins To recommend article 28
Second D Maguire
Yes ALL IN FAVOR

RECOMMENDED

Article 29- Sewer Truck

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Hold vote until Jan 16

Article 30-Sewer Addition

Discussion on sewer plant addition and alternatives, vote held until Jan 16

Article 31- Rec Center roof replacement \$60,000.00

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| Motion | D Hawkins | To recommend article 31 |
| Second | D Maguire | |
| Yes | P Weare, B Kelly, D Hawkins, D Maguire, A Abramson, R Frazee | |
| No | P Wood | |

RECOMMENDED

Article 32- Repair tennis courts \$7,500.00

Hold until Jan 16

Article 33-Rec Center parking lot repairs

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| Motion | A Abramson | To recommend article 33 |
| Second | P Weare | |
| Yes | P Weare, A Abramson, R Frazee, B Kelly | |
| No | D Hawkins, P Wood, D Maguire | |

RECOMMENDED

Article 34- Cemetery Monument Restoration \$5,000.00

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| Motion | D Maguire | To recommend article 34 |
| Second | D Hawkins | |
| Yes | D Hawkins, D Maguire, B Kelly, P Wood | |
| No | P Weare, R Frazee, A Abramson | |

RECOMMENDED

Article 35-Senior Housing Study \$380,000.00

Discussion on the cost of the study and alternatives

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| Motion | D Maguire | To not recommend article 35 |
| Second | P Wood | |
| Yes | P Weare, P Wood, A Abramson, D Maguire, D Hawkins, R Frazee | |
| Abstain | B Kelly | |

NOT RECOMMENDED

Article 36-Town Hall electrical wiring \$16,500.00

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| Motion | D Maguire | To recommend article 36 |
| Second | D Hawkins | |
| Yes | ALL IN FAVOR | |

RECOMMENDED

Article 38- citizens petition

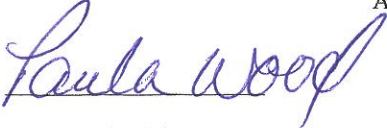
Hold until Jan 16

Next meeting to be held before public session on Jan 16

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| Motion | P Wood | To adjourn |
| Second | A Abramson | |
| Yes | ALL IN FAVOR | |

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Adjourned 9:35PM

Signed: 
Paula Wood, Chairman

Date: _____