PRESENT:

P Wood

A Abramson

D Hawkins

R Frazee

R Maguire

D Demars

B Kelly

P Weare

K Cronin

Meeting opened 6:02PM

{Pledge of Allegiance}

Presentations from human service article representatives

### **Rockingham Community Action**

Overview of services by Tom Nelson (Executive Administrator) and Sharon Brody (Community Services Director) Mr. Nelson and Ms. Brody explain the services provided by RCA and how much is received by the residents of Seabrook. The town houses the seacoast district office and is also home to the food pantry. They note that over \$200,000.00 in fuel assistance is paid out to the residents of Seabrook alone. Ms. Brody invites the budget committee to come in sometime and visit the office.

Mr. Hawkins asks how they determine the amount asked from each town. Mr. Nelson says that it is determined by the amount of people coming in for services.

Discussion on how people using the services are counted and the methodology for asking for funds.

It is also noted that RCA has free tax preparation services and asset management services.

#### Seacoast Youth Services

Overview from Vic Maloney on the services provided by Seacoast Youth Services.

Mr. Maloney explains that this program is 1 of the 12 diversion programs in the state. He says that the program includes a substance abuse program, helping about 70 kids in which approximately 2/3 are from Seabrook. Discussion on the programs and the children that use them. K Cronin says that the program has done great things for the school environment, and that it is a wonderful program. B Kelly would like to note that when looking at the articles individually they flagged the ones that had asked for more and that selectman thought this program to be very worthwhile. A Abramson says that he has heard nothing but good things about this program.

## Community Table

Joyce? Gives an overview the Community Table. She says that this is its 3<sup>rd</sup> year running and that it served over 8,500 meals in 2011 and that the majority of the attendees are from Seabrook. Discussion on how the Community Table is run and the benefits to the community.

### Article 15 Chucky's Fight

Overview on Chucky's Fight presented by Charles "Chuck" Rosa, explaining his purpose and what other programs he's involved in. He also provides appreciation letters from teenagers he's helped.

D Hawkins asks how Mr. Rosa works with SYS. Mr. Rosa says that he helps by mentoring and through referrals. A Abramson says that this is a great program. B Kelly says that this program is a great asset to this town.

Motion

D Maguire

To recommend

Second

K Cronin

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

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DAGGET

**PASSED** 

## Article 14 Lions Club

Overview of the Lions Club and its purpose from Wayne and Minabelle Bowden.

They explain that the Lion's Club helps the less fortunate and elderly mostly with eye care and hearing aids, but also does food baskets and such. Discussion on what the Lion's Club is and some of the other fundraising they do, noting that all funds stay within the town.

Motion

P Wood

To recommend

Second

A Abramson

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

PASSED

## **Article 13 Human Services**

A Abramson notes that he was looking to have the articles separated for the vote.

Motion

K Cronin

To accept article 13 in the amount of \$153,457.00

Second

P Wood

Yes

P Wood, D Hawkins, R Frazee, D Maguire,

D Demars, B Kelly, P Weare, K Cronin

No

A Abramson

**PASSED** 

#### Memos

Discussion on health insurance reimbursement. D Maguire asks if Selectman Kahn pays in addition to the \$25619.00. B Brenner says yes that the total cost for his plan is roughly \$29,000.00

D Maguire asks if the Town Manager receives 100% reimbursement for health insurance. Mr. Brenner says yes. D Maguire asks how the reimbursement rate is figured, B Brenner says that it is contractual. D Maguire says that \$24,481.00 is an astounding figure and he finds it personally intolerable.. D Hawkins asks if it is recorded as compensation and is subject to the retirement plan. B Brenner says that it is all taxable. D Hawkins asks about a pension. B Brenner explains that he is not part of the NH Pension Program and explains why he is not in the NH Pension System.

P Wood asks about other union employees not taking insurance and the amount of their reimbursement. B Brenner says that it varies per collective bargaining agreement and per plan.

Discussion on insurance reimbursements.

5 Min Break Return 7:54PM

B Kelly starts by saying that this is his first year working with the budget committee and feels that he wasn't fully prepared, he wasn't exactly sure what his duty was and how to go about it. He feels that there is a serious problem with the school budget and that there is no accountability and there needs to be a better way to bring the large budget under control. He feels that nothing is being done to change it and it is just being pushed through.

D Hawkins says that he is also frustrated and feels that more has to be done, but looking at other towns we are not the highest, and as far as comparing to private schools, there are no special ed programs and there are a lot of other issues in public schools. He does not feel that the Bud Com "glosses over" anything and says that we can motion for lower figures if need be. D Maguire concurs with D Hawkins and adds that he did attend the school budget meeting and saw the budget process. He feels that the school committee does a very thorough job. He says that he does not "rubber stamp" anything and speaks out when necessary. He also notes that he didn't notice any "heavy lifting" from the selectman regarding the budget.

A Abramson feels that the school board does a lot with their budget, but it is a high cost for poor performance and feels that only half the teachers put forth the appropriate amount of effort. He says that the performance issue should be dealt with first. K Cronin says that all the teachers are evaluated for performance and the generalization by A Abramson is not OK.

P Wood says that she takes great offense to the "rubber stamp" generalization from B Kelly and would like to spend more time on the school budget. She says that she sees thing that could be changed with the town budget and is tired of hearing about contractual obligations.

Discussion on the review of the budget.

## 135 Trustees of Trust Fund

Motion

D Maguire

\$603.00

Second

A Abramson

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

PASSED

Motion

D Maguire

\$734,358.000

Second

K Cronin

Yes

A Abramson, D Hawkins, D Maguire, R Frazee, D Demars, B Kelly, K

Cronin, P Weare

No

P Wood

**PASSED** 

## 120 Town Manager

Motion

D Maguire

\$457,336.00

Second

D Hawkins

Yes

D Hawkins, D Maguire, R Frazee, D Demars, B Kelly, K Cronin, P Weare

No

P Wood, A Abramson

**PASSED** 

A Abramson asks how many people in the dept are included in the deferred compensation line and if it is distributed evenly. B Brenner says that it includes all the employees in the dept and the amount is contractual per employee.

120 Revenue

B Brenner says that this is the same every year, even when we contribute more.

Motion

D Hawkins

\$530,492.00

Second

A Abramson

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

**PASSED** 

172 Zoning Board

Motion

D Hawkins

\$3000.00

Second

P Wood

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

PASSED

510 Hawkers & Vendors

Motion

P Wood

\$300.00

Second

K Cronin

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

**PASSED** 

510 Bad Check Fees

Motion

P Wood

\$250.00

Second

D Hawkins

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

PASSED

510 Town Hall

Motion

D Hawkins

\$2000.00

Second

P Wood

Yes

ALL IN FAVOR

PASSED

210 Fireworks License Fees		•••
Motion	D Hawkins	\$30,000.00
Second	A Abramson	
Yes	ALL IN FAVOR	
	PASSED	
210 Junk Ya Motion	ord Permit Fees D Hawkins	\$300.00
Second	P Wood	
Yes	ALL IN FAVOR	
	PASSED	
510 Dog Racing Permit Fees		
Motion	P Wood	\$107,000.00
Second	K Cronin	
Yes	ALL IN FAVOR	
	PASSED	
510 Interest		
Motion	D Hawkins	\$13,000.00
Second	K Cronin	
Yes	ALL IN FAVOR	
	PASSED	
125 D		
135 Revenue Motion	D Hawkins	\$20.00
Second	P Wood	
Yes	ALL IN FAVOR	
	PASSED	
Motion	P Wood	To adjourn
Second	A Abramson	
Yes	ALL IN FAVOR	
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Signed: Paula Wood, Chairman		

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