

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 3, 2014

Present: Aboul B. Khan  
Edward J. Hess, Jr.  
Raymond Smith  
William Manzi

10:00AM

Mr. Khan opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

**PUBLIC HEARING - CONSERVATION LAND**

Mr. Khan opened the hearing at 10:04AM. Mr. Manzi read the notice into the record (see attached). He also read the letter of recommendation from the Conservation Commission into the record (see attached).

Mr. Smith said that salt marsh land is extremely valuable land and is a very generous donation to the Town. Mr. Khan and Mr. Hess agree and are appreciative of this most generous gift.

Mr. Khan closed the hearing at 10:07AM.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept the donation  
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. of land by the heirs of  
Unanimous Stanley Hamel as  
conservation land.

**MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Lee Bitomske was present for his monthly report (see attached).

There was discussion on the pending/unresolved cases. Chief Bitomske explained it is a high number due to the court changing venues and trying to get those cases into the court system. There is nothing that can be done so everyone is feeling the pressure on this.

Chief Bitomske said he is requesting to purchase equipment from the D'Alessandro funds. He explained the 3 items he is looking to purchase (see attached). Mr. Manzi said he supports the Chief on the rifles as we will get a good trade-in for the old. He also supports him on the drug issues however, he is less enthusiastic about the shirts and vests. Mr. Manzi said the Chief feels those are important and willing to defend his position. Chief Bitomske said the black is extremely hot for the officers and said he was never in favor of the black. He thinks the grey shirts make for a better appearance. Chief Bitomske said in regards to the drug issue he would not talk about it in a public forum as what the officers are doing is

extremely confidential and doesn't want to jeopardize. He said he would keep the Town Manager apprised of what is going on. He said it would be for enforcement only not additional programs.

Robie Beckman asked why they couldn't use the uniform allowance to purchase the grey shirts. Chief Bitomske said they could but he is changing it so to be fair he would buy the first round and then it would be up to the officers. Mr. Beckman asked who paid when they went to the black and Chief Bitomske said the department did.

Angeljean Chiramida commented that the D'Alessandro funds are public funds and wants to know if he is speaking of enforcement based training or equipment. Mr. Manzi said her argument is a valid point on the public funds but there are police things that cannot be brought out to the public. He said they would be as forthcoming as they can without compromising the police or the project.

Chief Bitomske said he could wait on all three items if that is what the Selectmen choose. He just wanted to give them what he needs. There was discussion on the drug epidemic that is everywhere not just in Seabrook.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Raymond Smith	To approve all 3 items
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	with a tentative
Unanimous		approval on item 3 and
		that item 3 be brought
		into non-public today
		for discussion.

#### **INSURANCE - STD, LTD AND LIFE**

Lara Wolfenden was brought into the meeting for this discussion.

Mr. Manzi said they have explored different lines with new pricing with Sunlife Insurance and would be a savings to the Town of about \$30K. Ms. Wolfenden said Sunlife has agreed to all of the terms set by the Town. The rates are based on the services for the year and are determined by usage so they will not see what the increases would be until after the first year. Mr. Manzi said if the increase is significant as with the LGC he will go out again for new pricing.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Edward J. Hess, Jr.	To accept this new
Second:	Raymond Smith	insurance company and
Unanimous		drop the LGC for the
		disability and life
		insurance.

Mr. Manzi commented they continue to look at medical insurance but they are boxed in for this year but will continue to shop for the best price for next year.

Theresa Kyle asked if any of the D'Alessandro money was invested to gain additional revenue. Mr. Smith said they cannot invest as it can only be used for police. Mr. Manzi said he believes it is an interest bearing account but he will with the treasurer.

#### **MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF**

Everett Strangman was present for his monthly report (see attached).

RFP Self Contained Breathing Apparatus - is being worked on and should be ready this week. Mr. Hess said they have received grants in the past and they should be applying for a grant going forward as this is a costly item. He also asked about the grant for the radio system. Chief Strangman said a grant was submitted but they will re-submit again. Mr. Hess said the Selectmen should be given a copy of any paperwork that the Chief has on grants. He feels the Selectmen and Town Manager should be made aware when a grant is applied for.

Mr. Hess asked about the grant administrator who has been hired. Mr. Manzi responded and said no one has been hired for that role.

#### **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Mr. Hess said he met with Senator Stiles on a few issues and she will be getting back to him on those items. He said he has looked over the policies and taken notice on a few things once being no smoking in public buildings. He said it should be posted in every building and enforced. Mr. Manzi said there is a policy and he will send out a memo to reiterate to the departments. There was discussion on posting signs and Mr. Manzi said he would look into it. Robie Beckman commented that it is statute 155 and they should also include public vehicles.

Mr. Manzi announced that voting will take place on Tuesday, March 11 at the Community Center.

Mr. Khan announced the scheduled Selectmen's meeting for March 17 has been changed to March 24 at 10AM due to a conflict in schedules.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES - FEBRUARY 3 NON-PUBLIC**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adopt the minutes of  
Second: Raymond Smith 2/3 non-public.  
Unanimous

**PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS**

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

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve the permits.  
Second: Raymond Smith  
Unanimous

**2 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign both  
Second: Raymond Smith elderly exemptions.  
Unanimous

**AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE**

Wal-Mart - 270 Lafayette Road

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign the  
Second: Raymond Smith amusement license.  
Unanimous

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION**

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To go into non-public  
Second: Aboul B. Khan session at 11:09AM under  
Unanimous RSA 91-A: 3, II,  
(e) negotiations.

Roll call:

Mr. Khan - yes  
Mr. Hess - yes  
Mr. Smith - yes

The Board reconvened in public session at 12:35PM.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adjourn the meeting  
Second: Raymond Smith at 12:35PM.  
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 12:35PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

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Approved and endorsed

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Raymond Smith, Clerk

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