

TOWN OF SEABROOK

BUDGET MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2007

Present: Paula Wood  
Cora Stockbridge  
Fred Welch  
Ivan Eaton  
Peg Weare  
Richard Maguire  
Michele Knowles  
Robert Marcello  
Jason Janvrin  
Attorney McKittrick

6:00PM

Chairman Wood opened the meeting at 6:10PM.

**BEACH PETITION ARTICLE - \$6300**

Mr. Maguire read the article into the record. He said this would be for bench repairs - \$1500, point wells & cargo monument - \$1500 and islands on River Street - \$3300. Mr. Welch explained the process to approve the article.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article  
Second: Ivan Eaton  
Unanimous

**SCHOOL PETITION ARTICLE - \$25K**

Mrs. Wood read the article into the record for a security control system. The school board recommends this.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article  
Second: Cora E. Stockbridge  
Unanimous

Mrs. Wood closed the meeting at 6:17PM.

Mrs. Wood opened the public hearing at 6:17PM.

**SCHOOL BUDGET - \$10,301,123**

Mrs. Wood gave the bottom line of the budget. Mrs. Knowles gave the percentage over last years budget and read through the warrant articles.

The committee clarified for Angel Jean the contract is for 3 years and that it is up to the school board to designate where the money comes from that was cut out of the proposed budget.

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the bottom-  
Second: Michele Knowles line budget.

Opposed: Richard Maguire  
Motion Passed.

**BARGAINING AGREEMENT ARTICLE - \$208,230**

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
Second: Robert Marcello recommendation.  
Unanimous

**LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE - \$150K**

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
Second: Michele Knowles recommendation.  
Opposed: Richard Maguire  
Motion Passed.

**PHASE I - ASBESTOS - \$150K**

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
Second: Robert Marcello recommendation.  
Opposed: Richard Maguire

**MOBILE COMPUTER LAB - \$28K**

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To not recommend the  
Second: Paula Wood article.  
Opposed: Michele Knowles

**EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND - \$20K**

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm the previous  
Second: Paula Wood recommendation.  
Unanimous

**PETITION ARTICLE - EXTERIOR SECURITY SYSTEM - \$25K**

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
Second: Jason Janvrin recommendation.  
Unanimous

Mrs. Wood closed the hearing at 6:33PM.

Mrs. Wood opened the town budget public hearing at 6:33PM.

**TOWN BUDGET**

Mr. Welch gave the figures for the proposed budget and the default budget.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm the bottom-  
 Second: Paula Wood line budget in the  
 Opposed: Richard Maguire amount of \$16,224,123.  
 Motion Passed.

**APPROPRIATION ARTICLES**

Mr. Welch read through all of the articles with money appropriations.

Mr. Maguire questioned if past practice allowed one vehicle to be included within the budget and others to be done by warrant article. It was explained to Mr. Maguire that the chief's car has always been included within the budget.

Mr. Welch said the SEA union contract for \$196K would have a savings by a reduced cost in the health insurance. The warrant article will obtain both figures.

Mr. Welch explained why the money for the sewer department laborer position was transferred to the police department budget. He also explained the contract provisions with vacant positions.

Mr. Welch said the SEA had primarily a 3% increase and the steps had been readjusted. The contracts are available for public review.

Mrs. Weare asked if employees would repair the cemetery markers. Mr. Welch said yes unless some require special expertise.

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
 Second: Jason Janvrin recommendation.  
 Opposed: Richard Maguire is opposing articles 2,8,9,10,11,19.  
 Paula Wood is opposing article 10  
 Peg Weare is opposing article 15  
 Jason Janvrin is opposing article 12  
 Robert Marcello is opposing article 19

**WARRANT ARTICLES FUNDED BY TRANSFER**

Mr. Welch read through the articles.

SEWER DEPARTMENT SCADA SYSTEM - \$360K

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
 Second: Jason Janvrin recommendation.  
 Unanimous

WATER DEPARTMENT WELL REHAB - \$250K

MOTION: Paula Wood

Second: Jason Janvrin

Unanimous

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

COMPUTER UPGRADES - \$12,500

MOTION: Paula Wood

Second: Robert Marcello

Unanimous

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

POLICE CRUISERS - \$54K

MOTION: Paula Wood

Second: Michele Knowles

Opposed: Jason Janvrin

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

POLICE STATION REPAIRS - \$40,871

MOTION: Jason Janvrin

Second: Paula Wood

Opposed: Richard Maguire

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

FIREFIGHTERS GEAR - \$45K

MOTION: Paula Wood

Second: Jason Janvrin

Unanimous

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

DEFERRED ROAD MAINTENANCE - \$25K

MOTION: Jason Janvrin

Second: Paula Wood

Unanimous

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

RECYCLING TRUCK LEASE - \$52,650

MOTION: Paula Wood

Second: Cora Stockbridge

Abstain: Jason Janvrin

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

TRASH TRUCK LEASE - \$52,650

MOTION: Robert Marcello

Second: Paula Wood

Abstain: Jason Janvrin

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

GYM DIVIDER - \$12K

MOTION: Jason Janvrin

Second: Michele Knowles

Unanimous

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

MULTI-PURPOSE DIVIDER - \$8,500

MOTION: Paula Wood

Second: Jason Janvrin

To reaffirm the previous recommendation.

Unanimous

1-TON 4-WHEEL DRIVE PICKUP - WATER - \$32,800

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm the previous  
 Second: Paula Wood recommendation.  
 Opposed: Michele Knowles

PICKUP - WATER - \$21,500

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the previous  
 Second: Robert Marcello recommendation.  
 Opposed: Jason Janvrin

3/4-TON PICKUP - SEWER - \$29K

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm the previous  
 Second: Paula Wood recommendation.  
 Unanimous

Mrs. Stockbridge pointed out that all the leases are lease to purchase.

**BEACH BUDGET**

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm the previous  
 Second: Robert Marcello recommendation.  
 Unanimous

**BOND ARTICLE - \$462K**

Mr. Welch read the bond article into the record. He said there is no order by the federal government but it is coming. This is for an engineering study to construct the facility. The SRF funds have been applied for which will reimburse 20%.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article  
 Second: Ivan Eaton  
 Unanimous

**BOND ARTICLE BY PETITION - \$12,500,000 - TIF DISTRICT RSA 162-K**

Mr. Welch read counsel response into the record. He believes this is invalid, as the town has not adopted RSA 162-K. Mr. Welch said only recommendations by the budget committee could be added to the end of an article.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm to not  
 Second: Paula Wood recommend.

Mr. Grafmeier commented his attorney would disagree with town counsel and he is assuming this is valid. He said the base amount of \$215K would continue to go to the town and only the

increased value of the property would go to pay the bond. He claims there would be no tax impact. He said the TIF district would fix the current traffic problems and without it we would still have the problems. Mr. Grafmeier said the mall would bring in 900 full and part-time jobs. He is only asking for the chance to let the voters decide.

Mrs. Wood commented it is a petition article so it would go on the ballot regardless of the recommendation.

Mrs. Weare commented the tax base of \$215K goes to the town but with the building gone the base would decrease.

Mrs. Stockbridge asked Mr. Grafmeier if there were no TIF would the incremental taxes go to the town. Mr. Grafmeier said if no TIF no project so there would be no additional taxes.

Mr. Janvrin said Route 1 is a state owned road and the town couldn't widen the road, he feels they should state the case to the legislature.

Mr. Eaton said with the new law they can no longer take land by eminent domain. Mr. Grafmeier said that is correct.

Mrs. Wood commented on the jobs and asked what the upside to this company would be. Mr. Grafmeier said there would be no liability to the town even if the center goes under. He agreed everything they do would help the center but would also help the town with the traffic problems.

David Currier spoke and said this is a citizens petition where is the petitioner. He said he spoke to the assessor about the taxes decreasing and was told absolutely not. He said the call for service would go up so where is the money going to come from - the taxpayers of Seabrook. Chief Currier said every other company coming into town has had to pay for their work and he feels this developer should as well it should not come down to the town to pay for the traffic problems this shopping center is going to create.

Mrs. Stockbridge said without the TIF the town would get all the tax money to run the town. Mr. Grafmeier said there is a 20% cushion on the bond to help with these issues. He said 16 other communities have done this and their taxes have gone down.

Mr. Janvrin said this TIF would not fix the intersection of Route 1 and Rocks Road it stops just before and there is major

issue. He moved the previous question to not recommend this article; it was seconded by Ivan Eaton, unanimous.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To close the public  
Second: Michele Knowles hearing at 7:51PM.  
Unanimous

MOTION: Cora Stockbridge To adjourn the meeting  
Second: Paula Wood at 7:51PM.  
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM.  
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

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Paula Wood, Chairman

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