

TOWN OF SEABROOK

BUDGET MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2008

Present: Paula Wood
Peg Weare
Richard Maguire
Aboul Khan
Cora Stockbridge
Ivan Eaton
Michelle Heywood
Richard A. McCann
Scott Dunn

6:00PM

Mrs. Wood opened the meeting at 6:00PM.

SCHOOL BUDGET

Article 5 was read into the record.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.

Article 8 was read into the record. Mrs. Heywood explained why the school board did not recommend the article. Mrs. Stockbridge asked what type of equipment is there now. Mrs. Heywood said she is not sure.

Jason Janvrin arrived at 6:08PM.

Michele Knowles said the track lighting is similar as to what is at the recreation center. She said they just received the petition last night to be voted on and they have not had time to check into.

Mr. McCann asked when the petition came in. Mrs. Heywood said it came in on time but they had only reviewed it last night.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To not recommend the
Second: Ivan Eaton article.
Unanimous

Article 2 was read into the record.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
ballot.

Cora Stockbridge asked for the percent of the increases. Mrs. Heywood said 1.75%. Bruce Cassassa said it is a 1-year contract with a 1.75% increase.

Cora Stockbridge questioned the highlights and would like explanation on the changes. Maureen Ward explained the changes and said there was an error in the calculation.

MOTION: Michelle Heywood To reaffirm the vote of
Second: Aboul Khan \$11,006,250.00.
Opposed: Paula Wood - due to the administrative increases.
Present: Richard Maguire

SCHOOL WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1

MOTION: Michelle Heywood To reaffirm the vote
Second: Jason Janvrin previously taken.
Opposed: Paula Wood
Present: Richard Maguire
Motion passed.

Article 2

MOTION: Paula Wood To reaffirm the vote
Second: Michelle Heywood previously taken to put
Opposed: Richard Maguire on the ballot.

Mr. Maguire said it is not fair to vote without being able to view and compare the contracts.
Motion passed.

Article 3

Mr. Maguire asked for the projects that are included in this figure. Michele Knowles said it includes carpets, generators and electrical upgrades.

MOTION: Michelle Heywood To reaffirm the vote
Second: Richard A. McCann previously taken to put
Opposed: Richard Maguire on the ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 4

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm the vote
Second: Richard A. McCann previously taken to put

Unanimous

on the ballot.

Article 5

MOTION: Jason Janvrin
Second: Paula Wood
Unanimous

To reaffirm the vote
previously taken to put
on the ballot.

Article 6

MOTION: Paula Wood
Second: Jason Janvrin
Opposed: Michelle Heywood
Present: Richard A. McCann
Motion passed.

To reaffirm the vote
previously taken to put
on the ballot.

Article 7

MOTION: Richard A. McCann
Second: Aboul Khan
Unanimous

To reaffirm the vote
previously taken to put
on the ballot.

Article 8

MOTION: Jason Janvrin
Second: Michelle Heywood
Unanimous

to reaffirm the vote
previously taken to not
put on the ballot.

MOTION: Michelle Heywood
Second: Paula Wood
Unanimous

To close the public
hearing for the school
at 6:31PM.

SELECTMEN - 110

A 3% increase in salary for 10 months has been added. Cora Stockbridge questioned the health insurance reimbursement for 2 of the selectmen. Mr. Dunn said one is \$534/month and the other is \$513/month and includes a 10% increase.

MOTION: Michelle Heywood
Second: Aboul Khan
Opposed: Paula Wood
Jason Janvrin
Present: Cora Stockbridge
Motion passed.

To recommend the figure
of 56,855.00.

REVENUES

Cora Stockbridge asked if there were any changes with the prior handout. She said the ambulance fees are not listed. Mr. Dunn said those funds go to the capital fund.

Cora Stockbridge questioned the payment for the recycle and rubbish trucks. Mr. Dunn explained how it is setup and that the fees would be taken out of the surplus fund balance. It appears the funds are not there, Mr. Dunn will correct.

Mrs. Stockbridge recommended going to the articles and then coming back to this.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To table this issue.
Second: Paula Wood
Unanimous

Cora Stockbridge asked for an explanation on the police department donations. Mr. Dunn said one is from the power plant that he knows of but he does not have the entire list.

Cora Stockbridge said there are a lot of articles on the capital program and asked if it should be stated. Mr. Dunn said it is not a bad idea but they do not need to be recommended by the selectmen.

Cora Stockbridge said there is about 1.7 million left from the water meter article and asked where the money shows. Mr. Dunn said it is in the surplus funds but does not show in his worksheet, as it is not intended to be a financial statement it is only for budget purposes. Mr. Dunn explained the unreserved fund balance summary for Mrs. Stockbridge.

Article 4

Read into record.

Mr. Maguire commented this is a mandate by the federal government and asked what the town faces if this article doesn't pass. Mr. Dunn said the mandate is for arsenic but the town is looking to treating the others to get better water. If doesn't pass would have to redesign and go to a special town meeting. He does not have figures to treat just for arsenic.

Aboul Khan asked how the surrounding towns are dealing. Mr. Jeffers said Seabrook is the only municipality left to treat for arsenic. Mr. Khan also asked about the health issue. Mr. Jeffers said there is no history on hand. He said if this

article does not pass we would have an administrative order and then it would go to the attorney general.

Cora Stockbridge said she attended the public hearing and it was very informative. She said she does not understand how it went from 8 million to 12 million. Mr. Jeffers said no one considered the new wells being drilled. This figure includes the new wells and the wells that have been replaced.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the
Second: Aboul Khan article to be placed on
Opposed: Paula Wood the ballot.
Present: Cora Stockbridge
Jason Janvrin
Abstain: Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

Article 5

Read into record.

Jason Janvrin asked who the trustees were. Mr. Dunn said the selectmen are the agents to expend the funds.

Cora Stockbridge asked what is being looked at for use of this money. Mr. Dunn said the budget has been given out for use of money with explanations.

Aboul Khan asked if the water would be drinkable. Mr. Jeffers explained what the plant would do and within a couple of years a federal mandate would make us do it anyways.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Richard A. McCann to be placed on the
ballot.

Paula Wood commented on people using bottled water including our schools. Mr. Jeffers said some areas in town get too much of the chemicals and others do not get enough.

Peg Weare asked where do we find new water. Mr. Jeffers said they are using the latest technology and have picked up some at the Pineo site. He said it is a decent water source but would need to be treated.

Present: Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

Article 6

Read into record.

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Jason Janvrin | To table until a vote is |
| Second: | Paula Wood | taken on the bottom- |
| | | line. |
| Present: | Richard A. McCann | |
| Motion passed. | | |

Article 7

Read into record.

Cora Stockbridge asked when this contract was ratified. Mr. McCann said it has not been fully ratified but voted on in favor of. He commented this is the middle management and their willingness to work with the selectmen on health insurance costs.

Mr. Dunn said there is a new wage schedule with the average increase of about 5.62%. Changes in longevity, uniform and education pay. There is nothing retroactive for the pay increase in any of the union contracts.

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Jason Janvrin | To recommend the article |
| Second: | Aboul Khan | to be placed on the |
| Opposed: | Richard Maguire | ballot. |
| | Ivan Eaton | |
| Motion passed. | | |

Mr. Maguire is opposed as there is no contract to view and compare. Mr. Eaton is on the same page as Mr. Maguire.

Paula Wood asked what happens if unions do not ratify. Mr. Dunn said if they don't would be a moot situation. Cora Stockbridge commented the selectmen should ratify the contracts before the budget submission date and it shouldn't matter if the unions vote to ratify. Mr. McCann said it doesn't matter if ratified by either side but the selectmen did recommend.

Article 8

Read into record.

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| <u>MOTION:</u> | Jason Janvrin | To recommend the article |
| Second: | Paula Wood | to be placed on the |
| Opposed: | Richard Maguire | ballot. |
| | Ivan Eaton | |
| Motion passed. | | |

Jason Janvrin commented that it is not in the realm of the committee to view the terms of the contracts without it having a financial impact. Mr. Maguire responded there are a number of items that could be viewed as having a financial impact. Mr. McCann said there is a 3% increase overall across the board.

Article 9

Read into record.

Paula Wood questioned what does ratify mean. Mr. Dunn said it is a formality and just concludes the negotiation session in the form of a tentative agreement and once the union members agree the selectmen would ratify in a public meeting. Mr. Dunn said the requirement is to furnish the numbers and that is what they have done.

Mr. McCann said this is also a 3% increase overall across the board.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Opposed: Richard Maguire ballot.
Present: Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

Article 10

Read into record.

Mr. McCann said this is the largest union and has a 3% increase across the board. They have added longevity pay and temporary out of service pay.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
Opposed: Richard Maguire ballot.
Present: Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To take a 5-minute break
Second: Jason Janvrin at 8PM.
Unanimous
Motion passed.

Committee reconvened at 8:11PM.

Article 11

Read into record.

MOTION: Ivan Eaton To recommend the article
Second: Cora Stockbridge to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.
Motion Passed.

Article 12
Read into record.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Cora Stockbridge to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 13
Read into record.

Jason Janvrin asked when the last appropriation was made. Mr. McCann said it must be updated every 10 years with about 2 years for prep work. The planning board administers the money.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Aboul Khan to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 14
Read into record.

Question was asked why the article is for 2 years and if the budget is passed it is only for one. Eric Small said it is in case of anything to be carried over.

Jason Janvrin commented as to why there is an article as well as it being in the budget.

MOTION: Cora Stockbridge To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 15
Read into record.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Paula Wood to be placed on the
ballot.

Mr. Maguire asked if there is a report from Easter Seal's on the plowing last year. Cora Stockbridge said that Mike Cormier informed her there was \$12K remaining and there were 10 clients last year.

Unanimous
Motion passed.

Article 16

Read into record.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Paula Wood to be placed on the
ballot.

Mr. Dunn explained where the additional office space would be located and the dead space to be used by the planning board and land use offices. He said there is money in the budget for a study on air quality.

Mr. Maguire asked what the tax impact would be on the articles coming from surplus. Mr. Dunn said about 4-cents per \$100K. Mr. Maguire said he does not agree with the statement of \$0 impact on tax rate it is deceiving. Paula Wood agrees, she said it has \$0 impact this year but has affected the tax rate in years past.

Present: Paula Wood
Cora Stockbridge
Richard Maguire
Motion passed.

Article 17

Read into record.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Present: Richard Maguire ballot.
Cora Stockbridge

Article 18

Read into record.

Jason Janvrin asked how many times does the van go out of town. Sandy Beaudoin said it has 50,000 miles but it is getting old. She said it is used mostly for summer camp and sport programs. It is limited to 12 passengers and still passes inspections.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Present: Paula Wood ballot.
Richard Maguire
Cora Stockbridge

Article 19

Read into record.

Jason Janvrin asked about the air conditioning at the center. Ms. Beaudoin said some areas do have it but the gym does not. Mr. McCann said the selectmen felt that due to the community center being the evacuation site it would be beneficial to have.

Aboul Khan commented that when there is a big event, such as the officer's funeral it was extremely hot.

Paula Wood asked if the cost is available for the maintenance and if the generator would be large enough to handle. Mr. McCann said the emergency management director is looking into grants to help with a new generator.

Cora Stockbridge said she has a problem with using surplus funds for this. She said it has been put on the ballot several times and failed.

MOTION: Aboul Khan To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
Opposed: Richard Maguire ballot.
Cora Stockbridge
Present: Paula Wood
Motion passed.

Article 20

Read into record.

Jason Janvrin asked how many phases would be funded. Ms. Beaudoin said she is not sure but that she would be applying for grants to help.

Cora Stockbridge commented that we should not get used to using surplus funds.

Paula Wood said these articles haven't been put before the voters to see if they want. Aboul Khan agrees.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article

Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Opposed: Paula Wood ballot.
Present: Cora Stockbridge
Richard Maguire
Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

Article 21

Read into record.

Cora asked about the contract with the community action program. Mr. Dunn said the town is responsible and read that part of the contract.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Cora Stockbridge to be placed on the
Present: Richard Maguire ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 22

Read into record.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 23

Read into record.

Cora Stockbridge asked if the vehicles would be obtained through the state bid. Chief Manthorn said they would.

Mr. Dunn said funds were encumbered from last year, as the vehicles have not yet arrived.

Chief Manthorn said these new vehicles would be patrol-marked vehicles. Mr. Dunn said he would like to get in a process of purchasing 2 cruisers per year.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Present: Richard Maguire ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 24

Read into record.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Aboul Khan to be placed on the
Present: Richard Maguire ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 25

Read into record.

Chief Manthorn explained what the vehicle would be used for.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Paula Wood with the amendment to
Present: Richard Maguire the second figure of
Motion passed. \$6,875.00.

Article 26

Read into record.

Cora Stockbridge asked about the grant money and if it has been applied for. Mr. Dunn said they have a letter from the state with the amount the town would be receiving.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 27

Read into record.

Mr. Dunn explained this would be for a study to tie into the state drainage in the beach area.

Paula Wood asked if this would include any other part of town. As new roads are constructed they would need to be done per our new standards and we should not have this problem.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Paula Wood to be placed on the
Present: Aboul Khan ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 28

Read into record.

MOTION: Ivan Eaton To recommend the article
Second: Richard A. McCann to be placed on the

Present: Paula Wood ballot.
 Cora Stockbridge
 Richard Maguire

Opposed: Jason Janvrin

Motion passed.

Mr. Dunn read the backup information submitted by John Starkey. Paula Wood said she is looking for the amount of money spent on the maintenance over the past few years. Peg Weare said this is the worst truck in the fleet 2 years ago so probably still is.

Article 29

Read into record.

Jason Janvrin questioned this vehicle as 2 different vehicles are listed. Mr. Dunn said the language in the article is correct.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article
 Second: Aboul Khan to be placed on the
 Opposed: Jason Janvrin ballot.
 Present: Richard Maguire
 Cora Stockbridge
 Paula Wood

Article 30

Read into record.

Aboul Khan commented that the paving really needs to be done.

MOTION: Aboul Khan To recommend the article
 Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
 Present: Richard Maguire ballot.
 Motion passed.

Article 31

Read into record.

Paula Wood questioned the grant money. Mr. Dunn said they do have a letter stating the amount of money the town would receive. He said they are not looking for additional money for this.

Cora Stockbridge asked if there is more material other than gravel needed. Mr. Dunn said not that he is aware of.

Aboul Khan asked about the funds from the transformer move. Mr. Dunn said there is an article to establish a trust fund with the money to be used for the pier.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Present: Richard Maguire ballot.
Paula Wood

Motion passed.

Article 32

Read into record.

Mr. Maguire questioned why the change from the sewer fund to surplus. Mr. Dunn said he has conflicting information so he would rather it come from surplus until he has the final figures.

Cora Stockbridge questioned if a vehicle could be purchased from the sewer funds. Mr. Dunn said yes if the voters authorized the purchase.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article
Second: Aboul Khan to be placed on the
Opposed: Jason Janvrin ballot.
Present: Paula Wood
Richard Maguire
Peg Weare

Motion passed.

Article 33

Read into record.

Aboul Khan asked for the purpose of this vehicle. Mr. Dunn said this vehicle would be for the superintendent.

MOTION: Richard A. McCann To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Opposed: Jason Janvrin ballot.
Peg Weare
Cora Stockbridge

Motion denied.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To not recommend the
Second: Cora Stockbridge article to be on the
Present: Paula Wood ballot.
Richard Maguire
Opposed: Richard A. McCann

Michelle Heywood
Motion passed.

Article 34

Read into record.

Jason Janvrin asked why the study. Mr. Dunn said it is for additional office space and the housing of vehicles.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To not recommend the

Second: Cora Stockbridge article to be on the
Opposed: Richard A. McCann ballot.

Present: Richard Maguire

Motion passed.

Article 35

Read into record.

Mr. Dunn explained the area in need of replacement. He said his goal is to use new materials and hire an engineer to do the study and make recommendations.

Cora Stockbridge questioned the pipes and location. Mr. Dunn said it is the pipes that hang down under Blackwater Bridge.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To not recommend the

Second: Michelle Heywood article to be on the
Opposed: Richard A. McCann ballot.

Present: Richard Maguire

Motion passed.

Article 36

Read into record.

Cora Stockbridge said the reports indicate the project is completed so what is this article for. Mr. Dunn explained it replaces the devices that send signals to the computer equipment.

Aboul Khan asked what the worst-case scenario is. Mr. Dunn said essentially we would be offline. The sewer could back up, have odors, etc.

Mr. Maguire commented good questions were asked but that the sewer superintendent should have addressed this previously.

MOTION: Ivan Eaton To recommend the article
Second: Aboul Khan to be placed on the
Opposed: Jason Janvrin ballot.
Present: Paula Wood
Peg Weare
Richard Maguire
Cora Stockbridge
Motion passed.

Article 37
Read into record.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To not recommend the
Second: Michelle Heywood article to be on the
Opposed: Richard A. McCann ballot.
Present: Richard Maguire
Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To take a five-minute
Second: Paula Wood break at 10:05PM.
Unanimous

Committee reconvened at 10:15PM.

Article 38
Read into record.

Paula Wood asked where the money is coming from. Mr. Dunn said from the sale or transfer of cemetery lots. This article is designed to correct the error on misquote of the RSA.

Cora Stockbridge said the article in 2005 was to use half of the money from sales. Mr. Dunn said anything over \$5K would go into the general fund. The intent is for it to be used for the same purpose.

MOTION: Richard Maguire To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
Present: Paula Wood ballot.
Motion passed.

Article 39
Read into record.

MOTION: Paula Wood To recommend the article
Second: Michelle Heywood to be placed on the
Unanimous ballot.

Article 40

Read into record.

Cora Stockbridge said this was on the ballot before and it failed. Mr. Dunn said it is not the intent to take a low fee program and turn it into a self-supporting program. This would be for new programs.

MOTION: Michelle Heywood To recommend the article
Second: Jason Janvrin to be placed on the
Present: Cora Stockbridge ballot.
Motion passed.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To take up article 6.
Second: Paula Wood
Unanimous

Cora Stockbridge commented on the sewer budget and if we have a default budget where would the money come from for the sludge contract. Mr. Dunn said it would need to come from the bottom line budget. He said plans would be provided to DES and EPA if requested.

Cora Stockbridge gave a letter to the secretary to be recorded with these minutes regarding her support of the sewer budget prior to knowledge of the sludge removal contract.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To insert the figure of
\$17,033,798.00.

Paula Wood commented on the sludge contract and the interest rate. It bothers her that the contract was signed with interest rate of 7.5% without being put out to bid. She said with this she would not be able to support the budget.

Aboul Khan said the company did not bring any supporting documents and Mr. Knowles, sewer superintendent was not present during the discussions.

Second: Michelle Heywood
Opposed: Cora Stockbridge
Paula Wood
Present: Richard Maguire
Peg Weare
Ivan Eaton
Motion passed.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin To reaffirm all votes

Second: Aboul Khan
Unanimous
Motion passed.

previously taken for
warrant articles.

REVENUES

\$804,066 is for the budget. Committee figure is \$17,913,011.00
for total operating budget with revenues and warrant articles.

MOTION: Jason Janvrin
Second: Michelle Heywood
Opposed: Cora Stockbridge
Present: Paula Wood
Richard Maguire
Ivan Eaton

To move the figure of
\$17,913,011.00.

Motion passed.

MOTION: Paula Wood
Second: Jason Janvrin
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting
at 10:50PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

Paula Wood, Chairman

Date: _____