

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S BUDGET WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 28, 2008

Present: Robert S. Moore
Brendan Kelly
Aboul B. Khan
Barry M. Brenner

2:00PM

Chairman Moore opened the meeting at 2:05PM.

HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY - A SAFE PLACE

Marsie Sylvestro was present and explained the need for the increase. She said there were 21 victims served in Seabrook. The cost is about \$650 per person to serve them. She said they get funding from Towns & Cities as well as grants. Right now they are looking at a \$250K cut.

Mr. Khan said he does not agree with the increase. Mr. Moore and Mr. Kelly feel the need is justified and with the economy people are going through tough situations and may see more of a need.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore To approve the increase
Second: Brendan Kelly of \$500.
Opposed: Aboul B. Khan

LIBRARY - 480

Ann Robinson and Paul Kelley were present for this budget. Ms. Robinson read the mission statement and gave a brief overview of the library materials and services offered.

Ms. Robinson gave a summary of how they are working to cut costs. She said there are no cost of living increases and no longevity pay for the part-time employees or tuition reimbursement.

Mr. Brenner said he has concerns with the budget and services that were cut. Ms. Robinson said it is a bare bones budget and if we can save anything he would like to see the position that went from full-time to part-time saved.

The selectmen will support bringing the full-time position back. Library is to adjust the budget and bring it back to the selectmen.

BUILDING - 210

Paul Garand was present for his budget. He gave a brief overview of the budget.

Mr. Brenner explained the postage line item.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve the Town
Second: Aboul B. Khan Manager's recommendation
Unanimous of \$116,834.00.

HEALTH - 410

Paul Garand was present for his budget. He said this budget has the same increases as in building.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the Town
Second: Brendan Kelly Manager's recommendation
Unanimous of \$73,342.00.

WATER - 520

Curtis Slayton was present for his budget. He gave a brief overview of the budget.

There was general discussion on the status of the arsenic treatment plan and the water meter project.

Mr. Khan asked if there is money in the budget for the Route 95 water main. Mr. Brenner said no it would go in as a warrant article. Mr. Slayton explained the significance of getting the water main repaired.

Mr. Brenner said if we go to a default budget it would have serious ramifications on the services to the Town residents.

Mr. Slayton explained why the well maintenance line increased due to the repairs of a well or pump. He explained the use of diesel fuel, propane and natural gas.

Mr. Slayton explained the full-time employee line item increase and said it is for one employee who was not budgeted for in the water or sewer but the employee has been working for the town for 12-13 years. This position is now budgeted for in the water department. It also includes a new position for the Chief Plant Operator.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly To approve the Town
Second: Aboul B. Khan Manager's recommendation
Unanimous of \$1,225,082.00.

GRUHN SITE REMEDIATION - 525

Curtis Slayton was present for his budget. He gave an overview of the budget and what it is for. He said he is looking into, as we are required to treat for our groundwater. The question

needs to be asked what the levels need to be so we can discontinue the project.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Brendan Kelly	To approve the Town
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	Manager's recommendation
Unanimous		of \$26,902.00.

Don Hawkins questioned the budget summary for accounts 520 and 525. Mr. Brenner explained and said he would ask finance that put the summary together.

Mr. Khan asked about getting statistical information for the human service agencies and what kind of services do we get.

Mr. Moore closed the budget workshop at 3:45PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____