

## TOWN OF SEABROOK

## SELECTMEN'S BUDGET WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 30, 2008

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

2:00PM

Chairman Moore opened the meeting at 2:02PM.

## HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY - CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Maureen Sullivan was present for the budget and explained the center. She said it is privately funded and they are the first to investigate a report of child abuse, whether it is physical and/or sexual abuse. She said they are called in by DCYF or the Police Department.

**TAX COLLECTOR - 150**

Lillian Knowles was present for her budget. She gave a brief overview of the tax office and what services they offer.

Mrs. Knowles said the postage has increased due to the semi-annual tax billing. This is usually shared with the water department, however they had to send out separate bills this year due to the water meters. The mileage and tolls increased due to the increase in fuel and she needs to attend 2 conferences in order to maintain her certification.

**TOWN CLERK - 140**

Bonnie Fowler was present for her budget. She stated the office would be open on Monday until 5PM for absentee ballots. The election is Tuesday, November 5 from 7AM - 7PM.

Mrs. Fowler explained the new services offered and the new office hours. She said a lot of people have commented on the new hours and she finds they are very happy with it.

It was explained that a new printer had to be purchased this year and was in the budget for next year. With this adjustment to the budget it has decreased by \$935.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To approve the Town Manager's new figure of \$345,938.00.

**RECREATION CENTER - 460**

Sandy Beaudoin was present for her budget. She gave an overview of the department and the services offered.

Part-time employee line increased as they added classes/programs and also includes step-raises for current part-time employees.

On the new equipment line Ms. Beaudoin is looking to purchase a new phone system. They are currently on the old Merlin system, which is outdated and have been told they can no longer service the system.

Mr. Khan commented that they are looking for the taxpayers to raise \$720K for the facility. Mr. Kelly said it is a great facility with great programs and he supports it fully. Mr. Brenner said it could be something to look at in the future for fees charged. Mr. Khan said many people are concerned and not happy with the money spent on the recreation center. Ms. Beaudoin said they do have scholarships available for those who cannot afford the programs.

Mr. Brenner said Town Meeting vote authorized the replacement of the mini-bus with a transfer of surplus funds. This needs to show in the expenditure line and will increase this budget by \$10K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan  
Second: Brendan Kelly  
Unanimous

To approve the Town Manager's new figure of \$547,196.00.

**MEMORIAL DAY - 462**

Sandy Beaudoin was present for her budget. She explained the increase is for an additional band.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To approve the Town Manager's recommendation of \$9,362.00.

**OLD HOME DAY - 463**

Sandy Beaudoin was present for her budget. She said the increase is to repair the stage and is going to cost about \$2K.

Ms. Beaudoin said tables, chairs and tents are provided for the non-profit. Vendors who sell goods pay a small fee.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan  
Second: Brendan Kelly  
Unanimous

To approve the Town Manager's recommendation of \$23,064.00.

**REC GRANTS & DONATIONS - 464**

Sandy Beaudoin was present for her budget. She said this allows us to apply for grants and acceptance of donations.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To approve the Town Manager's recommendation of \$11.00.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To rescind the previous motion and move \$0.

**COMMUNITY CENTER - 465**

Sandy Beaudoin was present for her budget. She went over the increases in the budget.

There was discussion on the increase in electricity and what affect the air conditioning will have on this budget.

Ms. Beaudoin described the new equipment she is looking to purchase.

Mr. Khan asked if there would be any costs for the new exit going at the Kohl's project. Ms. Beaudoin for now they would be fine.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To approve the Town Manager's recommendation of \$183,031.00.

Mr. Brenner explained they are still finalizing the assessment for FPL so requesting an extension for DRA.

MOTION: Robert S. Moore  
Second: Aboul B. Khan  
Unanimous

To approve the extension request to DRA.

Mr. Moore closed the budget workshop at 3:58PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

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Approved and endorsed:

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Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

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