

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

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

10:00AM

Mr. Khan opened the meeting at 10:05AM.

There was a moment of silence for Representative Amy Perkins who passed away this morning.

PUBLIC HEARING - IRENE'S WAY

Mr. Hess opened the hearing at 10:08AM and read the notice of hearing into the record (see attached). It was noted that the planning board has recommended the acceptance of this road and the minutes were read (see attached).

Joe Guiffre asked if the inspection reports had been done. Mr. Khan said everything is done and they would not be accepting the road today if it was not completed.

John Starkey explained the process that is used for all departments to give approvals. He said in this case it took about a year to clear all the issues.

Mr. Khan said there is a big development in town that has issues and until those issues are resolved the Town will not accept the road as public.

Jason Janvrin said there is money held for one year to fix any issues that may arise after the road is accepted as public.

Mr. Khan closed the hearing at 10:15AM.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To accept Irene's Way
Second: Raymond Smith as a public road.
Unanimous

MEETING - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Brian Murphy was present for this meeting. He explained the two changes, where the chain of command and texting with town equipment were. Mr. Manzi said it is in the policy that any changes will be recommended by Mr. Murphy to him then to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Murphy said the policy is designed to allow the employees to do their work not to hinder their work. It was made clear that this document can be changed at any time the Selectmen choose.

John Starkey said any policies that are changed or created should be given to all new employees so they are aware of them and can understand the wishes of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Hess said he feels each department head should meet with their employees to explain the policy to them. Mr. Manzi said they would work on a distribution of the policy and an authorization for the employees to sign.

Mr. Murphy commented that the policy is to protect the network from misuse.

Joe Guiffre asked if this policy includes the beach village district. Mr. Murphy said they are not on the Town's network so they would not be included. Mr. Khan said it might be an issue where the district is its own entity but they can discuss further. Mr. Manzi said he would find out more about this.

Robie Beckman asked if the Selectmen would consider a consultant for a small fee to determine what is needed for channel 22. Mr. Khan said they would come back to this question after finishing the policy discussion.

Phyllis Farfaras asked if the beach district is not part of the town how are the people voting on the fireworks at the beach. Mr. Smith clarified that the policy is in effect for anyone that is using Town equipment if they are not the policy doesn't pertain to them.

Jason Janvrin asked how comprehensive the policy was. Mr. Murphy said it really is for the IT of tablets, computers, cell phones and smart phones.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Raymond Smith	To accept the policy but
Second:	Edward J. Hess, Jr.	with any changes to the
Abstain:	Raymond Smith	policy to be made thru
		The Town Manager at any
		time not just annually
		and to look into the
		beach precinct to be
		included if possible.

Motion passed.

MEETING - SEA LINK

Matt Valle was present for the meeting and stated he is the owner of the Seabrook sub-station and explained what they do. If the project goes forward it is a \$150 million dollar investment. He explained this would increase the tax base and the revenues to the town. He said before the numbers could be addressed they would need to win the project.

Mr. Khan asked if the company has a policy to hire local people. Mr. Valle said there is no policy but they do try to maintain local employees and/or contractors. Mr. Khan requested that if he comes before the Selectmen again to bring a policy about hiring locally.

Mr. Valle explained the project is looking to use the abandon railway that does down Route 286 out through Salisbury. He said they would need to do construction but would repair the area and also create the bike trail that Seabrook is looking to have.

Mr. Valle said he is here today requesting a letter of support for the project. He is meeting with all of the host communities for this support and said in no way is it binding to the project.

Mr. Khan said they would need to have extensive conversations with the sewer plant operator as the line would go down the same path. There was discussion on where this line will go and how it affects Seabrook.

Mr. Smith asked if the licensing of the plant affects this project. Mr. Valle said it doesn't affect it at all. This will become a better grid for New England. He doesn't believe they will need to go through the legislature for approval however he does have a breakfast meeting scheduled for next week to discuss.

There was discussion on money going to the state for the utility tax as they have done with the power plant. Mr. Manzi said you could count on the incremental increase as revenue to the Town. He said they are treating it the same as the million the town is receiving today.

Jason Janvrin commented that the rail trail committee met with them and they said they would assist with getting the trail completed. He said the bridge on Walton Road will be a challenge but this could also be looked at as part of their project. Mr. Janvrin said the rail trail committee supports this project. Mr. Valle commented that they are looking at the Walton Road Bridge.

Theresa Kyle asked if there are any health or safety concerns with this project. Mr. Valle said the short answer is no. He said the cable is buried deep and is being used in other states with no issues. This is a magnetic field vs. an electromagnetic field.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To draft a letter of
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. support for this project
Unanimous to obtain further
 information but in no
 way is this permission
 to move the project
 forward.

Mr. Khan addressed Robie Beckman's question on channel 22. Mr. Beckman explained that he would like to see a consultant come in to assist with what the Town needs and to get the equipment operational. Mr. Manzi said they are working on a RFP with specifics in it that we know we need. He explained we are looking for a full digital system with livestream so the meetings could go on the internet. His view is we know what we need. Mr. Murphy commented that he had vendors come in to give suggestions and if we hire a consultant now they are only going to tell us what we already know. There was discussion on what Hampton has and where the Town is compare to them.

Mr. Khan asked if the vendors could come into a public meeting to discuss what they would provide to the Town and the improvements needed.

There was discussion on making the meeting room larger and said it is being considered. Mr. Khan said they are also looking into a projector screen.

There was a comment about channel 22 not working on candidate's night. Mr. Manzi explained what happened when the power went out and knocked out the system. Mr. Murphy said the system partially reset itself so it was not working properly.

MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his monthly report (see attached).

New rubbish truck purchased in August 2013 and will be delivered February 25.

Snow calls for 2013 were 36 and to date in 2014 they have been out 41 times. He commended the DPW staff for their hard work with the snow and ice removal.

On October 4, 2014 the Town will participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Day and the venue will be in Exeter. Mr. Starkey went over some of the things that can be brought there on this day. More information will be forthcoming as the time approaches.

Mr. Starkey said he received the check from the state for Harborside Park in the amount of \$60K. Also, received a grant for \$5K for the retaining wall at Hillside Cemetery.

Mr. Khan thanked the department for their work during one of the longest winters.

There was discussion on the monument for Harborside Park that will be dedicated to the fishermen who lost their lives at sea. Anyone who has a name of someone lost at sea should contact John Starkey. They are also looking for private donations for this monument and the cost is about \$8800.

Mr. Smith complimented John Starkey and his staff for the work on the roads during the snow. Mr. Starkey said if the roads are not clear the residents should contact him. He said the roads not being clear is mostly in part to broken machinery and urged the residents to support the articles for equipment.

Mr. Khan said sidewalk maintenance is an issue and they have an article to get the proper equipment. He is requesting Mr. Starkey to meet with the Town Manager and have a plan to maintain the sidewalks if the equipment is not voted in.

Jason Janvrin asked about the salt pile and the availability of salt. Mr. Starkey said the storage area is very small. They replace the salt as they use it so they don't run out. He said they purchase salt from all of the vendors and it works well.

Mr. Hess asked about the regulation to dump snow near or in a brook or stream. Mr. Starkey said if it is coming from out of town it is absolutely no. If it is from the town it needs to be melted first to take out the pollutants before dumping. He says they can move the snow into a park area.

Board took a 10-minute break at 12:14PM. Board reconvened at 12:26PM.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Joe Guiffre asked about the article on fireworks at the beach and said Mr. Khan made a comment about doing something in the House of Representatives but didn't quite understand. Mr. Khan

said he would introduce a bill that would ban fireworks at the beach if he were to get re-elected.

Mr. Hess said there is an issue with the "no parking" signs at the beach that is on state property. He said Senator Stiles will be sending a letter to him and he will bring that information out to the residents so they understand. He indicated there are 3 signs that cannot be taken down.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 14 PUBLIC, JANUARY 20 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, JANUARY 24 PUBLIC AND FEBRUARY 3 PUBLIC

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adopt the minutes of
 Second: Raymond Smith 1/14 public, 1/20 public
 Unanimous & non-public, 1/24
 public and 2/3 public.

ENCUMBRANCE - WATER FUND

Mr. Manzi said this for the aerators and the issues began in 2013 but are correcting the problems in 2014. The vendor will pay \$20K and the estimate is for \$56K. He said the aerators will be corrected in 3 phases and explained.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To encumber the funds
 Second: Raymond Smith from the water fund to
 Unanimous correct the aerator's.

ABATEMENT

Judith Chase - 210 South Main Street - \$86.67

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

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Deborah Wever - Section 28 Plots 15 & 16

There was discussion on who can purchase plots and what the fee is.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve plot 15 only
 Second: Raymond Smith and to authorize the
 Unanimous town manager to look
 into the issues.

WATER SERVICE APPLICATION

Mona Johnson & Mary Souther - 298 & 298A South Main Street

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

AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSES

Papa Gino's - 809 Lafayette Road
 KFC/Taco Bell - 306 Lafayette Road

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign both
 Second: Raymond Smith amusement device
 Unanimous licenses.

Jason Janvrin commented that the Governor had not ordered the flags at half mast and he is requesting the Selectmen to make a motion to fly them at half mast for all town buildings. Mr. Smith said he would like to follow the flag policy that is in place.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To authorize the town
 Second: Aboul B. Khan manager to recommend to
 Unanimous the Governor that flags
 be at half mast in honor
 of Amy Perkins.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To go into non-public
 Second: Aboul B. Khan session at 12:54PM under
 Unanimous RSA 91-A: 3, II, (a)
 personnel, (c) tax deed &
 (e) negotiations.

Roll call:
 Mr. Khan - yes
 Mr. Hess - yes
 Mr. Smith - yes

The Board reconvened in public session at 2:35PM.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adjourn the meeting
 Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. at 2:35PM.
 Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 2:35PM.
 Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Raymond Smith, Clerk

Date: _____