

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2013

Present: Brendan Kelly
Aboul B. Khan
Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Joseph Titone

2:00PM

Chairman Kelly opened the meeting at 2:05PM.

ACTUARIAL VALUATION BID FOR GASB 45 OPEB LIABILITIES

Lilli Gilligan was present for this meeting.

Mr. Kelly said he read through all of them and only two have worked in NH. The lowest three bidders were not qualified and one of the three worked for the town and submitted an inaccurate valuation.

Mr. Khan questioned why they are just finding out now that it was done incorrectly. Ms. Gilligan said this is not the first time she has mentioned it in previous conversations with the Board which is why it was put out to bid again. Mr. Khan feels this should be looked into further as to why it was done wrong and what damage was done to the town.

Ms. Gilligan explained GASB 45 which is for post-employment benefits and the only one offered by the town is the health insurance for retirees. This affected the bond rating the town received on the interest rate and now is paying a higher interest rate. She intends to go back to the bond bank after this valuation is completed to see if she can negotiate a better rate based on the new study.

Ms. Gilligan said there is no way for her to tell the Board how much damage there is without doing a new study. Mr. Khan asked if they could have the new company to look at the old study and see what happened.

Ms. Gilligan said the last company received \$8400 for the study and it was done inaccurately. It has been listed as a liability on the audit for the past 4 years.

The cost for the new study does not include a presentation to the Board if they so desire that would be an additional cost.

MOTION: Brendan Kelly

To accept the bid from Segal Co. of Boston, MA for \$9K as long as Ms.

Gilligan will look into this matter to determine how much damage to the town.

Ms. Gilligan said she had worked with the Segal Co. for 9 years.

Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.

Mr. Khan said he cannot support this bid due to the fact that Ms. Gilligan has worked with this company and does not support the internal controls the town has.

Mr. Khan asked if anyone has contacted USI about the misinformation. Ms. Gilligan said no she didn't but did to the auditors and they were unresponsive.

Opposed: Aboul B. Khan

2009 TAX LIEN ABATEMENT

Claire Hetherman - 5 True Lane - \$1,110.14

Ms. Silva explained how the income level changed and Ms. Hetherman did not apply in 2009 but would have qualified.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. 2009 tax lien abatement.
Unanimous

11 ACDUTRA VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To approve and sign all
Second: Aboul B. Khan veterans exemptions.
Unanimous

Mr. Khan requested the Town Manager to send a letter to the auditing company asking for an explanation as to what was done incorrectly. Mr. Hess requested the Finance Manager to call USI to send a written explanation as to what went wrong.

DEFAULT BUDGET

The default budget is \$15K less than the proposed operating budget. Ms. Gilligan explained the increase in the state retirement system fund. These are contractual obligations and are mandated by the state.

Mr. Kelly read the proposed figures by the budget committee and the default budget figures. The debt service is for the water

treatment plant and the tax anticipation note.

DRAFT WARRANT ARTICLES

The draft warrant articles were read into the record.

Mr. Khan commented on the human service agencies that anyone requesting more than \$10K was put into a stand-alone article.

Article 15 is for the fire department and they will be applying for a grant so if money is received they would use towards this project.

Article 27 is for the sewer department and they are requesting an increase from \$80K to \$120K. Mr. Titone said it is to expand the facility with a modular unit for administrative purposes and the quote is for \$120K.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend the article
Second: Brendan Kelly for \$120K.
Unanimous

There was discussion on the petition articles for the signs. Mr. Khan spoke of some of the business owners who want the zoning changed.

Mr. Titone said Mr. Starkey had wanted to add an article for \$20K for Governor Weare Park. The Board would like some information on this project before making a decision.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To recommend all the
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. articles as discussed
Unanimous for the 2013 warrant.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adjourn the meeting
Second: Brendan Kelly at 3:42PM.
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 3:42PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Edward J. Hess, Jr., Clerk

Date: _____