

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JUNE 2, 2014

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

6:30PM

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 6:43PM.

YANKEE COOP - LANDOWNERS AGREEMENT

Mr. Manzi explained the agreement and said it is for the Coop to obtain a loan. He explained what the Town would be obligated to follow through with.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept the agreement
Second: Aboul B. Khan as presented.
Unanimous

Mr. Hess read a statement as to how the meeting would proceed tonight. He said any resident wishing to address the Board should go to the podium and when through go back to their seat at that point the Board will respond if they so choose.

Paula Wood asked about the parking that was discussed with the Board from the parking committee and said she thought it was going to be presented during negotiations with the Coop. Mr. Hess said they have not done this yet but when the negotiations get underway it would be discussed. Mr. Manzi said they will take input from the public and if the Board chooses they would present them during the negotiations.

DISABILITY TAX ABATEMENT

2012 - \$549.12
2013 - \$575.49

Mr. Manzi said this is recommended for approval and said it is a hardship but the resident missed the deadline.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatement due to a
Unanimous hardship.

MEETING - PAULA WOOD

Ms. Wood said she asked to be on the agenda for an evening meeting as she cannot make the day meetings. She is concerned as a taxpayer as well as a member of the budget committee who worked really hard on the budget. She asked the reason for

freezing the budget as there has been no explanation provided to this point. She asked why this happened between the deliberative session and town meeting when it was passed by the voters.

Mr. Smith said he has not comment. Mr. Khan said at deliberative session Mr. Maguire spoke and said they need to look at ways to cut cost. He said it was his idea to not increase the tax rate for the next 2 years, the motion passed and they are now taking steps to make it happen. He said for example they have closed the transfer station on Sunday's.

Ms. Wood said she commends Mr. Khan for not wanting to raise taxes. She said that is what she strives for so that the taxpayers do not spend additional money. She said the budget this year already includes expenditures for things like closing the transfer station on Sunday's. Mr. Manzi explained how this money if not spent goes into the fund balance which goes back to the taxpayer. Ms. Wood feels they should have looked at ways to cut from the budget next year. She is not saying that the funds should be expended just because it is budgeted. Mr. Manzi said the Board is striving to put additional money into the fund balance.

Mr. Khan said the budget committee members have worked very hard and he is not saying that they haven't. He said many of the members have served for several years. Mr. Khan said they are trying to work with the unions on the healthcare cost. They are looking to establish for any new hires a pay portion of the healthcare cost to be paid by the employee if they do not agree the Board will not accept a new contract.

Ms. Wood made mention of the upcoming meeting on June 12 and the Board attending that meeting. Mr. Manzi said they would discuss this after the meeting.

Mr. Hess said there has been a lot of discussion on the closing of the transfer station on Sunday so they are looking to open for 3 hours on both Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Smith said he would agree for this on a trial basis but he would like an accurate head count as to how many people are actually using it on each day. Mr. Khan said he had a tremendous amount of people come to him about this and he is looking to reopen immediately.

AngelJean asked how many additional hours it would be open. Mr. Manzi said it is open 8-12 on Saturday so this will give a few more hours.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To open the transfer station immediately and have the Town Manager set the hours.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To open the transfer station for 3 hours on Saturday & Sunday.
Second: Raymond Smith
Opposed: Aboul B. Khan

PREVIOUS MINUTES - MAY 5 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND MAY 19 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adopt the minutes of 5/5 public & non-public and 5/19 public & non-public.
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
 Unanimous

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

Mr. Hess read the list of permits (see attached).

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve the permits.
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
 Unanimous

REFUND

Kevin Bleeker - 49 Scott Avenue - \$84.50

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

ABATEMENT/REFUND

Kelly Meile - 35 Farm Lane - \$379.35

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

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Green & Company - Intersection Rocks Road & Marshall Way - \$700
 Green & Company - 1 Marshall Way - \$100
 Green & Company - 3,5,7,9,11,12,14,15,16,17,19&21 Marshall Way - \$400 each address
 David Benoit - 16 A Street - \$50
 David Benoit - 50 B Street - \$50

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign all water applications.
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.

Unanimous

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Green & Company - Marshall Way/Rocks Road - \$1000

Green & Company - 1,3,5,7,9,11,12,14,15,16,17,19&21 Marshall Way
- \$100 each address

Jarrod Patten - 51 Washington Street - \$150

David Benoit - 944 Lafayette Road Lot 16A - \$50

David Benoit - 944 Lafayette Road Lot 50B - \$50

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign all
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. sewer applications.
Unanimous

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Seabrook Beach Village District Building - 210 Ocean Blvd.

Mr. Manzi said this is for the police presence at the beach and is identical to last year's except for the dates. Chief Bitomske thanked the commissioner's for allowing them to be there again this year. He said Officer Deshais will be assigned at the beach again and will mirror what was done last year.

Chief Bitomske mentioned that some of the residents who were parking at the beach were using their ID's for proof. He said that is not allowed and they will be ticketed. He said they should come to the Town Hall to get the placards.

Chief Bitomske advised the Board he would be meeting with the State for the issues on Route 286 and he hopes to have rectified within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Hess read the M.O.U. into the record (see attached).

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

Mr. Hess said there was a memo given to the Board before the meeting on the Walton Road Bridge. He said there would be signs placed and residents will not be allowed to use the cut-through by the Library. Mr. Hess read the memo into the record (see attached). He said Walton Road will be closed on June 10, 2014 for the State to take the bridge down.

Mr. Manzi said there has been some interchange between the State and Jason Janvrin on the accident that occurred and there will be some "no trespassing" signage placed. He said they would

need some time to look at this to see exactly what the D.O.T. is looking for. He said he has not asked or directed Mr. John Starkey to place the signs nor has he spoken directly to the D.O.T.

Paula Wood said she is concerned with the rail trail and said they have them all along the eastern seaboard why is the State closing the Town of Seabrook's. Mr. Hess said he is in agreement but it is the State's land and the Town has no control. Paula Wood commented there was an agreement a few years ago to take the bridge down and urged the Board to look into this. Mr. Manzi said he would.

Dianna Demars asked about NextEra doing work in this area. Mr. Manzi said that work is the Sea Link project if approved. If approved there will be a lot of work and all of this will go away.

Mr. Khan said the Town has not received any notification from the D.O.T. and this should not be brought out in a Selectmen's meeting in case there is misinformation. Mr. Manzi said his conversation with the D.O.T. today had no reference to the rail trail. Mr. Hess said the signs have been delivered to the DPW and that is all he wanted to say. He would like the Town Manager to look into this. Mr. Manzi said he has read the emails between Jason Janvrin and the State and until he is contacted by the State he will not respond.

AMUSEMENT DEVICE LICENSE

The Chop Shop Pub & Grub - 920 Lafayette Road

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

SURPLUS VEHICLE - WATER DEPARTMENT

MOTION: Raymond Smith To declare the vehicle
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. as surplus for the water
Unanimous department.

1 BLIND EXEMPTION

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

EXCAVATION TAX LEVY MAP 11 LOT 2

Mr. Manzi said the memo from the Assessor is to recommend the tax levy with dooamage and he is in agreement.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign the
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. tax levy with dooamage
Unanimous for \$2800.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS - HEALING RAIN MINISTRIES

Mr. Manzi said this was held from the May 5 meeting and he read the memo from the Assessor into the record (see attached).

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve the tax
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. exempt status for
Unanimous Healing Rain Ministries.

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

John Fichera - Section 23 Plot 14

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

DONATION - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sears Hometown & Outlet - \$140

Mr. Hess read the letter into the record (see attached).

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept the donation.
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr.
Unanimous

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Hess said the 4th grade class came in today for a mock selectmen's meeting. They had a lot of questions and it all went well. The Board would like to continue this for next year.

Mr. Khan thanked everyone for attending the Memorial Day parade and thanked everyone for the work that was put into it.

Mr. Hess thanked the DPW for the work they did on the signs at the beach and the Memorial Day festivities.

Paula Wood commented that it is sometimes forgotten there is a closing ceremony after the parade and said it is quite wonderful and hopes more people will attend.

Mr. Manzi said a grant was received to study the affect of climate change and Jason Janvrin attended a meeting with him on this. He said there would be another meeting on July 17 at 6PM at the Library.

Jason Janvrin spoke to the letter he wrote to the D.O.T. in regards to the individual who feel off the bridge. He read the email he received from the State. He said they are looking for a management agreement with the Town before they will open the rail trail. At this time they are closing off access to this area. He is asking the Board and/or the Town Manager to respond to the State and advise them the Town will hold the signs if the highway division wants to come in and install as it is not the Town's responsibility. Mr. Khan doesn't think the Town should respond to something that has not been brought to the Town.

MOTION: Edward J. Hess, Jr. To adjourn the meeting
Second: Raymond Smith at 8:17PM.
Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____