

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 19, 2014

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

10:00AM

Mr. Hess opened the meeting at 10:16AM.

PUBLIC HEARING - FIREWORKS LICENSING FEES

Mr. Hess opened the public hearing at 10:19AM. Mr. Manzi said the fees have not been increased in several years and he is recommending an increase from \$5K to 7500.

Tony Rizzo - Fireworks Over the Border said he has one store and the fees were established for \$5K and said it was done at an Annual Town Meeting. He said the original submission was for \$1K but he felt the Town should get some revenue so he recommended the \$5K. He feels the increase is an exorbitant amount and with the other businesses in Town that do not have the licensing fees he hopes the Board will have some consideration.

Steve Carbone - Atomic Fireworks - says they pay 200 times the amount of Wal-Mart who only pays \$25. He said the stores they operate do not utilize the services that Wal-Mart does. There are now 35 stores in NH; Maine has opened stores and can sell firecrackers and Vermont can sell everything. Seabrook used to be the only town that sold fireworks.

Mr. Khan said the idea when it came up with the Town Manager felt it was a lucrative business and no others could come in to do business in the town. Mr. Khan said the Fire Department does spend a lot of time at those businesses once a year for licensing and to ensure that they meet the state licensing requirements, which is the reason for the increase. He said the fees were established many years ago and they were looking at ways to bring in revenue and this one item has never been looked at.

Tony Rizzo said they could look at other items that could be taxed. He said the \$2500 is a large increase and he barely is making it now.

Steve Carbone said the Fire Department goes to every business or building with a sprinkler system in Town to do the inspection.

Larry Russo said they keep fireworks in containers with a fence around the containers and it has been this way for 20 years.

Mr. Smith thanked all those who spoke and said they brought up a good point about other things to be looked at to increase fees. He requested the Town Manager to look into those.

Mr. Manzi said the Board needs to look at the fire inspections; which is a little more detailed and also those other businesses the individuals mentioned (i.e.: Wal-Mart). He said Wal-Mart paid large amounts of money through exaction fees in order to come to the Town.

Jason Janvrin spoke about the fee study committee and the recommendations that were made. He said he would be willing to help the Town Manager to look at all the fees. Jason said the committee has never been disbanded. He doesn't feel this issue should be looked at today and should be tabled until further review or the committee looks into.

Mr. Khan said they did hear from the committee a few years ago and this was not an item the committee was given to address. This is a license fee and the Board has always set the fee for licensing and/or permits.

<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan	To increase the fee to \$7K and if the fire department needs to go out a 2 nd time an additional fee would be imposed on the business.
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Mr. Khan withdrew this motion.

<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan	To increase the fee from \$5K to \$7K.
Second: Raymond Smith	
Unanimous	

<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan	To have the Town Manager look into charging a fee of \$2500 if the Fire Department goes out for a 2 nd inspection.
Second: Raymond Smith	
Unanimous	

PUBLIC HEARING - TRANSFER STATION FEES

Mr. Hess opened the public hearing at 10:42AM. John Starkey was present for this hearing.

Mr. Manzi said these fees would be established to recoup the money the Town currently pays to get rid of the items; it is not to bring in revenue. He said the only difference in his proposal and Mr. Starkey's is the cost of the electronics but he is good with either one the Board agrees upon.

Mr. Hess said the electronics are going to be an issue to weigh and they would need to get a different type of scale. Mr. Starkey said they would need to get a smaller scale to do this and he didn't feel it would be of concern. He said the revolving account for recycling has over \$100K and the Board could authorize the expenditure of these funds. Mr. Starkey said he was informed that Staples will now take computers up to as many as six a day.

Mr. Khan said he has been speaking about this issue for many years as Seabrook has been a dumping ground for surrounding towns and there was no fee charged. He would like to see a dollar amount rather than per pound for the electronics. The Board discussed a \$10 charge per piece rather than per pound.

Mr. Starkey explained what white good are and said he recommends \$8 per unit and the Town Manager is recommending \$10.

Jason Janvrin said there has been a lot of electronic waste dumped on the rail trail. He said if Staples is taking these items what is it they are getting, could the town be getting this. Mr. Starkey said in order to recycle these items there's a lot of labor involved and the company we utilize gives the Town a good price; he doesn't feel this fee is far off. Mr. Manzi said these companies are restricted as to what they take and this company Mr. Starkey uses takes everything. He said the white goods have Freon and hazardous waste and every Town he knows charges to take these items. Mr. Manzi said some companies do make money off these items but a lot of work is put into the items to get the money and the Town does not have the resources and it would not be cost effective. He said these are arguments used to dissuade the increase of user fees and it is a false argument.

Bob Aucoin asked if this same price would be for contractors. Mr. Manzi said the fees being discussed today does not distinguish between residential and commercial/contractors.

AngelJean said contractors have always paid and it does not change those fees. Mr. Starkey explained how the contractors pay and said they use waste management to get rid of that waste/garbage. He said it is \$87 ton for commercial haulers.

Mr. Starkey explained the items that they are charged for as a commercial hauler.

Mr. Khan asked that the Board table this until the next meeting and make the decision at that meeting; which is a night meeting. Mr. Smith said these are fees to cover a cost to the taxpayer so he feels there is no reason to continue this item.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To change the fee for
Second: Raymond Smith electronics to \$10 per
Unanimous piece.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept all of the
Second: Edward J. Hess, Jr. fees for the transfer
Unanimous station with the amend-
ment on electronics.

Mr. Hess closed the public hearing at 11:15AM.

MEETING - ROBIE BECKMAN - TRANSFER STATION CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

Robie Beckman thanked the Board and Town Manager for getting channel 22 new equipment.

Mr. Beckman said he is here as there are a lot of residents who cannot get to the transfer station through the week as they work. He asked for the cost to run the transfer station on Sunday and Mr. Starkey said it is about \$30K per year or \$600 per week. Mr. Beckman asked if the Board would consider other options to give the residents a chance to use it on a Sunday.

Mr. Hess said they are looking at other options and when they come to an agreement they will notify the public. Mr. Khan said they looked at the days through the week and those shifts are filled with union workers. They would need to get the union to agree to pay those workers on Sunday rather than Monday otherwise it will cost the taxpayers more money. Mr. Manzi further explained the options for switching a Saturday or Sunday and also how the Town is committed to the workers through the union and said this matter is subject to negotiations.

MONTHLY MEETING - WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Curtis Slayton was present for his monthly report (see attached).

Mr. Hess said that if a pipe is replaced or fixed that contains asbestos he would like the Board to be informed so they get a sense of how much it is going to cost. Mr. Slayton said he

would be working with the Town Manager on this so he would be aware of the cost and the employee's safety.

Mr. Khan asked how long it has been since the Board addressed the fees for water. Mr. Slayton said there is no time table for this. Mr. Manzi said they are looking into this and will be bringing it before the Board. Mr. Slayton said they could ask the consultant but last time it cost \$20K and he will need to look at the budget and water usage.

AECOM Contract - Mr. Slayton said this is the contract to search for new water sources. He said this money would come from the construction of the WTP and what is remaining. He said this report will augment what has been done in the past. Mr. Khan said the Town spent over \$100K looking at sources in Pineo Farms and doesn't feel we should be spending more money to look at a different area without seeing the other report. Mr. Manzi said they are looking to tie in the information from the old report into this report.

There was discussion on the different areas the Town has looked into and also areas that have not been researched and the benefits it could have to the town. Mr. Manzi and Mr. Slayton will look into the Hampton Falls area per Mr. Hess' request.

Jason Janvrin said the planning board has a sub-committee looking into the west side of town and working with Towns that surround us to protect the well head area. He said they would be bringing information to the Board at the 2nd meeting in June.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To table this item
Indefinitely.

Mr. Hess said he would like this item addressed as soon as possible and they could hold a special meeting to address it.

Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

PREVIOUS MINUTES APRIL 21 PUBLIC

MOTION: Raymond Smith To adopt the minutes of
Second: Aboul B. Khan 4/21 public.
Unanimous

ABATEMENT

Sandra Cordima - 65 Cynthia Circle - \$228.98
Samuel Patterson - 25 Collins Street - \$595.49

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign both
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatements.
Unanimous

REFUND

Frank Beckman - 42 Causeway Street - \$165.65

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan refund.
Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATION

Constance Faro - 134 Franklin Street - \$100

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan water application.
Unanimous

TAX WARRANT - \$18,522,472

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
Second: Raymond Smith tax warrant.
Unanimous

COMCAST CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Mr. Manzi said this amendment is for the advance payment from Comcast. The upfront payment is \$90K and he is recommending the Board approve.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
Second: Raymond Smith amendment with Comcast.
Unanimous

PETITION TO ALTER CHEVY CHASE ROAD & SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Manzi read the memo into the record (see attached). Mr. Manzi will work out the timeframe and provide a couple of dates to the Board.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To accept the petition
Second: Aboul B. Khan and set a date for a
Unanimous public hearing.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF \$1500 FOR THE KABOOM GRANT BY THE HAMPTON ROTARY CLUB

Mr. Manzi said Lyndsey Hamblet, Sandy Beaudoin, Aboul Khan and himself attended a breakfast set by the Hampton Rotary Club to accept the donation. Mr. Khan said the chairman of the budget committee was also present. Mr. Hess said Lyndsey worked very

hard to get this grant. There is a date to set the playground equipment up and she is asking for volunteers once the date is confirmed.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To accept the donation.
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

BIDS FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE

Mr. Manzi said he is requesting the Board approve an RFP to get proposals for the sidewalk maintenance per the agreement with the State of NH. Mr. Khan said the Town entered into the agreement with the State a few months ago and needs to have this in place. He is requesting that the Town Manager work through the planning board that sidewalks can only be closed temporarily as there is an issue with the sidewalk on Route 107.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To solicit bids for
Second: Raymond Smith sidewalk maintenance.
Unanimous

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To request the Town
Second: Raymond Smith Manager that any
Unanimous approvals for sidewalks
be temporary or other
options be available for
use while construction
is ongoing.

Jason Janvrin asked about sidewalks on Town ways and who would maintain. Mr. Manzi said DPW would still maintain sidewalks on the Town ways as much as they can. Jason Janvrin suggested we obtain two quotes one for the state areas and one for the Town. Mr. Manzi said that would need work with the unions to do that.

Mr. Manzi said he has a request from the school to waive the fee for a roofing project.

MOTION: Raymond Smith To approve waiving the
Second: Aboul B. Khan fee.
Unanimous

Mr. Manzi said the he gave the draft purchasing policy to the Board and he is requesting they review for the next meeting. He said they are trying to achieve the best value for the taxpayers of Seabrook.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Khan said it is the first time with the new system for channel 22 and he thanked the late Vincent Slajak, Richard Dodge, Paula Wood and many others who worked to get this project completed. Mr. Khan said he invited a class from Seabrook School to see how the operation of channel 22 runs and it will be on June 2 at 10AM.

The RPC meeting was held in May in Seabrook and many people attended. The Memorial Day parade is May 25.

Mr. Smith said the parking area at the beach has been painted and the signs still need to be put up. Mr. Hess said he thinks this is going well all residents will have an opportunity to park anywhere.

Mr. Hess said he attended a ribbon cutting at 99 Restaurant for the renovations. He also attended the TEC open house and they will be doing engineering work for the Town and they are located at Hampton Beach casino.

Mr. Manzi asked the Board if they are still considering residents only from 6AM to 6PM. Mr. Smith said a lot of residents have asked the time be extended to 8PM and said he is passing it along to the Board for consideration.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

The signs for residents parking from 6AM to 8PM only in parking area on Route 1A.

Phyllis Farfaras asked about the parade. Mr. Khan said it begins at 9AM here at the Town Hall and goes down Walton Road to South Main Street and ends at Wildwood Cemetery. Services will be held at American Legion on Walton Road.

Phyllis Farfaras asked when the parking would be enforced. Mr. Manzi said it begins at midnight Thursday/Friday morning and the police will be enforcing.

Mr. Hess made mention of what happened in Salisbury and our department did a great job especially the officer that was involved.

Mr. Manzi said Brian Murphy deserves a lot of credit for his work on getting channel 22 up and running as well as Shaylia Marquis who is operating the system today. The system is going to be a lot clearer picture and sound wise.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Raymond Smith
Second: Aboul B. Khan
Motion passed

To go into non-public session at 12:28PM under RSA 91-A: 3, II, (e) negotiations.

Roll call:

Mr. Hess - yes
Mr. Smith - yes
Mr. Khan - yes

Board reconvened in public session at 1:27PM.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Raymond Smith
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting at 1:27PM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____