

TOWN OF SEABROOK

BUDGET MEETING

APRIL 22, 2010

Present: Paula Wood
Peg Weare
Ivan Eaton
Aboul Khan
Albert Abramson
Richard Maguire
Don Hawkins

6:00PM

Mrs. Wood opened the meeting at 6:15PM.

Mrs. Wood welcomed the new member and said that Kathy Cronin would be the school board representative.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 18 & 21, FEBRUARY 9 AND MARCH 25

MOTION: Richard Maguire To adopt the minutes of
Second: Don Hawkins January 18.
Present: Albert Abramson
Motion passed

MOTION: Richard Maguire To adopt the minutes of
Second: Paula Wood January 21.
Present: Albert Abramson
Motion passed

MOTION: Don Hawkins To adopt the minutes of
Second: Paula Wood February 9.
Present: Albert Abramson
Motion passed

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adopt the minutes of
Second: Richard Maguire March 25 with changes.
Abstain: Don Hawkins
Motion passed

AUDIT REPORT - FY2008

Mrs. Wood said the overall report was done well and the finance office was given a lot of compliments.

Mr. Abramson said the ambulance bills that have not been paid were mentioned and a policy needs to be set by the Selectmen as to when they can be written off by the Town.

LETTERS OF INTEREST - VACANT POSITION

Mrs. Wood said there are no criteria by the RSA and the committee has the right to appoint until the next election.

Committee took a 5-minute break at 6:55PM. Committee reconvened at 6:57PM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Ivan Eaton To nominate Paula Wood
Second: Don Hawkins as chairman.
Unanimous

MOTION: Paula Wood To nominate Ivan Eaton
Second: Paul Knowles as vice-chairman.
Unanimous

Next meeting is May 20 at 6PM.

Mrs. Wood commented on the SAU and Hampton withdrawing from the SAU. She would like the representatives to come in to discuss and also to discuss the Honeywell project.

Mrs. Wood mentioned the \$10K that was discussed with the Selectmen. Mr. Khan said they are looking to have the building permit fee waived and the Selectmen asked for paperwork showing what would be covered with the \$10K and they would look at it at the next meeting.

Mrs. Wood read the letter from Easter Seal's thanking the voters for the \$10K.

Mrs. Wood commented about the money that was used for offsetting the tax rate. She said it was reported out at the last meeting from a non-public session of November 16, 2009.

Mr. Eaton said the committee should have an article for legal fees as they always have to depend on the municipal association and would like to keep this in mind for the upcoming season.

Mr. Maguire gave a handout to the members regarding a couple of questions. There was discussion on the questions. He asked for the committee's support or he would take to the Selectmen as a private citizen.

Mr. Khan said he would bring to the Selectmen at the April 28 meeting. He commented that he relies on the Town Manager to be sure they are doing things legally. Mrs. Wood said this raises the question as to what else is done in non-public session. She discussed her opinion on what she believes should happen after a non-public session and that any votes should be reported out

right after the meeting. Mr. Khan agrees it was not done properly and how it happened.

MOTION: Richard Maguire
Second: Paula Wood
Unanimous

To bring the items to the Selectmen as a committee through the representative with a response to come to the committee through the representative.

Mr. Khan said the residents are asking the Selectmen to sharpen their pencils and he is asking the Budget Committee to meet with the Selectmen to establish what they are looking for the budget prior to the season. Mr. Hawkins said he recommends the meeting be held before telling the departments what they are looking for. Mr. Maguire suggested having a night meeting to have open discussions. If the committee is willing he will bring to the Selectmen and invite the committee to attend a future meeting.

Mr. Abramson brought up the incentive program he previously discussed for the employees. Mrs. Wood said it is compensation and would be a discussion for the Selectmen and be voted on by the voters. She advised him to speak with the Selectmen. She said their job is to recommend or not recommend the budget presented to them and they can make cuts when going through the process.

Mr. Eaton said any person can approach the Selectmen as a person but should not be going as a representative of the committee.

Mr. Abramson said they can make a suggestion to the Selectmen as a committee and let it go before the voters to see if it passes.

MOTION: Richard Maguire
Second: Ivan Eaton
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting at 7:38PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38PM.
Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor

Approved and endorsed:

Paula Wood, Chairman

Date: _____