

Kensington Board of Selectman

Minutes

August 22, 2022

Date: August 22, 2022

Place: Kensington Town Hall

Members Present: Joe Pace- Chair, Bob Solomon, Bob Gustafson

Opening:

Mr. Pace opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

No public came before the board.

Public Hearing for one application in Kensington for a Discretionary Preservation Barn Easement located at 178 Drinkwater Road in accordance with RSA 79-D, Historic Barn Tax Incentive Program:

Mr. Pace opened the public hearing for 178 Drinkwater Road Discretionary Preservation Barn Easement. Mr. Pace noted that the board had previously reviewed the application and discussed that the three criteria that needed to be met for the easement were worth 25% each.

MOTION:

Mr. Solomon made a motion to allow a 25% exemption for the barn easement request submitted for 178 Drinkwater Road. Mr. Gustafson seconded, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mrs. Felch passed down the easement request to be signed noting that there will be an easement drafted and once complete, the board will have to sign again.

Mr. Pace closed the public hearing.

Al Brandano, 2 West School Road:

Mr. Brandano addressed the Board of Selectman on various topics dealing with voting machines, town liability, closed investigations, and prior statement of intent. Other comments came from Town Counsel who provided additional information on the same topics. Mr. Brandano provided

a 35-page document to the board and this available for review by the public upon request.

Mr. Pace requested that Mr. Bauer review and address the document provided by Mr. Brandano.

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Scott Cain:

Chief Cain shared that he has ordered the new police cars and they are about 8 to 12 weeks out. He noted to the board and public that there was a recent armed robbery in Exeter by gang members, he added that he is working with Exeter Police to see if they had previously driven through Kensington that night.

Fire Chief Jonathan True:

Chief True shared that the ambulance was out of service for a few days as it was in need of a new water pump. He shared a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new type 3 ambulance. He added that he would like to see the RFP go out as soon as possible.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to accept the request for proposal submitted by Fire Chief True. Mr. Solomon seconded, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Chief True added that he is still waiting on grant money to come in. He noted that the Fire Department has been on various different mutual aid calls in the last few weeks. Chief True added that he had gone around checking all fire ponds and noted that they are still low but is hopeful that the rain this week will help to raise levels.

Emergency Management Director Jonathan True:

Director True shared an update on Covid-19. He explained that the state is now following all CDC recommendations regarding quarantine and testing. He did add that there is a new vaccine being worked on to cover the new strings and variants of Covid. He added that he is able to pick up cases of covid tests that can be provided to the public. He noted that this is a very low cost and is covered by his budget. He added that he also received more PPE from the state.

Director True added that he is reviewing the hazardous mitigation plan with departments to talk about the continuation of plans.

Road Agent Matthew Armstrong:

Mr. Armstrong shared that Moulton Ridge, Brewer Road and Hilliard have been repaved. He noted that he is still waiting to install the gravel for the road shoulders.

He added that a representative from Wayfair communications reached out to him regarding an existing conduit at 5 Palmer Drive. He explained that they are trying to bring Fidium Fiber internet to the community but ran into a blockage in one of the conduits. He added that the location of the conduit is in the easement held by the town. Mr. Armstrong asked if a performance bond was necessary for the work being done? He added that he didn't feel it did but wanted to ensure with the board. The board had no issue with Mr. Armstrong's recommendation as its only 5 foot and that they are only bringing mini excavator to dig the hole.

Tax Collector Carlene Wiggin:

Mrs. Wiggin had nothing new to share with the board.

Building Inspector Gino Rignoli:

Mr. Rignoli had nothing new to report. He added that he does weekly drive by of 62 Wild Pasture Road and is satisfied with the work being done. He noted that currently, final grading is being completed.

Mr. Pace thanked the Rec Committee and other departments and committees for the Old Homes Days event.

MS1:

Mrs. Felch provided the MS1 document to the selectman for review. This is an evaluation of the whole town.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to sign the MS1 document. Mr. Solomon seconded. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Road use permit for King Challenge:

The board reviewed a request to use the roads for a charity race. The board had no issue with the request.

MOTION:

Mr. Solomon made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Gustafson seconded, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0

Generator Estimate:

Emergency Management Director Jonathan True shared that his budget can cover the cost for repairs of the generator. The total costs for repairs totaled \$490.10

Conservation Commission Cabinet:

Mrs. Felch shared that the Conservation Commission is requesting the use of a cabinet to store commission information. Mrs. Felch shared that the cabinet can not be placed in downstairs room as it is locked from the public. Mr. Pace suggested that the cabinet be placed in the main hall instead for their access.

The board had no issue with the request.

Generator Estimate Continued:

Mrs. Felch said that she needed a signature for the generators estimate.

MOTION:

Mr. Solomon made a motion to authorize Mr. Pace to sign and accept the estimate for repairs on the generator by Tri State Generator for \$490.10 Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Solar Exemption:

The board reviewed a solar exemption submitted for 233 South Road.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to approve the solar exemption for 233 South Road. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0

The board signed the corresponding solar exemption.

Mr. Pace announced that he is tabling the discussion on the Intent to Cut Ordinance as well as the discussion for trash stickers until the next meeting.

Appointment of Inspectors of Election:

Mr. Pace recused himself at 7:23 p.m. for discussion on election

MOTION:

Mr. G made a motion to appoint the following people for inspectors of election:

Barbra Perl, Carlene Wiggin, Laurie McGhee, Della Boswell, Jennifer Leonard, Jane Bannister, Jackie Benson, Jean Waldron, Lisa Perrault, Noreen Hall, Sara Belisle, and Sara Hamilton.

Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. Both in favor, the motion passed 2-0-0.

Mr. Pace rejoined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The board signed bills and payroll

Review of Minutes of August 8, 2022:

The board had no corrections to the minutes.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to accept the minutes of August 8 as written.

Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0

Mr. Pace announced that the next meetings are September 12 and September 26. He noted that the September 12th meeting location will have to change as election setup will be occurring that night in the main hall.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting ADJOURNED at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Olsen