

Kensington Board of Selectman
Minutes
October 12, 2022

Date: October 12, 2022

Place: Kensington Town Hall

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

Opening:

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

Public Comment:

No comment was made by the public.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief Jon True: Chief True asked the board to appoint and swear in a new fire fighter, Jason Pool from Exeter, who looking to help out with the Fire and EMS. The board had no issue with appointing Mr. Pool.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to appoint Jason Pool to be a Firefighter /EMT in Kensington NH. Mr. Solomon seconded. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Pace swore in Mr. Pool in order to be a Firefighter and EMT

Chief True: Chief True shared that 152 Drinkwater Road was torn down instead of burned down. He also shared that it is Fire Prevention Week and added that he will be talking to the students at Kensington Elementary School. He added that the Fire Department will be holding an open house on Tuesday October 18, 2022.

Chief True Emergency Management: Chief True shared that the Seabrook Station Summit was held in Kensington a few weeks ago where they discussed the recent event at the Station. He added that they are looking into a better way to notify people of any events. Mr. Pace asked if the report could be posted on the website to allow the public to review it.

Recreation Committee Lili Spinosa: Mrs. Spinosa shared that the Recreation Committee is still going to be doing their pumpkin wall on October 30. She added that Sarah Turcott-Hall will be coming in at next meeting to discuss the Ski Program. Mrs. Spinosa said that she felt the summer program was very successful this year with the work that the Summer Camp Coordinator and Assistant did and asked if the board would be willing to give them a \$1 raise for all the hard work and to secure them for next summer. The board had no issues with the raise.

MOTION:

Mr. Solomon made a motion to give \$1.00 raise to Sarah Quimby and Sarah Hoffmaster for the 2023 summer program. Mr. Gustafson seconded. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0

Mrs. Spinosa added that they are still discussing whether or not they will be doing the holiday stroll and cited increased costs as a concern. Mrs. Felch shared that they have \$5,400.00 left in the budget to spend.

New Business:

Mrs. Felch shared that the fee structure and Selectman's Permit are still being developed and noted that she also has not heard back from legal in regards to the Intent to Cut Ordinance.

Budget Review:

Mrs. Felch shared that there is a 3.07% raise in the overall budget so far but that may change after the review with department heads. She noted that the review with the department heads would be on the week of November 14th.

Other Business:**Health Insurance:**

Mrs. Felch shared that there will be a 11.7% price increase in cost of health insurance. The board signed off on the documents needed.

Town Revaluation:

Mrs. Felch noted that over the last 4 years, they have put away \$6,300 each year, but they still need an extra \$13,800 to cover the additional costs. She noted that this could be done either by warrant article or by being added to the budget. The board was in favor of asking the residents for additional funds via a warrant article as it would help to get the people notified and informed about the reevaluation process.

MOTION:

Mr. Solomon made a motion to allow Mr. Pace to sign on behalf of the board for the Avitar contract for revaluation. Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

The board reviewed and signed the bills and payroll

Review of Minutes:

No corrections were made to the minutes.

MOTION:

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes of September 26, 2022 as written. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Pace noted that the next meeting will be on Monday, October 17, 2022.

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93 **MOTION:**

94 Mr. Gustafson made a motion at 7:10 p.m. to go into nonpublic under NH RSA 91-A:3 II

95 (a). Mr. Solomon seconded. Mr. Pace performed a roll call vote, *Joe Pace- yes, Bob*96 *Solomon- yes, Bob Gustafson- yes.* The motion passed 3-0-0.

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98 **MOTION:**

99 Mr. Gustafson made a motion at 7:52 p.m. to come out of nonpublic under NH RSA 91-

100 A:3 II (a). Mr. Solomon seconded. Mr. Pace performed a roll call vote, *Joe Pace- yes,*101 *Bob Solomon- yes, Bob Gustafson- yes.* The motion passed 3-0-0.

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103 Mrs. Felch noted to the board that she had sent an email out to the Park Trustees about an
104 assessor coming from Primex to review all the town insured buildings. She noted that she
105 didn't have an exact time but was working with Primex and the Trustees to find a time
106 that would work to allow for Primex to do their review.

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108 **MOTION:**

109 Mr. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion.

110 All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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113 Respectfully Submitted,

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115 Colleen Olsen