

## KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19  
MONDAY March 15, 2021 – 6:30pm  
Minutes - DRAFT

In attendance: Bob Solomon, Joe Pace, Bob Gustafson

J. Pace called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. There were 14 participants on the meeting at the start of the call.

B. Gustafson thanked the voters of Kensington for their confidence in him to fulfill the duties and thanked V. Rozier for her service on the Board.

### Public Comment

Hans Rutishauser, 52 Moulton Ridge Rd addressed the Board to express concerns over the automatic trash pickup. After seeing the size options available during election day, he feels the size and potential weight of the containers could be problematic for residents with steep and/or unpaved driveways. He asked the Board to consider these concerns and offer options to residents who may find this new solution difficult. The Board explained there are ongoing conversations with Casella to find a way to best address the concerns Mr. Rutishauser brought up. There was brief discussion on space at 211 South Road for a potential transfer facility.

### DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
  - Both cruisers are in, one is already being outfitted, the other will be here soon.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True reported as follows:
  - Our flagpole at the FD snapped in one of the windstorms. We are talking with the Library about removing a few trees and possibly sharing a new pole.
  - There have been many structure fires in the area- no single cause being shown. There have also been many wind events- wires down, etc.
  - With the snow gone, the ground will dry out quickly and brush fires are already popping up all over the region. These fires start very easy and will move rapidly until things “green up”, so please be alert. Our forestry is in service and ready to go!
  - Our new employees are getting on the job training- two are in EMT school and the others are prepping for Firefighter 1- all have responded on various calls over the past few weeks. At the same time, we say goodbye to FF/EMT Scott McCarthy, who served for many years with the Department. We wish him well in his future endeavors, and a tip of the helmet to Firefighter EMT Tiah Eaton, who is now a Fulltime FF with Seabrook. We are very proud of her and know she will do well.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True reported as follows:
  - Chief True recently attended a NH DES conference that showed we are still in drought conditions even after the snow and rain. He is working with the state to see if we need to implement water restrictions of some type in Town.
  - A couple of members from the FD will be helping to vaccinate SAU 16 teachers (including our own KES) on March 20th.
  - There is an LEOP meeting tomorrow at 4pm on Zoom. Public officials should make an effort to attend.
  - The budget has been submitted to the state for the Emergency Management/Seabrook Station reimbursement- there is a flat rate of \$8500.00, and we have asked for an additional \$7200.00 for training and drills. This budget runs from July 2020 to May 2022.
- Road Manager – David Buxton reported as follows:
  - There have been many phone calls regarding down trees and wires, some of which have been on state roads. Dave asked the Board to support billing either Until or the State for the support on State roads when these events occur. B. Solomon suggested contacting the DOT. Dave will contact DOT District 6.

- John Ricci of Ricci Construction addressed the Board regarding the transfer of Tannery Way. A copy of the deed has been submitted to the town, everything is in order after the Town voted to accept Tannery Way as a town road. Dave stated that everything has been completed and he is comfortable with the paper trail of everything. **At 6:56pm, B. Solomon made a motion to release the bond for Tannery Way to Ricci Construction in the amount of \$12,000 plus interest accrued as of time of release. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.** Dave commended Ricci Construction, stating this has been one of the smoothest turnovers of a subdivision Kensington has had in the last 15 years.
- Dave will get pricing for shingle replacement on the shed at 211 South Rd in addition to pricing to address the loading dock.
- Tri-State Striping reviewed various crosswalks and parking lots, quotes are expected at the next meeting.
- There was brief discussion on road reconstruction. There will be more to report in the future. Dave would like to see if Bell and Flynn would extend their pricing.
- Hez Mercadante asked if there could be “slow down” and speed limit signs placed in the center of Wild Pasture Rd.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin had nothing to report.
- Building Inspector- Norman Giroux reported as follows:
  - Resumes have started to come in for the BI position. Norman suggested that he remain on staff for a 2-week period after his replacement is hired to training purposes and to make for an easier transition.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Interim Sarah Wiggin was not present.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell was not present.
  - Chief True said he has been working with the summer camp to develop a plan. The Board suggested that a member of the Rec Committee attend meetings for updates on summer camp.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- Hez Mercadante reported as follows:
  - The next meeting of the Trust is March 17 at 5:30pm on Zoom.
- KPL – Dana DeLotto reported as follows:
  - The Library will be open for curbside service and by appointment. All the details for the public are available on the website and in the newsletter. Chief True and Library Director Susie Gilbert worked closely on a plan to open by appointment.
  - There was discussion on the septic system at the library.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Board appointments
  - **B. Solomon made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the following Boards/Committees/Commissions: Joan Skewes- ZBA and Conservation Commission, Lili Spinosa- Recreation Committee, Donna Carter- Recreation Committee, Megan Gross- Heritage Commission, Frank Whittemore- Heritage Commission Alternate, Alan Tuthill- Heritage Commission Alternate. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**
- Board Individual responsibilities
  - The Board discussed and reviewed responsibilities and assigned Board members as liaisons.
- Review of Warrant
  - The Board reviewed the Warrant for next steps if necessary.
  - The funds articles are quite simple and the funds will be moved. Kathy said they are working on getting the new accounting system. Chief Cain is working on submitting everything for the body camera replacement. The work at the Grange Hall will still need to be approved by the Board. Kathy will send the Grange Trustees information as the purchasing policy will need to be followed. The Build Out Analysis will be coordinated with the Planning Board. B. Solomon will get in touch with V. Rozier regarding the status. Chief Cain will make a phone call to SAU16 regarding the shed.
- Project Discussion

- The Board discussed the importance of working on reopening plans. Chief True will work with the Board to come up with plans for when case numbers start to decrease. Hybrid models have been requested for meetings.
- The Board discussed the Master Plan and how it is has been addressed historically. The Planning Board would also be involved in reviewing the master plan.
- It was suggested to start looking at a public safety complex as this will be something needed in the future. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- Assessing Office
  - The Board agreed to the Grange Phone Line - \$44.00 per month, required for public safety.
  - Sherwood Abatement- The Board reviewed the formal recommendation to deny the abatement. **At 8:14pm, B. Solomon moved to deny the abatement request for Map 17 Lot 10 Sublot 117 based on Avitar's recommendation. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**
  - The Board reviewed the addendum for Casella. The Board will send this to legal for further review.
  - The Board reviewed a letter announcing changes to the Curbside Collection Program that will be on the town website, Facebook page and Community News. Additional details will be provided in additional correspondence to residents.
- Land of Another-
  - **At 8:22pm, B. Solomon made a motion authorizing J. Pace to sign the Intent to Tax Land of Another for Pamela Welsh. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**
  - **At 8:23pm, B. Solomon made a motion authorizing J. Pace to sign the Intent to Tax Land of Another for Greenland International Campground. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**
- Mosquito control program
  - The first bill arrived today and information was provided to post online for residents. The Board agreed to pay first bill and put the information on the website.

**At 8:25pm, B. Solomon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 1, 2021. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**

**At 8:25pm, B. Solomon made a motion to rescind his immediately prior motion. J. Pace seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson abstained, and J. Pace voted yes.**

**At 8:26pm, B. Solomon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 1, 2021. J. Pace seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson abstained, and J. Pace voted yes.**

**At 8:26pm, B. Solomon made a motion to enter nonpublic under RSA 91:A (b). B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**

**At 8:31pm, B. Solomon made a motion to exit nonpublic session. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**

**At 8:32pm, B. Solomon made a motion to adjourn. B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime