

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY June 21, 2021 – 6:30pm
Minutes – Approved 7/12/2021

In attendance: Bob Solomon, Joe Pace, Bob Gustafson

At 6:30pm, Joe called the meeting to order. This was the first in-person meeting in about 15 months. 4 members of the public were present.

Board of Health:

The Board convened as Board of Health at 6:31pm. J. Pace said he spoke with Chief True regarding CDC and State Guidelines pertaining to COVID-19 and masks. Masks are no longer required, though recommended for those who are unvaccinated. The Board discussed the spacing of the meeting room in the Town Hall. Staff has reported that most people are not wearing masks when entering the Town Hall. **At 6:33pm, B. Solomon made a motion that masks would no longer be required for business and meetings in the Town Hall. B. Gustafson seconded. It was noted that the CDC guidelines should be followed going forward. All voted in favor.**

The Board closed as the Board of Health and reconvened as Board of Selectmen at 6:35pm.

PUBLIC HEARING:

At 6:35pm, J. Pace opened the public hearing for the following:

1. In accordance with RSA 41:9-a to amend the fees for town police details in the Town of Kensington.
2. In accordance with RSA 41:11 and RSA 47:17 to amend the parking ordinance for the town.
3. In accordance with RSA 31:95-b to accept unanticipated funds for 2021.

The unanticipated grant funds total to \$43,043.51 from FEMA and hazardous mitigation grants. There were no questions relative to the funds. **At 6:36pm, B. Gustafson made a motion to accept unanticipated funds as presented. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

Chief Cain presented on the police detail fees. These fees would be outside rates. There is a 4 hour minimum on a non-scheduled detail and on a scheduled detail there is a 6 hour minimum. It was explained that Kensington detail rates are lower than most surrounding towns and the officers are not able to include details in their retirement. **At 6:44pm, B. Solomon made a motion accept the changes to police detail fees as presented. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor. 51**

The Board reviewed the changes to the parking ordinance. **At 6:4pm, B. Gustafson made a motion accept the changes to the Town Parking Ordinance as presented. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

At 6:53pm, the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department – Chief Scott Cain reported as follow:
 - One of the police cruisers that was ordered is on backorder.
 - Chief Cain will start looking at a plan for vehicles for next year. There is talk that police cars are difficult to get right now.

Joe Pace noted that typically meetings begin with the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was done and it was also noted that there was no one from the public who wished to address the Board under public comment.

- Fire Department – Chief Jon True was not present as he was handling a fire in Brentwood.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True was not present as he was handling a fire in Brentwood.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong reported as follows:

- North Rd has been closed by the State while culvert work is completed. The work is ahead of schedule and hopefully the road will reopen by Thursday the 24th
- Roadside mowing has been scheduled through Sewall and Company for the first week in July.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin had nothing to report.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli was not present, but had previously informed the Board there was nothing to report.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin was not present, but had previously informed the Board there was nothing to report.
 - There was brief discussion regarding a meeting key. The Board agreed that there will be a meeting key that can be signed out by the Chair of the Board and then returned to the dropbox so the PD is not relied on for the building to be unlocked.
- Recreation Committee- Not present.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present. B. Gustafson reported that he has been in communication with the Conservation Commission regarding invasive species.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- Hez Mercadante was not present.
- Heritage Commission- B. Gustafson reported there have been some efforts on a downtown revitalization and the Universalist Church.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Beaver update
 - B. Gustafson reported on the ongoing issues with beavers throughout town. Chief True and B. Gustafson have been discussing the possibility of grants to help in remedying the issue. It was suggested a wildlife mitigation fund be created that could be used for beavers but also other wildlife issues that arise. There was discussion on whether this would fall under the Animal Control Officer or Fish and Game. Chief Cain will research this. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
- Invasive Species
 - Parking Lot
 - The Town Hall parking lot has not yet been sprayed. The Conservation Commission has not met yet and Tracey Dagnon from RCC has suggested alternative methods to control the invasive species. Matt Armstrong and Sydnee Goddard will work with B. Solomon. B. Gustafson will discuss the spraying with Bruce Cilley.
 - Salt Shed – The boundary lines were briefly discussed. Boundaries will be provided to Sydnee, Matt, and Bob.
 - Cemetery – The Trustees have a local contractor who will remediate the Japanese knotwood independently for \$500.00. Additionally, the Trustees requested a \$500.00 end of June and a \$500 end of July mowing. The Board had no issue with this.
- Open Air Assembly- Kehm-Wedding October 2021
 - The Board reviewed the permit application but there was not enough information provided. Kathy will reach out for additional information.
- Current use – 12-45-a1,a2,a3
 - The Board reviewed the current use request. **At 7:32pm, B. Solomon made a motion to remove from current use Map 12 Lot 45, A1, A2, A3. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Stone wall repair
 - The Stone wall was anonymously repaired. It is appreciated, but if the individual who repaired could come forward, that would be helpful.
- Landscaping proposals
 - There are still no landscaping proposals. There was discussion regarding simplifying the bid.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Assessing Office – Kathleen Felch
 - PA 28 Form – This form is not used by Kensington, but the Board must sign off on that. **At 7:39pm, B. Gustafson made a motion to not use the PA28 form. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

- Recycling Partnership Agreement – The Board reviewed the Recycling Partnership Agreement. J. Pace and Kathy met with the representative for the recycling last week. **At 7:41pm. B. Solomon made a motion to authorize J. Pace to sign on the Board's behalf for the recycling contract. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.** The Board discussed the deliverables and noted that more information is better. Two quotes printing quotes were provided and reviewed. Kathy will seek more information from the printers.
- The mini-split units are being serviced.
- Beals & Associates provided a response for the septic proposal. The Board requested that this be forwarded to the ZBA and the applicant.

At 7:58pm, B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from June 7, 2021. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the new RPC Circuit Rider Contract. The previous circuit rider, Julie LaBranche is no longer with RPC. The new circuit rider assigned is Glen Greenwood. There are minor changes to the contract to improve billing. **At 8:01pm, B. Gustafson made a motion to conditionally approve the RPC Circuit Rider Contract pursuant to the approval by the Planning Board and further authorize J. Pace to sign on behalf of the Board. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

The next meeting will be Monday July 12, 2021.

At 8:04pm, B. Solomon made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91A, III, (L). B. Gustafson seconded. J. Pace took a roll call vote. B. Solomon voted yes, B. Gustafson voted yes, and J. Pace voted yes.

At 8:11pm, B. Solomon made a motion to exit non-public session. 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 briefly discussed the beaver issue at the fire pond on Drinkwater Road and the removal of water from the fire pond. B. Gustafson explained that the first 1/3 of the pond is privately owned and that removing water from that pond is actually theft.

At 8:15pm, B. Solomon made a motion to adjourn. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime