

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

95 Amesbury Rd

MONDAY July 26, 2021 – 6:30pm

Minutes - DRAFT

In attendance: Bob Solomon, Joe Pace, Bob Gustafson

J. Pace called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
 - The new Watchguard systems have been installed and should be operational by Thursday this week. There has already been ongoing training on the systems for the officers.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - Ambulance 2 was out of service for a few days two weeks ago for mechanical repairs. The cost was under \$300.00.
 - The smoke that we are seeing today and tomorrow is from the fires in Canada and with the heat has created an unhealthy air quality alert with tomorrow being forecast worse than today. Summer camp will likely limit outdoor activities for tomorrow.
 - There is still an ongoing drought.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - LEOP was sent to the Board for their review today. The Board is asked to review for discussion and signatures at the next meeting.
 - There is a meeting with HSEM to review the REP. Once the review is completed that will be sent to the Board for their review. Once finalized, it will be available on the website.
 - There was brief discussion on the American Relief Funds/Local Fiscal Recovery Programs. Chief True believes that it is unlikely Kensington will be able to demonstrate the shortfall of the grant that has already been approved, which these funds would supplement. Chief True may have more information at the next meeting as these programs are just being announced.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong reported as follows:
 - There were significant shoulder washouts on Moulton Ridge, Kimball, and Osgood Roads that have been repaired.
 - The replacement sign for Rose Petal Lane was ordered and installed.
 - RCCD is coming to town for trailer load of rocks and mulch for the smothering project. This is scheduled for July 28.
 - Bell and Flynn will begin work in the next few days. Traffic details have been coordinated with Chief Cain.
 - B. Gustafson asked about the red and blue arrows painted on the roads. It was determined this was from a bicycle race. Painting the roadways would not have been permitted. Kathy will look into which race it may have been.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin was not present.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin was not present.
- Recreation Committee- Lili Spinoso reported as follows:
 - The contract for fireworks for Old Home Day was provided to the Board and Chief True. The total cost of the contract with Atlas Fireworks is \$4500.00. Old Home Day will be modified this year due to COVID-19 and the Recreation Committee is trying to get a band, but will not have games. There would be a BYO picnic with no food served.
 - ***At 6:44pm, B. Solomon made a motion to authorize J. Pace to sign the contract with Atlas Fireworks for a display on 8/14 (rain date 8/15) at 8:30pm on behalf of the Board and to authorize the release of the \$1,500.00 deposit and subsequent release of the \$3,000.00 balance. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

- Summer Camp has been going very well. Tomorrow will be a shortened day due to the air conditions from the smoke
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- No Trustee was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Crows Feet Farm- Adjustment to Concerts-Open Air Assembly permit
 - The Board reviewed the Open Air Assembly permit that was submitted on 3/18/21 for Crows Feet Farm. It was explained that currently the permit requires an officer for events by default. The applicants addressed the Board stating that they are still having events but are seeing a lower turnout (approx. 30-40 attendees) and are requesting that the permit be amended to reflect not requiring an officer unless the crowd size is large enough to need one. It was suggested that the applicants notify Chief Cain by the Thursday morning prior to an event if there will be more than 50 people present. Chief Cain was accepting of the proposed modification.
 - ***At 6:52pm, B. Gustafson made a motion to amend the permit for Crows Feet Farm for police detail as discussed. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.***
 - The applicants provided a brief summary of their future plans for the farm to the Board.
- Seacoast Emergency Response Team-information update
 - There are no updates yet.
- Mowing quotes
 - Two quotes for landscaping have been submitted to the Town. The Board reviewed the quotes from DNA Landscaping (quoted \$200.00 per hour; first mow billed hourly then TBD going forward) and Trific Landscaping (broken out by property which comes out to about \$630.00 per mow, and \$1,500.00 for leaf cleanup work). It was noted that last year, approximately \$17,900 was spent on landscaping. The Board discussed that contractual details could be worked out after the bid was awarded.
 - ***At 7:00pm, B. Solomon made a motion to award the bid to Trific Landscaping for mowing weeding, and lawn care as per the schedule included in the bid. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

OLD BUSINESS:

- Open Air Assembly- Kehm-Wedding October 2021
 - Chief True spoke with the applicant who has agreed to provide documents, but hasn't provided them yet.
- Trustee to be appointed by the board for Sawyer Kensington Trust
 - The Board has received a formal letter of resignation from Hez Mercadante. The Board will now need to appoint someone. It was discussed that the opening should be posted to the Kensington Town Website and Kensington Connects. Anyone interested should contact the Town Hall.
- Park Permit updated
 - Currently there are multiple places to find one of 3 versions of the park permit. B. Solomon will work with Kathy to ensure there is only one version posted to minimize any confusion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed bills, payroll, and mail.

The Board will meet next on August 16 and August 30.

The Board reviewed meeting minutes from July 7, 2021. At 7:14pm, B. Solomon made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2021. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

There was brief discussion regarding the changes to trash/recycling pickup. Kathy is working with Casella to generate a FAQ sheet.

B. Gustafson noted that the rules and laws around the Health Officer position are changing. Currently they are grandfathered but once appointments change, there will be additional training required.

The Board formally recognized and thanked Chelsea Lalime for working as the scribe for the Board for the last several years; this will be her last meeting.

At 7:23pm, B. Solomon made a motion to adjourn. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime