

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
95 Amesbury Road  
MONDAY August 30, 2021 – 6:30pm  
Minutes -Approved 9/13/2021

In attendance: J. Pace, B. Gustafson, B. Solomon

There were no comments from the public.

At 6:35pm J. Pace called the meeting to order.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- Police Department – Chief Scott Cain -
  - Directed patrols and a speed trailer were sent out to give presence to deter speeding on Brewer Road.
  - The SERT contract for 1500 dollars for the rest of the year has been paid.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True
  - Quarter 3 payroll will be submitted Wednesday.
  - The fire department is beginning the process of creating an RFP to get cost estimates to refurbish Engine 3, potentially extending its life up to 10 years. It is a 2003 model with less than 20,000 miles.
  - Fire prevention week is October 3-9, 2021. The department will be doing a virtual Fire Prevention week event this year.
  - Firefighter Chris Hamel will be starting EMT class and Firefighter/EMT Ben Cole will be starting the Firefighter 2 class in the next few weeks. Both classes are a committed investment of time but will help the Department and Town.
  - The fire department has two additional people that are beginning the hiring process- one has completed EMT but has not tested yet.
  - Engines and Forestry will be going out for annual DOT inspections. Hose testing and ladder testing will take place in September.
- Emergency Management – Chief Jon True
  - The REP is still in a holding pattern, the department has not heard back from HSEM. Will be hearing back soon.
  - Any official who wants access to WEBEOC should send Chief Jon True an email before Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. An approximately 1 ½ hour class is to be held near the end of September.
  - The Town is the recipient of the first round of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds grant in the amount of approximately \$110,000. Initially, the use of these funds was very narrow, but have since opened considerably. A summary of the potential use and any proposals that meet the criteria will be submitted for review and approval.
  - Chief True is applying for a grant through the Emergency Rural Healthcare program which is to “advance ideas and solutions to solve regional rural health care problems and to support the long-term sustainability of rural health through developing health care services that offer a blend of behavioral care with other medical services, encouraging rural residents to seek care at their nearest hospitals, supporting health care as an anchor institution in small communities,

and expanding access to telehealth, electronic health data sharing, workforce development, transportation, paramedicine, obstetrics, behavioral health, farmworker health care, and cooperative home care.” This would allow EMTs on hours separate from their duties to take part in tele and paramedicine work to administer care. Chief True stated he thought the grant money could help get training and possibly pay for a new ambulance. Grant money and costs were discussed in regard to the commitments of the grant. B. Solomon asked about the utilization of EMTs for non-emergency needs, however it was explained that this would be separate to emergency units. J. Pace was interested to learn more about the impact that it would have on the department.

- PPE was distributed to the school and the last batch will be picked up on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September for delivery to PD, TH and FD.
- Active cases of Covid have risen in NH. There have been no changes in best practices. 100% cost recovery was extended until the end of the year. Booster shots were discussed. Vaccination van was also requested.

Liability for Covid was discussed for Town locations. An enforcement release was discussed for Covid and rentals. There has been no change for Covid procedures at the Town Offices so far.

- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
  - Replaced bent Kimball Road street sign
  - Replaced stop signs with graffiti on Kimball and Trundle Bed Roads.
  - Cut up disposed down tree on Wild Pasture.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin - No updates from the tax collector.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin was not present.
- Recreation Committee- Donna Carter and Lili Spinosa were present.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- No trustee was present.

J. Pace noted today was the first collection of automated trash. He looks forward to discussion from the public and their experience and welcomes feedback. The public can reach out to the offices at the Town Hall with any challenges that exist. The protocol per discussions with Casella is to wait until November 1<sup>st</sup> to see how the program works and potentially make adjustments after that date.

The Board would like to reach out proactively to the community and asks to please let them know any difficulties they may have. The Board understands that change can be difficult and appreciates everyone’s patience and their willingness to go along with the changes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trustee to be appointed by the board for Sawyer Kensington Trust - There are two candidates that will be interviewed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

***At 7:11pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All voted in favor.***

Additional trash barrels for commercial businesses were discussed. This subject will be discussed at future meetings.

The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

It was noted the Town Budget is upcoming.

There was discussion about the Buildout Analysis in progress in regard to a Capital Improvement Plan and the Town's Master Plan. Updates to the Mater Plan and impact fees were also discussed.

**• Next Meeting Date –Monday September 13 and 27th**

***At 7:31pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. All in favor. The motion passes.***