

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

95 Amesbury Rd

MONDAY October 25, 2021

Minutes – Approved 11/1/2021

Meeting 6:30pm

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

Sarah Turcott of 30 Lamprey Road spoke before the Board stating she would like to open a ski club for Kensington on Thursday evenings at McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester. This would be for children ages 6 and older to participate. She stated that she would like to be able to post under the Recreation Committee on the Town Website with a link for registration. It was explained that there would be no Town funding needed for this group. Ms. Turcott stated she had met with Donna Carter to discuss this proposal. B. Solomon noted that there needed to be a vote from the Recreation Committee. She explained that parents would be driving their children individually. She stated the deadline for committing to the program is October 30th.

At 6:44pm B. Gustafson made a motion to have the Ski Club formed and have Sarah Turcott be Coordinator for the Town with the condition that the Recreation Committee vote to endorse the program and appoint Sarah Turcott as Ski Program Coordinator. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –
 - Spoke with Kathleen regarding lowering speed limits which may require a traffic survey. Chief Cain will continue to look into further details.
 - There was discussion about Asplundh removing a tree on Amesbury Road. A detour will be necessary.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True
 - Chief True is working on budgets, grants, and training.
 - The Fire Department has 2 new potential employees.
 - A meeting was held on the new free software offered by the State, which will help the Fire Department and Building Inspector as the software assists with permits. Chief True will follow up with the Building Inspector in the next couple of weeks.
 - The Fire Department hopes to have an engine at Hoosac Road and Frenches Lane for Halloween as well as an ambulance and the Fire Chief roaming about. The department will be giving out glow sticks and possibly candy.
 - The Fire department would like residents to be aware of children as well as have children be cautious of cars in the road.
 - Halloween times were noted as 4-7pm, Sunday the 31st.

Emergency Management

- WebEOC training took place and was well attended. Please let Chief True know if anyone else is interested.
- A Seabrook Station soft drill will take place on Nov 11th, between 6pm to 8pm at the Town hall.
- Chief True reviewed Covid statistics for the Town of Kensington and the State of NH and current news and protocol relating to Covid and the Town.
- Emergency Management is recommending the third shot for those over 65, healthcare workers and immunocompromised persons.
- Chief True is waiting for legal guidance with some challenges with the ARPA grant and will come back to the Board with any information he receives.

- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
 - Salt quotes and prices were reviewed from Eastern Minerals, Granite State Minerals and Morton Salt. The Town has used Morton Salt before, whose quote was the lowest at \$64.13 per ton. The Road Manager has reserved 320 tons of salt from Morton that will come in split deliveries and is pay as you go. Approximately half of the salt shed is left over from last year. B. Gustafson asked about the condition of the salt shed. The Road Manager noted that there was repair work being done on the loading dock.

At 7:08pm B. Solomon made a motion to accept the bid with Morton Salt for this winter. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:10pm B. Solomon made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the Salt contract. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

- Matthew described that he could reserve 450 tons of sand from Plourde Sand and Gravel at \$17.57 a ton which is pay as you go. There has been a slight increase in the cost of sand.

At 7:11pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the Plourde Sand bid at \$17.57 a ton. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor.

- Bell and Flynn paved Highland Road and will come back and pave road shoulders.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin was not present.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli –
 - Reviewed the number of permits and the status of permitting. He stated that there were a large percentage of applicants not calling for final approval. There was discussion about the permitting process.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle – was not present.
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin was not present.
- Recreation Committee- Donna Carter noted that the Holiday Horse Drawn carts will not be taking place this year. The Committee would like to have the Stroll on Route 150. Chief Cain was in favor. Ms. Carter stated this typically takes place the Sunday after Thanksgiving. She continued that there will be money left over in the budget this year and the Committee would like to have fireworks for New Years. The Recreation Committee may meet Wednesday or Thursday and this as well as the Ski Club will be discussed.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust – There were no trustees present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Skip Heal introduced himself. He explained that he had been asked to look into replacing the Town Hall sign, which is in a state of disrepair. Mr. Heal looked into replacing the sign in place. Different proposals and quotes were discussed. One was from Cassandra Signs in Town and another was from Peabody Signs in Chelmsford. B. Solomon felt that the Heritage Commission should discuss if there are necessary adjustments at this point to the design of the sign. Mr. Heal noted that the Chief True had also discussed with him the possibility of an electronic sign. Proposals and rough quotes were discussed regarding electronic signs. The Board is looking for input from the Heritage Commission. B. Gustafson stated he would be in contact with the Heritage Commission and Mr. Heal.

Mr. Heal also discussed a conversation that he had with Ron Strickland regarding the Legion Hall. Mr. Strickland is the Commander of the American Legion in Kensington and has stated that membership in Town is down to

approximately 4 members. He had discussed with Mr. Heal the possibility of placing the Legion Hall and land for sale and has asked if the Town had any interest in buying it at fair market value. Earnings from the transaction would be put into a trust for the American Legion. J. Pace asked if this would disband post to which Mr. Heal replied that it would. The current state of the property was discussed. The Board will review the information given and will be in contact with Mr. Strickland.

- The Mosquito contract for 2022 was reviewed and will be discussed at future meetings.

There was a surplus from the Health Insurance for the Town.

At 8:05 B. Gustafson made a motion to receive the funds from the Health Insurance in the amount of \$3,259.16. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

- The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

At 8:08pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2021 B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

At 8:10pm B. Solomon made a motion to adjourn. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

• **Next Meeting Dates –**

Monday November 1, 2021 – Regular Meeting of the Board

Tuesday November 2, 2021 – Budget Meeting

Thursday November 4, 2021 – Budget Meeting

Monday November 8, 2021 – Meeting with Sawyer Trust at 5:30pm

Monday November 15, 2021 - Regular Meeting of the Board.