

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

95 Amesbury Rd

MONDAY December 6, 2021

Minutes - DRAFT

Meeting 6:30pm

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

Kelsey Plourde and students from Kensington Elementary spoke to the Board regarding their desire to work with senior citizens to have a socially distant drive-by celebration to meet and give gifts to the seniors at Sawyer Park. The Board liked the idea but noted the students would need permission to use Sawyer Park from the Sawyer Park Trust. Both Police Chief Cain and Fire Chief True were in favor of the event.

Richard Parker of 146 Drinkwater Road spoke of traffic travelling on Drinkwater Road at a rate he felt was in excess of the speed limit. He asked for painted lines or increased police presence to help slow down traffic. J. Pace noted that speed limits were being researched and extra signage may be placed. Chief Cain will talk to the Road Manager and review the street signs. He described current police patrols and presence.

Peter Merrill of North Haverhill Road spoke to address inconsistent signage across Hobbs and Kimball Roads. Road Manager Matthew Armstrong stated he was aware of the issue.

Al Brandano presented a report that he put together for the Board to review. He asked for this report to be made available to the Town. Bob Gustafson stated that he was in favor of making the report available to the public. B. Solomon felt it should be noted that it was from Mr. Brandano and not the Town. Mr. Brandano asked to present signatures for a citizen petition for a warrant article for the March election. Mr. Pace received the petition signatures from Mr. Brandano for the warrant article which he handed to the Town Clerk as is the necessary procedure. Representative J. D. Bernardy of Rockingham District 16 spoke in support of Mr. Brandano's efforts. He felt there is a concern in using voting machines versus hand counted ballots.

J. Pace read an email from Meghan Chan thanking Chief True and Timothy Estes and the many other first responders who arrived for an emergency call she placed for her father. She stated that all involved were kind and thoughtful. J. Pace would like to thank our first responders for the excellent job and hard work they do.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain -
 - Chief Cain would like residents to note that packages are being delivered for the holidays and to be careful with your deliveries.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True -
 - Santa's run took place on Sunday.
 - The Chief noted that 95.59% of the cost of the billable amount from Medicare had been received by the department. He noted this shows the department is doing the paperwork properly and would like to congratulate the department. This revenue can be used in the future possibly for a new ambulance.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –
 - The Seabrook Emergency Management drill will be taking place at the Town Hall from 8:00am to 2:00pm on Thursday December 9th.
 - Current Covid statistics were discussed. New Hampshire has the highest rate in the country currently.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-

- Gravel road shoulders were completed on Highland, Hobbs, and Shaw's Hill Road. Gravel shoulder washouts have been repaired on Trundlebed and Drinkwater Roads.
- 2 loads of road salt have been delivered.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin noted that there was a form for timber tax that needed to be signed.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin –
 - Sarah stated she will review the document from Mr. Bradando for registered voters. She has also ordered dog tags for next year.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell was not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Frank Whittemore of the Grange Trust presented a proposed warrant article for funds for the Grange as well as a proposed budget. There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Whittemore about a future warrant article that would allow the Town to choose to maintain the Grange using the budget or divest the property.
- Frank Whittemore spoke of the design proposal for the Town Hall sign created by the Heritage Commission. The proposed sign would be consistent with architecture and signs in Town such as the Grange, Church and North School. The Heritage Commission would construct the sign at no cost to the Town. Mr. Whittemore also stated the Heritage Commission would like the Town Center registered as a National Historic Landmark.

At 7:16pm B. Gustafson made a motion to move forward with the Heritage Commission proposal on the construction and installation of the new sign. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:19pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the Management Discussion and Analysis and include it in the audit for 2020. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

- Discussion took place of the extra cost of the analysis due to extra hours worked for the analysis. The Town will look to negotiate the costs.

At 7:26pm B. Gustafson made a motion to accept the unanticipated revenue of \$2,173.98. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:27pm B. Solomon made a motion to levy \$581.63 against Map 11 Lo 30-2 in timber tax. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:28pm Bob Solomon made a motion to approve veteran's exemptions for \$500 each for Map 11 lot 33 and Map 15 lot 1. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

At 7:36pm B. Gustafson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 22nd with editorial changes. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:38pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

Next Meeting Dates –December 13, 2021 and December 20, 2021.