

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

95 Amesbury Road

MONDAY February 7, 2022 – 6:30pm

Minutes – Approved 2/21/2022

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

Public Comment

Al Brandano of 2 West School Road approached the Board with materials that were given to the Town to place on record. Mr. Brandano read from a document that was also distributed to the Board and to the Town and requested that the Board vote in approval to ban the use of voting machines in advance of the upcoming Deliberative Session.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain – nothing to report.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True -
 - Chief Jon True recommended Benjamin Cole as Fire Department Lieutenant due to his leadership and mentoring skills and his continued improvement in training since he joined the Department.

At 6:34pm B. Gustafson made a motion to appoint Ben Cole as Lieutenant for the Kensington Fire Department. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

- The Fire Department received the PPE gear dryer which will be put into operation.
- The Fire Chief will be ordering hose soon for Engine 2 and Engine 3.
- The Department will have PPE for the Deliberative Session and will assist Sarah and Harold with any needs.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True -
 - The next Seabrook drill is Wednesday Feb 9, 2022 at around 8:30am. Please let the Chief know if you are unable to attend. There were a few issues in the last drill which have been resolved.
 - The Chief is working on locations for the antennas for the EOC radios. He is looking to put them in the attic and hoping to not need to mount all of them externally.
 - Chief True will be placing an order for some PPE soon, so if any departments need anything, he asks kindly to let him know before March 1, 2022.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong- Nothing to report.
- 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-
 - Jessica Minghella spoke to the Board and would like to recommend Sarah Turcott-Hall as a Member of the Recreation Committee.

At 6:40pm B. Solomon made a motion to appoint Sarah Turcott-Hall as Member of the Recreation Committee through April, 2025. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Minghella explained that there were vacancies at the Summer Camp for Director, Coordinator and counselors. Job descriptions for these vacancies had been modified to bring them up to date, as were salary ranges for those roles, with Exeter salaries being used as a cap. The Recreation Committee is hoping for the return of previous counselors. The dates that the Committee had discussed for Summer Camp were given to the Board for review.

At 6:47pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the job descriptions as presented. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. Minghella noted that the Summer Camp had \$8939.91 dollars in income. J. Pace explained that this money goes into the Recreation Revolving Fund which has a net negative balance of -\$41.52 due to the Recreation Department having a loss of \$-8981.43. Donna Carter spoke and said that she did not feel that it was the fault of the Recreation Department that there was a loss, and that in previous administrations there was not a loss as the Revolving Fund had not paid for maintenance. Kathleen explained that the Town had been incurring the costs of maintenance before, and that in the past there had not been a park. The Board felt that there should be further discussion and the Recreation Committee stated they would review the budget. B. Gustafson noted that spending should be monitored so that the budget doesn't wind up in the negative. B. Gustafson noted that the spending should be monitored so that the numbers don't wind up in the negative. It was felt that the Board needs to keep any eye on expenditures. Ms. Turcott-Hall asked if the rates could be raised without Board approval. The Recreation Committee will perform interviews of candidates and will make recommendations to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fire Chief True discussed his RFP review for the refurbishment of a 2004 HME 1871-SFO custom pumper/Tanker. He described this Engine is a 2004 model with approximately 21,000 miles on it and is in decent shape. He stated that it needs an overhaul as piping is rotted and that it needs a new exhaust. He also noted that the tires are 10 years old. He stated that the cost of a new Engine would be approximately \$700,000 dollars, to which the total for the refurbishment would be approximately \$150,000 for another 10 years of life from the Engine. The RFP will be for per unit item of parts that need to be replaced. The Chief explained that the Fire Department will ask for \$75,000 a year going forward to pay for a new Fire Engine in 10 years. The Fire Department will rotate in Engine 1 as second due until the refurbishment is complete. The opening of the RFPs will be on March 14th, to be reviewed at the March 21st Board meeting.

At 7:18pm B. Gustafson made a motion to accept the RFP as presented. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:21pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the Kensington Investment Policy. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed possible criteria for additional trash carts for residents that have asked for them. Currently there is a maximum of one 95-gallon cart per residence with 4 or greater residents. The Board felt that to obtain an additional cart a resident would need to apply to the Board with justification and carts would be provided at the Board's discretion.

The Board discussed the carts regarding the Congregational Church.

At 7:31pm B. Solomon made a motion to supply 95-gallon trash and recycling carts to the Kensington Congregational Church. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:34pm B. Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign for the Board for the Land of Another. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed the telephone coverage at the park. Wireless was discussed as an option as well as different plan options.

At 7:46pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 24th. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board discussed their actions regarding the recent 91A requests. J. Pace felt the town had complied with the requests to Mr. Brandano to the best of their ability.

The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

At 7:56pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

• Next Meeting Dates –February 21, 2022