

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
95 Amesbury Road
MONDAY March 7, 2022 – 6:30pm
Minutes - DRAFT

In attendance: Bob Solomon, Bob Gustafson

At 6:30pm B. Solomon called the meeting to order.

Public Comment-

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –
 - Chief Cain attended the recent Seabrook Selectmen’s meeting at which they spoke of opening up a shooting range again within 90 days. He explained that they are trying to open it as a 501c sports club with Seabrook leasing the land to the club. He suggested that they find a Kensington resident to be represented in discussion on the range. The Chief also felt that the plan should be presented to the Town of Kensington with policies and procedures. Prior issues with the shooting range were discussed with the Board. The Chief also noted that there will be a Hunter safety class on April 9th with New Hampshire Fish and Game.
 - The Chief stated that a deer was hit early in the morning last week by one of the police cruisers. The Chief wasn’t sure when parts would be in but that it could take a few months. He explained that Primex did the insurance appraisal and the cruiser will go to McFarland Ford to be repaired.
 - The Chief discussed his concern with gas prices and the budget. He explained that if the Department was to go into the default budget it would be \$17,000 short on gas at the current price. Using the proposed budget, the Department would need \$11,400. He offered thoughts on how to cut back costs such as cutting back patrols or distances driven, or to have the cars shut off in the parking lot. He described that shutting the cars off would cause response times to be longer and not having the cruisers present on the roads if they were to shorten patrols. B. Solomon recommended waiting to see how the next few weeks work out. The Board felt that the Chief shouldn’t cut back too much, but that it should be revisited at future meetings.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True –
 - Food will be provided for voting employees.
 - One company did an inspection for Engine 3, expecting the RFP to be returned before March 14th.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –
 - Chief True discussed Covid statistics and explained that the numbers are currently down. He noted that masks are still recommended, and that on EMS and medical calls masks are still required.

At 6:41pm B. Gustafson made a motion to modify criteria to have masks be recommended but not mandatory in town buildings. All voted in favor.

- The next drill will be April 6th.

- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
 - Ordered the last 2 loads of salt for the season.
 - The town has used approximately 250 tons of salt 300 tons of sand.
 - The maintenance budget looks to be on par, at \$87,000 which puts the town in good shape going into winter of 2022.
- Recreation Committee- Sarah Turcott-Hall presented a proposed budget for the Eggstravaganza egg hunt to take place outside of the Elementary School on Saturday April 9th in the morning. If there is inclement weather it will be held inside the school. The proposed cost is \$455.96 which will include toys, stickers, games and crafts.

At 6:45pm B. Gustafson made a motion to accept the Eggstravaganza. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

The Recreation Committee has interviewed and proposed Sara Quimby for the Camp Director role. She has also been interviewed by Sarah Hoffmaster, and has received positive reviews.

At 6:46pm B. Gustafson made a motion to hire Sara Quimby for the Camp Director role. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

Ben Cole addressed the Board as the assistant moderator and gave a report on the ballot testing that had occurred on March 2nd. B. Solomon asked if there were witnesses and Mr. Cole stated there were 2 witnesses for each security step, and that it was photo documented.

The Board discussed who would be present during the election process.

At 6:51pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the intent to excavate application for Map 9 Lot 2. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.

At 6:52 B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the intent to excavate application for Map 6 Lot 11-30. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

At 7:02pm B. Gustafson made a motion to accept the minutes of February 21st. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

At 7:02pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.

- Next Meeting Dates –March 21, 2022