

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
95 Amesbury Road  
MONDAY May 16, 2022 – 6:30pm  
Minutes – Approved 6/6/2022

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

**Public Comment-**

**AGENDA:**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –
  - Received a call from Hampton to Hampton Beach. Hampton called surrounding towns and state police were called from up north. There is a no tolerance policy at Hampton Beach. The Chief put an extra officer on Saturday night.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True
  - No news to report.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –
  - The Chief noted there was a problem with treasury login that has been dealt with.
  - Noted storms in the area.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
  - Followed up and met with abutter to salt shed and property lines were found and delineated.
  - Route 107 will be resurfaced later this year by the state DOT between 150 and Stard Road in Seabrook. 7 to 14 days' notice will be given before the start of paving.
  - Roadside mowing will cost slightly more than budgeted at \$7,250. \$6,800 was budgeted. The Board discussed the budget with the Road Manager.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin-
  - Last week worked on taxes. They were mailed out Friday and due on July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli-
  - The Building Inspector spoke with a landowner of Wild Pasture Road. He noted that engineer Dennis Quintal will be going to the property to delineate wetland areas. Conservation Commission Chair Pam Holland said she has an email in to the DES for a formal request to look at the property. Gino is waiting to hear back from the Forestry department, and noted that all cutting is done and that he had placed signs on the trees. He noted that he had difficulty determining the wetland buffer because it had not been delineated. J. Pace noted this was the first time the Town has had a code enforcement officer, which allows them to respond more quickly. B. Gustafson felt they should have delineated the land before cutting. There was discussion about the delineation of the buffer. J. Pace noted that it would have to be someone's responsibility to ensure that lines are properly marked. B. Gustafson felt that the engineer should be accountable. There was discussion about the whose responsibility it was. The Building Inspector noted there should be a review of the site before work. Pam Holland felt it was the

responsibility of the owner. It was noted that harvesting is allowable but clearing is not. There was discussion about what required delineation. The Building Inspector noted that it was up to the state to remediate. It was noted that this assumes there was a violation. There was discussion about the intent to cut form, which the Town sees first and then is sent to the state. B. Gustafson noted that the Conservation Commission is an advisory board and can't take any legal action. J. Pace noted the Select Board is charged with enforcement of ordinance and can appoint individual to which decisions can be appealed to the Board.

- Recreation Committee- Sarah Turcott-Hall -

- Extended offers to approve to finalize hiring 3 counselors and 4 CITs and reviewing a few more. J. Pace noted that the Camp Director had power to make these hires.
- Ms. Turcott Hall described a partnership with the Conservation Commission to have a trail run and family fun run. She noted that Courtney Preneta has done work with this event and has met with both Chiefs. Ms. Preneta noted that in the past Old Home Day had a road race that left from Sawyer Park. She would like to have a run that used the trails, one short course would be about 2 miles with a longer run of about 4.7 miles into the trails up into Hoosac Hill through Dearborn and back to Sawyer Park. Registration costs would cover safety, and any excess funds would be to benefit the Conservation Commission. She hoped this would let residents see the trails. J. Pace asked if they had the liability waiver form that could be part of the registration process. The companies that would manage time and registration were discussed. Registration would be managed online. Payments were discussed regarding how the Town would cut checks. B. Gustafson asked about liability if there was an injury. B. Solomon asked about what happens if someone gets injured out in the woods. The Fire Chief explained there would be a gator in the woods as well as EMTs. J. Pace asked for a budget for the event. Ms. Hall spoke of how to manage inventory items. There was discussion about budget and approval. J. Pace noted that he wanted to be consistent with the approach of funding the Recreation committee. He noted that they like to see the breakdown ahead of time. The Board discussed this event falling under Old Home Day.

**At 7:17pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the trail race as part of Old Home Day within the already approved budget. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Elaine Kaczmarek described to the Board that she owns house next to the Grange Hall and is looking to sell that property in approximately 2 years, which has approximately 7 acres running along the cemetery. She explained she would like to donate a small portion behind the Grange to the Town and was asking the Board if they were in agreement. B. Solomon asked how much land, and Ms. Kaczmarek stated it may be enough for a parking lot. The area was described. The Board discussed the funding of the Grange and a possible upcoming warrant article for ongoing maintenance. If it were not to pass the town might divest of the grange. J. Pace noted going to the Town to ask what the residents feel. He wanted to be transparent about the fact the grange is an expense that requires warrants each year. B. Solomon felt it would be good for the long term to find out what residents want.

Ms. Kaczmarek asked about trails. She described a trail from the cemetery that cuts over to Sawyer Park on her land. She asked about liability of the trail.

Grange Trustee Holly McCann noted the Grange Trustees have talked about after the warrant article talked about other options such as a 501c3 opportunity for the grange trustees to sit with the Board and have a discussion. She noted the lack of parking as being an issue keeping the grange from functioning the way that it should. B. Solomon asked if the Board had decided if this was a definite to put a warrant regarding town funding.

Resident Claire Mattin noted there was a contra dance on Saturday nights once a month in years past where a small fee had been paid to the town. The dance took responsibility for the floor, and there would be no street shoes or alcohol with approximately 40 people attending. They would need access to the bathrooms. J. Pace noted that the floors have been redone and had been cautioned that the floor cannot be redone. Ms. Mattin noted that the floor can be buffed after each use. Ms. Mattin felt that people should see it and use the Town Hall. The Fire Chief noted that the maximum occupancy was 145 people. Chief Cain noted that lights may have to be put out at night and explained the server room would need to be locked. J. Pace asked if the floor company could assess the status of the floor and get their opinion on this sort of activity. Ms. Mattin will reach out in July after more information is gathered.

Holly McCann explained there was a permit request for June 11<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm for a high school graduation with a 55-person maximum. She explained there would be no cooking and would be catering. She noted the Grange Trustees recommended this for approval and Kathy noted that the insurance has been approved. J. Pace explained that if there is alcohol involved at Town properties the Police Chief should be notified for record. Parking at the school was discussed. The chief noted that it was the applicant's determination to have a detail.

**At 8:00pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the permit for the grange for the high school graduation. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

Noreen Hall represented Kensington high school seniors looking to hang banners on telephone poles in town. Kathy sent a list of poles used 2 years ago. Curtis Tree Services offered to donate their time to hang the banners.

**At 8:03pm B. Solomon made a motion approve the hanging of senior banners. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

Ms. Hall noted that she lives on Stumpfield Road and that she felt people are driving too fast around curves there. Chief Cain noted that the town is conducting road surveys. He explained that signs are up to the Road Manager.

J. Pace noted that the librarian had a personal loss and extended the Board's sympathies. He discussed coverage for bereavement leave and possible budget overruns. J. Pace would like to get a sense from the library trustees of cost so moving forward it could show on the budget. He asked if there was anything that was needed to operate for the next couple of weeks. Ms. Delotto noted she wanted to keep the operating hours up and was just looking for the support of the Board. J. Pace noted that if the hours need to shift somewhat it was ok.

The Fire Chief discussed a Locality Equipment Matching Availability Grant that was in addition to ARPA grant. This would be to acquire a Kubota UTV with a forestry trailer and tracks and includes medical equipment. The

total grant is for \$49,721 dollars with request of \$42,798 making the department share \$6,923. A company in town will donate the med bed.

**At 8:21pm B. Gustafson made a motion to allow the Chair to sign the grant for the UTV and EMT and forestry trailer and associated equipment to assist in coverage of the trail system. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

The Board noted that Juneteenth was added as a federal holiday. The employee handbook lists the federal holidays. J. Pace noted that Juneteenth should be updated in the handbook. Holiday pay was discussed regarding the library and holidays falling on a Monday.

**At 8:27pm B. Gustafson made a motion to update the handbook to reflect all federal holidays including Juneteenth. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

J. Pace stated that he had communicated with Principal Becky Rule from KES that the school would like to include the town in the KES Memorial Day service. They have invited the community to come to the school. J. Pace will reach out to Principal Rule and the Fire Chief. It will be an event at the school that will take place outside for the community.

The Board discussed a permit for a bike road race on June 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. Chief Cain noted the group can't mark the roads and has asked for 2 details and will be travelling down multiple roads.

**At 8:31pm B. Solomon to approve the permit for the Alzheimer's Association - Ride to End ALZ on June 4<sup>th</sup>. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

**At 8:33pm B. Solomon made a motion to appoint Marty Silvia as a Full member of the Planning Board with term expiring April 2024. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

Cameras in the Town Hall were discussed. This would ensure the safety of those that work in the Town Hall.

The Board discussed requests for additional barrels. This would be a second 65-gallon trash barrel.

**At 8:44pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the Automated Curbside Collection of Trash and Recycle Additional Cart Registration for 240 Amesbury Road. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

The Board discussed 91A requests.

The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

**At 9:01pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

**• Next Meeting Dates –June 6, 2022- set second meeting in June**

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Clarke