TOWN OF KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING Kensington Town Hall 95 Amesbury Road Kensington, NH 03833 MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024 Minutes - Draft **6:30 PM**

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Joe Pace (Chairperson), Bob Solomon (member), Bob Gustafson (member), and Kathy Felch (Town Administrator).

Public Comment-

Heritage Commission- Lynne Monroe- Discussion on National Registry

L. Monroe explained that the Heritage Commission has decided to delay the process to give the Selectboard an opportunity to comment, and that letters to the public will be reissued. J. Pace suggested that, given the small number of residents who live in the proposed historical district, letters could be addressed individually to them. He also suggested making use of social media. The board expressed their appreciation for the Heritage Commission's diligence and deliberate approach to give the process more time to allow the public to understand the proposal better.

Septic Waiver – 15 Shaws Hill Rd.

Jason Robidoux of Septic Designs of New Hampshire (representing the residents) explained that he is seeking a waiver for septic setbacks, as well a waiver for the 4' separation from the water table. J. Robidoux stated that the new septic system will be installed at the same approximate location as the old, failing system, and highlighted that the original system was installed before septic requirements were added to the zoning ordinance.

J. Pace opined that given that information, the property is essentially grandfathered for septic being built in the same location. J. Robidoux also mentioned that the abutters have no issues with the new septic.

B. Gustafson said that the new system seems to be a major improvement over the old one.

B. Solomon asked about newer septic systems growing in size from old ones. J. Robidoux explained that the state has been increasing the size of septic footprints, giving newer systems a longer lifespan.

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned to grant the waivers as presented. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor.

AGENDA:

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

• BOARD TO REVIEW THE HERITAGE COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR A KENSINGTON CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT

*See comments from the Heritage Commission chair at the beginning of the minutes.

REVIEW LETTER FROM EBI CONSULTING ON MOULTON RIDGE ROAD TOWER PROJECT

K. Felch stated that the town had received a letter was received asking for the town's comments on the potential historical nature of the area of the project and stated that legal counsel responded that there was no obligation for the town to respond. However, the chair of the heritage commission did draft and send a response to EBI.

• LETTER TO THE TOWN ON HODGES CONSERVATION PROPERTY – N. DEBOISBRIAND

The Board discussed a letter the town had received from Norman DeBoisbriand of 26 Moulton Ridge Rd. The letter expressed concerns with a public trail abutting his property and recent significant flooding due to heavy precipitation along with beaver activity in the area. Mr. DeBoisbriand was not present. The board discussed the options to enhance the safety of the trail and stated that a conversation between Mr. DeBoisbriand and the board would be prudent.

Town Administrator:

Kathleen Felch-

• Land of Another- 217 N Haverhill Road and 94 Amesbury Road

K. Felch presented two Notices of Intent to Tax Personal Property on Land of Another. J. Pace entertained a motion to authorize the chairperson to sign the letters on behalf of the Selectboard.

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to allow the chair to sign notice of intent to tax personal property on land of another for Greenland International Campground, 17 N. Haverhill Rd, Kensington, NH, and Pamela Welsh, Successor Trustee, for 94 Amesbury Rd. B. Solomon Seconded. All in favor.

• Electric Inspector appointment and Interim Inspector appointment

The board discussed the appointment of the electrical inspector and interim electrical inspector. Gino Rignoli (Building Inspector) suggested that rather than appointing him interim electrical inspector while Bob Fee (Electrical Inspector) is out of the state, the board might consider appointing him as the assistant or deputy electrical inspector to mitigate a gap in staffing in the future without having to re-appoint an interim electrical inspector.

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned to appoint Bob Fee to the position of electrical inspector for the town of Kensington, NH through April 2025. B. Gustafson second3ed. All in favor.

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned to appoint Gino Rignoli to the position of assistant electrical inspector for the town of Kensington, NH through April 2025. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor.

• Gravel Intent for Felch 9-2

K. Felch presented a request to excavate to the board.

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to sign the intent to excavate for Map 9, Lot 2. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor.

• Town Audit engagement Letter

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to allow the chairperson to sign the engagement letter for the town audit on behalf of the board. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor.

• Any other business brought before the Board

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to approve the permit for the ALS ride for Saturday, June 22, 2024. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor.

• NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA91A:3, II (I)-2

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned to enter a non-public session under RSA 91A:3, II(I)-2, L & C. B. Gustafson seconded. Roll Call vote: B. Solomon, yes; B. Gustafson, yes; J. Pace, yes.

The Board entered a non-public session at 7:25pm.

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to exit the non-public session. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor.

The board returned from non-public session at 8:24.

• Adjournment

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to adjourn the meeting. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Next meeting in February will be Monday February 26th.

Respectfully submitted,

Owen Corcoran Land Use Administrative Assistant

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