

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY August 5, 2019 – 6:30pm
Minutes - DRAFT

In Attendance: Joe Pace, Vanessa Rozier

Absent: Peter Graves

At 6:30pm, Joe opened the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening of Road Reconstruction Bids: Two bids were submitted:

1. R&D Paving of Franklin, NH – \$336,320.00 total
2. Brox Industries of Dracut, MA – \$340,000.00 total

Joe suggested sharing these with the Road Manager and asking for a recommendation.

Dave suggested having a meeting with R&D Paving to work numbers and quantities in order to get Kimball, Towle Hill, and Wild Pasture Rd completed. Dave suggested talking about Kimball road as he doesn't feel that it is a \$60,000.000 job. Joe suggested that Vanessa and Dave work together for a recommendation. Dave suggested contacting other vendors. That is acceptable to the Board as long as the bidders have the opportunity to match any lesser pricing that is provided. At this point, Wild Pasture is a higher priority than Drinkwater Rd. There was a brief discussion on what the road maintenance plan for next year is. **At 6:57pm, Vanessa made a motion to remit the bid to the Road Manager and authorize Vanessa to work with Dave to make a recommendation for the meeting of the 12th. Joe seconded. All voted in favor.**

Recreation Committee: Lili Spinosa and Jen Kirby-Macek explained to the Board that they would like to be able to present to camp counselors who are invited back for next summer an Intent to Return form. There was a draft provided that the Board reviewed. Joe clarified that this would not be contractual and would not obligate the employee or town. Background checks would still be required each year. **At 7:03pm, Vanessa made a motion to accept the Kensington Recreation and Social Committee Intent to Return Form for 2020. Joe seconded.** There was additional discussion between the Board and the Recreation Committee on the wording of the form and ensuring it is understood by all parties that this is a provisional offer that would be finalized by the board in the spring. It was decided that the Board will review the form before the end of camp at the end of next week and it could be emailed to anyone no longer at camp. **At 7:13pm Vanessa withdrew her motion and Joe withdrew his second.** This will be an agenda item for August 12th.

Discussion of Town Details & Rates: The Board invited both Road Manager Dave Buxton and Police Chief Cain to present their opinions and research on town police details and rates. Dave presented first and explained that he has researched 12 towns for their policies on details. He found that none of those towns have a policy of when/why a detail is needed, but they do have a rate set. Dave said that if he can detour traffic, he would rather that and he doesn't feel he needs a police officer every time. Dave said that typically, dealing directly, the cost for a traffic detail is \$22.00 per hour for a flagger. He said that if he is required to have an officer for details, he wants to be sure that they are to be out of the vehicle, have a double-sided stop/slow sign and not be on the telephone.

Chief Cain said his first priority is safety and he doesn't think that a savings of \$18.00 an hour is worth it to not have a police detail if one is needed. He explained that there is a service issue in Kensington where portable radios don't work and phones don't work. There have been accidents even with details in place. Chief Cain said that the officers on a detail can have earpieces in and can be listening to music but cannot be texting. There was clarification on the set town detail rates when officers from other agencies cover the town details. There was discussion between the Board, Chief Cain, and Road Manager Dave Buxton as to when a traffic detail would be required. Chief Cain suggested that there be a policy of a pre-construction meeting to include himself, Chief True, the Selectboard, and Dave to determine on a case by case basis if a detail is required. Vanessa suggested discussing when a detail is needed and creating standards for under what circumstances a detail is required. Chief Cain said he feels that if the premeetings he suggested occur, it could be

addressed then and reiterated that anytime traffic is rerouted, there should be a premeeting. It was agreed by all that setting the town detail rate at \$40.00 was acceptable. Following any additional negotiations for the 2019 road maintenance, a preconstruction meeting will occur. The Selectman Meeting on the 26th will include a reading to set the \$40.00 detail fee. The intent is to award the bid on August 12. After that is awarded, the preconstruction detail meeting can occur. Then this winter a SOP will be developed that is a communication process between the Selectman, Police Chief, and Road Manager.

Chief Cain informed the Board that there was a permit pulled for the town park that is for a party 70 people. Though there is an ordinance in town that requires a detail for 100 people or more, Chief Cain feels that because alcohol will be served, there should be a police detail required as this is on town property and there are potential liabilities for the town. He feels that with adult softball going on, there should be rules and guidelines as to what is permitted. There needs to be a conversation between the Sawyer Park Trust, the Board of Selectman, and Chief Cain.

Road Manager Dave Buxton said that the drainage culvert on Moulton Ridge Rd was completed this week and the issue has been remedied.

At 7:59pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22nd 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting. Joe seconded. All voted in favor. There was a posted meeting that did not occur on July 16th, therefore there are no minutes.

At 8:03pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Map 11 Lot 41-6. Joe seconded. All voted in favor.

The Board reviewed the abatement for the camper that was registered in MA. Avitar did not see the sticker. **At 8:07pm, Vanessa made a motion to abate the taxes for Map 17 Lot 10 subplot 104 for the year 2019. Joe seconded. All voted in favor.**

Town Clerk VPN- This morning Carol was not able to get to the state computer system due to a VPN issue. This is currently being addressed and after IT assesses the situation tonight, they will provide more detail as to how long the Town Clerk will be down for.

The Board reviewed and signed bills.

At 8:12pm, Vanessa made a motion to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(A) and RSA 91-A:3, II(L). Joe took a roll call vote: Vanessa yes, Joe yes. The Board entered into Non-Public Session at 8:12pm.

At 9:23pm, Vanessa made a motion to exit nonpublic session. Joe seconded. All voted in favor.

At 9:23pm, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn. Joe seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime