

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY January 20, 2020 – 6:30pm
Minutes – APPROVED FEBRUARY 17, 2020

In attendance: Peter Grave, Joe Pace, Vanessa Rozier

At 6:31pm, Joe called the meeting to order.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

- Steve Wilson of 42 Stumpfield Rd explained his concerns regarding neighbors that have been going for a variance in an attempt to turn a shed into a home to the BOS. Mr. Wilson summarized the situation and stated that the neighbors have recently filed a new application for a variance to have an ADU larger than 900 square feet. Mr. Wilson asked the BOS questions regarding the standard procedures, zoning, and the Planning Board's role. Joe stated that this is a pending case with the ZBA and the BOS will not comment on cases that are pending. Vanessa will keep in touch with Mr. Wilson and he will be made aware of any decisions made by the ZBA. Mr. Wilson felt that the neighbors continuously going after loopholes in zoning is ingenuine. There was brief discussion regarding a previous situation, which has been litigated.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department – Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
 - There was a coyote that was an issue in town today that attacked several people at different times. NH Fish & Game currently has the deceased coyote and will be testing it for Rabies. Everyone who came into contact with the coyote has been treated for Rabies.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - The FD finished the year with a record 216 runs. As of today, there have been 14 runs in 2020.
 - Tomorrow night the FD will take part in ice rescue training with Hampton Falls Fire in Taylor River.
 - Chief True will be attending a grant writing class in the coming days.
 - January 25th, the FD will assist South Hampton with their Christmas Tree burning.
 - January 30th, the FD will host a Christmas Tree burn at KES. Please contact KES if you have a tree you'd like to get rid of.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True
 - February 3rd there will be a safety committee meeting immediately prior to this meeting.
- Road Manager – David Buxton reported as follows:
 - The logging at Kensington Farms has been looked at and it was determined that the loggers are abiding by he agreement. There is a delicate spot in the road that is being monitored.
 - Dave will be out of town from February 2-February 8. While Dave is away, there are others that will be addressing any major issues.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin had nothing to report
- Building Inspector- Norman Giroux was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Carol Beers Witherell had nothing to report but was present for any discussion on elections.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell was not present.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- Hez Mercadante was not present.

No other Department Heads were present (Kensington School Board, Trail Committee, RPC, Heritage Commission)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Signing of the Warrant for March Election 2020
 - The BOS is compelled to vote on a recommendation on any warrant article where there is money involved.
 - **At 7:01pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 3. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**
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- At 7:04pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 7. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:04pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 8. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:06pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 9. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:06pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 10. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:07pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 11. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:08pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 12. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- There was discussion as to what language can be used to explain articles and if any definitions can be provided to voters on the ballot.
- At 7:14pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 13. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:14pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 14. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- At 7:15pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 15. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.
- There was discussion on how the funds could be dispersed as well as what the role of the Heritage Commission is.
- At 7:23pm, Peter made a motion to support Article 16. Vanessa seconded. All voted in favor.
- It was explained that petition articles that involved money also require a vote on BOS recommendation.
- The Board asked Chief Cain if he worked with the original petitioner to select the decimeter, which Chief Cain confirmed. Chief Cain discussed the initial training and that if the PD has this tool, they would have the ability to enforce the Noise Ordinance. Chief Cain stated that noise ordinance complaints are often motorcycle and car exhausts. Peter asked Chief Cain if he thinks the tool would receive much use. Chief Cain said that is difficult to answer but it would likely not be used unless there were complaints. Chief Cain explained how the decimeter would work. After discussion between the BOS and Chief Cain, the general feeling was that while it provides a benefit to the town to have the tool, it also could be a liability. **At 7:32pm, Peter made a motion to not support Article 17. Vanessa seconded. All voted in favor.**
- At 7:34pm, Vanessa made a motion to support Article 18. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.

Town Moderator Harold Bragg discussed the Deliberative Session with the BOS. The Board reviewed and signed the warrant and determined who would answer questions during the Deliberative Session.

- Budget MS 636 2020
 - The Board reviewed the 2020 MS 636. **At 7:58pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the 2020 MS 636. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Default Budget MS-DTB 2020
 - The Board signed the 2020 MS-DTB, which was reviewed at the last meeting.

At 7:47pm, the Board took a brief recess. The Board reconvened at 7:51pm.

Domestic Partner Rider for Insurance

- The Board reviewed a Domestic Partner Insurance rider. **At 7:53pm, Vanessa made a motion to authorize Kathy Felch to sign the domestic partner rider and to add the option to the insurance plan. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**

Building Inspector Position

- The job posting has been put on Kensington Connects. Vanessa will continue to work on this.

Letter of support from library

- The Board reviewed a letter of support regarding the library becoming registered to the registry of historical buildings.

Town Report

- The Board will discuss the Selectman's Report for the Town Report at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Snow Plowing for town/discussion with school – Topic was not discussed at this meeting.

All Department Permit – Topic was not discussed at this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Assessing Office – Kathleen Felch

1. The Board will revisit the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District agreement at a future meeting.
2. The Board signed the PA35 for a veteran's tax credit that was already approved.
3. There was brief discussion on the cemetery. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

At 8:14pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the minutes from January 9th. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.

At 8:14pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the minutes from January 15th. Joe seconded. Peter abstained. Vanessa and Joe voted in favor.

February 11th is the Presidential Primary.

The next meetings will be February 3rd and February 17th.

Deliberative Session at Kensington Elementary School February 5, 2020 @ 6:30pm

At 8:20pm, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime