

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

MONDAY February 1, 2021 – 6:30pm

Minutes - DRAFT

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:32. There were 11 participants on the meeting at the start of the call.

Matt from Geosphere addressed the Board. After evaluating progress made thus far with other towns, Geosphere suggests postponing Kensington's further consideration of involvement in the program until the next cycle in 2023. Geosphere would still submit a final copy of the report from this cycle to Kensington regardless of participation. The Board is comfortable waiting until the next cycle in 2023.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
 - An undercover vehicle has been purchased and will be kept off site.
 - Officer Wlasuk's background check is moving quickly. Chief Cain expects it to be a long process to find a replacement.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - The FD is prepared for tonight's storm.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True
 - Grant notebooks have been submitted to Kathy for the auditors.
 - The second electronic sign has been delivered. There will be a grant submitted for that as well.
 - There will be a EOP meeting on February 10th. Joe will attend on behalf of the Board.
- Road Manager – David Buxton reported as follows:
 - Dave will attend the Deliberative Session. If there is any concern about the condition of the parking lots for the Deliberative Session, the Board can let him know.
 - There was a request for logging at the property at the end of Kady Lane. The logging is expected to take about 3 weeks and occur during the month of February. A bank letter was presented ensuring roads could be repaired by the applicant if damaged.
 - The roads crew will be out tonight for plowing and snow removal.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin reported as follows:
 - The annual tax lien period is coming up and a new title researcher is needed prior to April. Carlene is aware of two companies and will be approaching them.
- Building Inspector- Norman Giroux was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Interim Sarah Wiggin reported as follows:
 - The Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday February 3, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Talbot Gym at 30 Linden Street in Exeter.
 - Ballot testing will be on March 1, 2021.
 - A candidates' forum is in the works. There will be more updates to follow.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell was not present.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- Hez Mercadante reported as follows:
 - There is fireworks debris on Field C from the NYE fireworks. This has been mentioned to the Recreation Committee although with the snow coming tonight, a cleanup has not been planned.
 - The Trust asked the Board for an update regarding Summer Camp. The Board does not have an update from the Recreation Committee as to plans for Summer Camp.
 - The next Sawyer Kensington Trust meeting will be February 17, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Assessing Office – Kathleen Felch reported as follows:
 - Cycle the Seacoast- America Lung Association
 - The Board reviewed the permit request from American Lung Association. The permit has been reviewed by Department Heads. **At 6:58pm, Bob made a motion to grant the permit to the American Lung Association for Cycle the Seacoast on May 2, 2021. Vanessa seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.**
 - Otis Elevator
 - The Town was offered a 5% discount from Otis Elevator to resign a service contract. The Board agreed the contract should be renewed.

At 7:02pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve minutes from the following meetings: November 16, 23, 30, 2020, December 21, 29, 2020, and January 4, 13, 18, 2021. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.

The next meeting will be February 15, 2021. There will be further discussion about trash and recycling pickup at the March 1, 2021 meeting.

At 7:08pm, Vanessa made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA91A:3, II (a,b). Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.

At 7:22pm, Vanessa made a motion to exit non-public session. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.

At 7:22pm, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime