

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
KENSINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
122 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
TUESDAY
AUGUST 9, 2016
Meeting Minutes
6:00 pm
Draft- subject to board review**

In attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Robert Wadleigh, Peter Merrill, Christopher Batchelder

- Norman opened the meeting at 6:02pm.

WORK SESSION:

Recycling and Disposal

Norman and Chris drove around town this morning to see what is happening in town with the recycling and trash. There were multiple residences with violations on the trash barrel size and the recycling specifications.

Some noted were:

- 64 gallon barrels being used for trash, when 32 gallons is the maximum.
- Stickers on the tops of the barrel instead of on the bags, each bag needs a sticker.
- No shredded material, recycled paper must be over 2" in size
- Clearly mark the recycling and the trash, not in large piles; they go on different trucks
- 32 gallon barrels for recycling is okay, as long as the weight is not excessive
- Overweight; excessive amounts of boxes at end of driveway
- Non recyclable items in recycling; ex: dirty diapers/compost; added cost to town/not accepted at plant
- Wood and building materials in bags
- Commercial businesses with excessive trash and recycling
- Recycling in 32 gallon barrels is okay, but have them clearly marked
- If not marked or has non recyclable materials in it; the items will be left at curbside.

Some suggestions:

- Talk of going to bag system instead of stickers.
 - Would there still be 52 free allocated to everyone?
- Education of recycling and trash; awareness
- Consumption tax, pay for what you use
- Surveys of surrounding towns and what do they do; costs
- Phase in of change to give the residents time to acclimate to new system
- Community news for spreading the word on what is acceptable
- Handing out flyers for education during town events
- Current system is not working with the recycling charges
- Commercial businesses; apartment houses; should be obtaining dumpsters/containers not using stickers

These items will be enforced immediately:

- Anything over 32 gallon barrel or bag, will not be collected
- 32 gallon barrel or bag needs a sticker or will not be collected
- Recycling that has non-recycling items in it will be left
- Generic sticker for the drivers to stick on the non compliant items

The board discussed that there needs to be more education on the trash. The standards should be adhered to or the recycling and trash will not be picked up. The town is being charged more for the dumping fees because of the non-recyclable materials in the recycling and the dumping for the trash has increased. The board is considering education and then possible switch to bags. The board is going to start the educational section through September and then start to enforce October. Pictures will be taken and letter written to explain the infraction. If no stickers on the bags and over 50 lbs. the trash will be left. Stickers on the barrel, not on trash, will not be taken.

The board agreed that postponing the trash pickup to the following day due to inclement weather this winter will continue.

The need for speck sheets on the jobs within town were discussed and the need to have them available.

There should be inspections done on the work as well. Is there a way to have the town keep a bid list and send out the specks to the entire list for them to review? The new website was discussed that there would be the option

Christopher Batchelder left at 7:45pm.

Kimball Road Culverts:

David wanted permission to purchase and get them to the site. They are bought and should be on the side of the road.

Peter went to the election training today in Brentwood. More designed for the Town Clerks and Moderators, but the Selectmen had a section at the end. The board should attend the election or appoint a pro-tem for the day. The numbers guy should be present during the count of the votes. There were 550k that voted in the primary; only 386 people who voted had the voter affidavits that did not respond. If the count at the end of the day is wrong, what would the board do? The Secretary of State will advise the board on what to do if the count is not acceptable.

The new Deputy Clerk was contacted via phone and email.

Williams Scotsman has been notified of the move date and the removal time of the Police Department trailer.

Motion to adjourn 8:00pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen T Felch
Office Staff