

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY
January 2, 2017
Meeting Minutes-Draft
6:30 pm**

In Attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Peter Merrill, Robert Wadleigh

Norman motioned to open the meeting at 6:29pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Charlie LeBlanc, Fire Chief, informed the board of the ice conditions on Moulton Ridge Road and Amesbury Road, as well as Cottage Road and Amesbury Road. The snow is melting and freezing at night making the roads slippery for the morning commute. Bob suggested getting ahold of David to see about having Chris salt the areas to break up the ice.

Robert Gustafson, Emergency Management Director, reported that he is still waiting on the grant approval that the board signed a few meetings back. He is getting ready for the 2017 training sessions leading up to the graded drill in 2018, he will solicit more help for the staffing during the events. He is also currently working on the grant application and information for the projection system and a possible matching grant.

Carlene Wiggin, Tax Collector, reported that 70 letters were just mailed out for delinquent taxes. Residents should be receiving them by Tuesday January 3, 2017.

Peter conversed with Bob Gustafson about the Japanese Knotweed and the need for the town to be proactive and finding a solution to the problem. He charged the Conservation Commission with seeing what kind of grants are available. He has done some research and handed Bob some information to review. He is hoping that the Conservation Commission is willing to head this up as well as some of the other invasive species that have been found in Kensington.

Norman asked what the process usually is for having the school post events on the board in front of the school. The board has asked for events to be posted and they have not been posted. Bob recalled that if the school doesn't have a need to post something then they usually have posted things for us. Norman explained that the town helped to pay for the sign so they agreed to post things that the town requested. He would like to clarify if the town is unable to use the sign, and the correct process for requesting to use it. Norman will contact Dennis Roffman, who is a school board member to see the correct process for town use of the sign.

A request from Andrew R Campanella was presented to the board for the School Choice Week, they have requested to have the board write a proclamation commemorating January 22-28, 2017 as Town of Kensington School Choice Week. This would be to recognize the educational options available to Kensington families. Kathy will call school for more information.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent to the Kensington Planning Board from the Kensington School Board members. The board will review.

Comstar updated the town on the notices sent to residents and non-residents. Residents are not sent the balance due after the insurance company pays, but non-residents are. **Peter made the motion to have the invoicing to town residents to have the same billing (60-day invoice) as the non-residents. Bob seconded, all in favor.**

The board was presented again with the Current Use application from the Tuthills. The board reviewed the information and signed the current use application form. **Peter made a motion to accept the current use application, Bob seconded, all in favor.**

Kathy presented the board with a refund for Unitil Energy Systems and Northern Utilities. The system did not recognize the first billing abatement from July. **Norman made a motion to process the abatements, Bob seconded, all in favor.**

Bills were reviewed and signed. Some bills will be reported back to 2016.
Salt was delivered December 28, 2016, but no invoice has been received yet.

Norman presented the board with the final version of the Library Lease Agreement. **Norman made a motion to execute the lease agreement between the Town of Kensington and Kensington Social Library, Peter seconded, all in favor.** The board signed three copies. Kathy will hold and contact the social library for their signatures.

RSA 91-A:3, II (a)

Norman made a motion to enter into non-public at 7:12pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Norman made a motion to leave nonpublic session at 7:38pm, seconded by Peter, all in favor.

Norman made a motion to seal nonpublic session, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Peter motioned to adjourn at 7:41pm, seconded by Norman, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen T Felch