

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY
August 28, 2017
Meeting Minutes-draft
(not taped due to malfunction)
6:30pm

In Attendance: Robert Wadleigh, Linda Blood

Public Hearing:

Accepting of Funds from Highway Aid

The Kensington Board of Selectmen hereby gives notice of a public hearing under RSA 31- 95(b) for the purpose of receiving \$48,895.45 in unanticipated Highway Aid revenues from the State of New Hampshire.

Bob opened the public hearing at 6:30pm, Linda seconded, both in favor.

Bob explained the reason for the public hearing was to accept and expend funds from the State of NH, then opened the hearing to the public. There were some suggestions on how the town should use the money including: roads that need overlay, a crosswalk study for the town hall, reconfiguring the entrance to the parking lot across the street.

Bob explained that this money has stipulations and can't be used for something that the town already has funding approved for. David read the list of things that this could encompass, and will review and get back to the board.

Bob made a motion for the board of selectmen to accept and expend \$48,895.45 (forty-eight thousand, eight hundred ninety-five dollars and 45 cents) in additional Highway Block Grant Aid from the State of NH pursuant to Senate Bill 38, Linda seconded, both in favor.

Bob motioned to close the public hearing at 6:35pm, Linda seconded, both in favor.

Bob motioned to open the regular meeting at 6:35pm, Linda seconded, both in favor.

No one had any comments for Citizen's Forum.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Sanders has started working on the budget for next year and the lease will be the largest item he has to deal with, they might be looking at the all-wheel drive options on the cruisers. The highway safety grant runs out in October, but the state has modified the grant agreement, due to the shortage in police department employee's state wide. There are a considerable number of agencies that would not meet the requirements, so they changed the wording in the agreement to "strongly encourage", he will need to have two signatures from the original signers. This was a previously approved grant that is just being updated, Bob signed and initialed the document and Chief Sanders will have Norman sign it at a later date.

The state police are doing an audit of the municipal police departments and are working through our County. This is a new practice for the municipalities, due to the new implementation they will issue suggestions for the departments and if there are any deficiencies, they will follow up with the various departments as needed.

- Fire Department –Scott MacDougall reported that there were 22 calls and there was a good response from the department on the calls. He passed the board a write off from Comstar and Bob explained that the board gets a list from Comstar and they will review this request and get back to Comstar.

- Road Manager – David Buxton explained that the drainage issue at Trimble Trail has been worked out, but there is only a portion of the bill that has been approved, and only that portion will be paid. He talked to Atlantic Paving about the road reconstruction project coming up and had reviewed a list of roads that have not been done. If there is money left over he would like to address Bartlett Road. Bob reviewed the quote submitted from J Pandelena for the work on Moulton Ridge Road. Dave would like to contact him so that he can award him the quote. The road will have to be shut down to do the culvert replacement, and the contractor will have to work around the busses.

Bob made a motion to award the quote for the pipe and swale to J Pandelena, Linda seconded, both in favor. Kathy will leave copies for him in the breakroom.

- Bob explained that there was a discussion with the Planning Board on the 825 Development LLC, and it was his understanding from the email that the pipe would not be needed. He is concerned with the additional expense that maintaining the pipe will cause. **Linda motioned to have Bob contact the town engineer to see about the pipe in the subdivision, Bob seconded, both in favor.**

- Emergency Management- Chief Scott Sanders reported he had met with one of the audio-visual companies and tomorrow he is meeting with the emergency management field representative to make sure that all the forms that he has are up to date.

- Other Department Heads

- Norman Giroux the building inspector was present to talk to the board about the 4 Amesbury Road building permit. Norman stated that they could not use the old footprint. The septic system has been approved, the lot was grandfathered, and an existing lot of record so the permit was issued for the home. The construction will be staying within the setbacks. The original well was shared between 4 Amesbury Road and 2 Amesbury Road, and now they both have independent wells. He is happy with the positive things that came out of the building being permitted. The board was okay with this explanation.
- Universalist Church- Norman asked what the intent is for the building. Bob explained that there were church services held there last month and the board wants to make sure that the building is safe to have meetings. Kathy will contact Carlton and see if he is willing to have the building inspector go through the building to inspect. Norman asked if the town has an interest in the building and Bob stated that the town cannot expend funds on a building not owned by the town, they just want to make sure that the building is safe.

- Charrette- Lynne contacted the board to have the meeting posted for Tuesday night at the Kensington Public Library at 6:30pm. Kathy posted online and at the town hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Timber and Gravel Tax Levy- Kathy explained that the tax comes about from when the resident files an intent with the town and then they report back what was actually taken. **Bob made a motion to sign both the Timber Tax and the Gravel Tax, Linda seconded, both in favor.**
- MS-1 which is sent to the Department of Revenue that includes the town's valuations. **Bob made a motion to sign the MS-1, Linda seconded, both in favor.**
- MS-434 which is a state form on the Town's estimated revenues. **Bob made a motion to sign the MS-434, Linda seconded, both in favor.**
- Drainage and Culvert Easements on the 825 Development LLC- **Bob made a motion to send both easements over to legal for review per the Planning Boards request, Linda seconded, both in favor.**
- Veteran's Credit- Kathy explained that this individual qualifies for the current veteran's credit. It was also explained there is another benefit for the veterans that don't qualify under the current stipulations called the All Veteran's Credit. A lot of towns have already adopted this credit, but it will need to be on the ballot in March for Kensington to accept it. **Bob made a motion to accept the Veterans Credit submitted, Linda seconded, both in favor.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Assessing Office – Kathleen Felch-
 - Kathy requested to be able to send the Crosswalk agreement back to legal for review. **Bob made a motion to approve that the agreement for the crosswalk at the Farm at Eastman's Corner to go back to legal for final review, Linda seconded, all in favor.**
 - The board discussed the crosswalks newly installed in Exeter and the new flashing lights.
 - Bills and Mail- Chief Sanders reported that one of his bills is from January, the vendor never forwarded it to the town. The Matrix bill will be paid only the approved quote amount.
 - There are multiple candidates for the fire chief. No specifics discussed.
- Next Meeting Date – September 11, 2017 6:30pm

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 7:19pm, Linda seconded, both in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch