

Kensington Board of Selectman  
Minutes  
July 11, 2022

**Date:** July 11, 2022

**Place:** Kensington Town Hall

**Members Present:** Joe Pace- Chairman, Bob Solomon, Bob Gustafson

**Non-Public Meeting:**

Mr. Pace opened the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Solomon made a motion at 5:58 to enter into non-public under RSA 91A:3, II (a,b,I).

Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Solomon made a motion to close the non-public meeting under RSA 91A:3, II (a,b,I) at 6:19 p.m. Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mr. Pace shared that the board would recess until 6:30 p.m.

**Opening:**

Mr. Pace called to order the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Department Heads:**

Police Chief Scott Cain had nothing new to report to the town. H did note to the board that he will be away on vacation and Lieutenant Jerry Heywood will be in charge during that time.

Road Manager Matthew Armstrong shared that it has been quiet on his side of things as well. He added that the roadside blowing is almost completed.

Building Inspector Gino Rignoli shared that he received an update from Mr. Loyd and that within two weeks he will begin cutting and stumping on his property off of Wild Pasture Road. Mr. Rignoli shared that Mr. Loyd is hoping to break ground before winter

Town Clerk Sarah Wiggin and Town Moderator Harold Bragg- Mrs. Wiggins and Mr. Bragg shared that they recently found out about a new RSA after it was brought to their attention from the Democratic Party. RSA 658:2 reads: *Each state political committee of the 2 political parties which received the largest number of votes cast for governor at the last previous general election is authorized through their respective chairmen to appoint between May 15 and July 15 of each general election year 2 inspectors of election to act at each polling place. On or before July 15, the chairmen of said political committees shall notify the appointees and the town or ward clerk concerned as to appointments made under this authority. If any such appointments are not made by said political*

committees and proper notification thereof given on or before July 15, then the appointments shall be made by the selectmen of the town or ward in equal numbers from said 2 political parties.

Mrs. Wiggins shared that her and Mr. Bragg put together a list of potential inspectors of elections in case the parties do not submit a list. Mr. Solomon asked if it was just for the Primary Election or if it was for every election. Mrs. Wiggins said that its safe to assume that its only for the September election.

Mr. Bragg shared that the election team will start meeting this week and will begin reporting to the Board of Selectman. The team meets from August until about December. Mr. Bragg asked if a selectman is willing to attend the meeting as the Secretary of State recommended that an Ex-Officio Member be present at the meeting. Mr. Solomon said that he was willing to attend these meetings.

#### **New Business:**

Additional trash cart approval 124 South Road- Mrs. Felch shared that she received an application from 124 South Road asking for an additional 65-gallon trash cart. She noted that they already have one so they are looking for a second one. Mrs. Felch said that the homeowner would have to pay for the additional cart every year and the extra sticker to go onto the cart yearly cost will be added to the budget for next year. The board was okay with allowing the resident to have the extra cart.

Discretionary Barn Easement 178 Drinkwater Road- Mrs. Felch shared that the possible barn easement has gone before the Heritage Commission and received a response back from them. The Heritage Commission is in favor of the easement as it would preserve another barn in town. Mrs. Felch shared that she will have to ask Avitar to give a percentage of reduction for the value of the barn.

#### **Other Business:**

Solar Exemptions: Mrs. Felch shared that she has received three applications for solar exemptions. She noted that solar exemptions have to be done every time the property owner changes as the exemption doesn't stay with the property. She also noted that solar exemptions only come before the board once Avitar has given the evaluation adjustment for having solar and not right when solar is added.

The three properties that are seeking solar exemptions are:

Map 7, Lot 19-15, 11 Whipple Way

Map 14, Lot 47, 60 Amesbury Road

Map 5, Lot 11, 199 South Road

#### **MOTION:**

Mr. Gustafson made a motion to allow a solar exemption for Tax Map 7, 19-15, 11 Whipple Way, in the amount of \$40,200.00 Second by Mr. Solomon. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

**MOTION:**

Mr. G made a motion to allow for solar exemption for Tax Map 14, Lot 47, 60 Amesbury Road, in the amount of \$19,200. Second by Mr. Solomon. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

**MOTION:**

Mr. G made a motion to allow for a solar exemption for Tax Map 5, lot 11, 199 South Road, in the amount of \$312,000, Second by Mr. Solomon. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

The board signed the needed paperwork for each exemption

**Grange Building Repair:**

A quote from JLS Carpentry was received for work to the Grange Building totaling \$2,964.00. This money will be expended out of the money appropriated from the Warrant Article.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Solomon made a motion to expend \$2,964.00 from the warrant and to approve quote from JLS Carpentry to do repairs on the Grange Building. Mr. G seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mrs. Felch shared that there was an intent to cut submitted for Tax Map 5, Lot 15, South Road. The board was unsure of the process on what has to be done. Mrs. Felch said that she had looked into other towns to see what their process was for intent to cuts. She shared that the Town of Henniker has a policy in place for the process that needs to be followed for approval for the Intent to Cut. The Town of Henniker has the Assessing Technician and the Conservation Commission review the applications prior to approval from the Board of Selectman.

**MOTION:**

Mr. G made a motion Tax Map 5, Lot 15, South Road to approve the intent to cut. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

The board signed off on the intent to cut

The board approved and signed bills and payroll

Mr. Pace shared that the next regular meeting is July 25, 2022. Mr. Pace added that there is a joint meeting with Conservation Tomorrow Night.

**MOTION:**

Mr. G made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15 and June 20 of 2022. Seconded by Mr. Solomon. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

137 Mr. Gustafson shared that the new sign has been installed in-front of the Town Hall.  
138 Bunting flags are also up on the building.

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140 **MOTION:**

141 Mr. G made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Solomon seconded the meeting. All in favor, the  
142 motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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