

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Kensington Town Hall  
95 Amesbury Road  
Kensington, NH 03833  
MONDAY  
JUNE 5, 2023  
Agenda  
**6:30 PM**  
APPROVED

**In Attendance: Joseph Pace (Chairman) and Robert Solomon**

**No public in attendance.**

- J. Pace called the meeting to order at 6:30PM and asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Town Clerk: Sarah Wiggin**
  - S. Wiggin presented the warrant for the unlicensed dogs. She has already contacted the Animal Control officer and the fire chief to let them know it will be signed tonight. All the residents on the list that a phone number exists for were called. J. Pace stated that this is a civil penalty and the board is compelled to sign the warrant for the police department by law. J. Pace and B. Solomon signed the warrant. B. Solomon asked if any residents responded to the clerk letting her know that they do not have a dog anymore. The cost for registering a dog was discussed. S. Wiggin listed the registration costs. All renewals are able to be done online as long as the rabies vaccination is up to date. The fees will be assessed at an additional fee of \$25.00 per dog. J. Pace asked if someone on the list comes to the town hall tomorrow and wants to register their dog, is there a penalty. S. Wiggin explained that late fees would apply.
  - The annual DMV audit will be this Thursday.
- **Road Manager: Matthew Armstrong**
  - Replaced speed limit sign on Drinkwater Road.
  - Coordinated with Unitil to remove a damaged ash tree at the Town Park.
  - Roadside mowing has been tentatively scheduled for the first week of July.
  - 16 Stumpfield Road a culvert was cleaned out.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Road Reconstruction Bid –
  - J. Pace read the bids in order:
    - Bell and Flynn (Stratham, NH). Total is \$395, 325.
      - Kimball Rd: \$94, 350
      - Osgood Road: \$151,475
      - Cottage Road: \$149, 500

- Continental Paving (Londonderry, NH): J. Pace stated that the total bid price was \$285,567.
  - Kimball Road: \$65,460
  - Osgood Road: \$123,617
  - Cottage Road: \$96,490
- R&D Paving (Franklin, NH): Total is \$266,155.50
  - Kimball Road: \$ 62, 297.25
  - Osgood Road: \$102,772.75
  - Cottage Road: \$101,085.50
- Pike Industries (Portsmouth, NH): Total is \$352,105
  - Kimball Road: \$83, 335
  - Osgood Road: \$136, 000
  - Cottage Road: \$132, 770
- J. Pace remanded the bids to the town Road Manager for his review. He was curious about the big gap between high and low and would like the bids reviewed for the difference in pricing.
- The board will meet on June 12, 2023 at 6:30pm to discuss and award the bid.
- **Excavation Tax**
  - The board members reviewed the gravel tax.  
**MOTION:** B. Solomon made a motion to levy the gravel tax on Map 3 17-2 and map 11-30. J. Pace seconded. All in favor. The board members signed the levy.
- **Veterans Tax Exemption**
  - The board reviewed the exemption.  
**MOTION:** B. Solomon made a motion to approve the veteran's tax credit for tax map 18 lot 10, 7 Oak Ridge Road. J. Pace seconded. All in favor. The board members signed the veterans tax exemption forms.
- **Solar Exemption**
  - **MOTION:** B. Solomon made a motion to accept the solar exemption for tax map 2 lot 8-8 for 33 Highland Road. J. Pace seconded. All in favor. The board signed the solar exemption forms.
- **Additional Cart Form**
  - The residents of 6 Hidden Pasture Road applied for an additional trash cart due to having 8 people in the household. J. Pace reviewed the request and K. Felch explained that they are aware of the \$185 yearly cart fee. There was no objection to the request.
- **Grange Hall Internet request**
  - K. Felch stated that Comcast gave them a quote of \$194 per month. Fidium gave them a quote of \$55 for 1G. She stated that they want to go with the Fidium quote.  
**MOTION:** B. Solomon made a motion to authorize the Grange Trustee to proceed with the Fidium quote of \$55 per month. J. Pace seconded. All in favor.
- **Discussion on Beaver activity on Moulton Ridge Road**
  - K. Felch explained that there has been beaver activity and damage on Moulton Ridge Road that has impacted town and private property. She stated that there is currently a grant available that covers wildlife invasion.
  - J. Pace asked if NH Fish and Game or DES have any guidance to towns on how they should proceed. K. Felch stated that grant money is available, and it has been submitted in case the

town wanted to do something about wildlife invasion via a hazard mitigation grant. J. Pace asked if they provide professional guidance. He also had questions about who would take the lead on this. J. Pace suggested that M. Armstrong start reaching out to people to determine a way forward. He also suggested looping in Bob Gustafson and the Conservation Commission to begin working on a solution.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **Town Administrator:**

- **Mosquito Control Program Updates**
  - Email was received with an update to the program and has been posted on the town website
- **ALZ ride June 3, 2023**
  - The permit for the ride was submitted in mid-May, and the Select Board did not have a chance to meet and discuss the permit. The fire chief and the police chief rerouted the ride due to conflicting events in the town.
- **Retirement Letter**
  - Received from legal office. Town legal representation will be retiring and will be moved to an authorized person in the office.
- **Cruiser Lease Signed**
  - Lease was signed and the money should have been released to Dodge and the cruisers will be going to Adamson to be outfitted.
- **2 Grange permits:**
  - KES on June 8, 2023 from 8am to 3:30pm
  - Public Library on August 19, 2023 for the annual book and bake sale.
- **Large Groundwater Permits**
  - K. Felch stated that the hydrologist had gotten back to her on testing Kensington wells due to both. Hydrologist stated that the flow test results are weather-dependent and might not show impact from the abutting water use project. The board will contact Representative Susan Porcelli and let her know that the town has not heard back from NHDES on the town's questions posed to them in the letter.
- **FEMA maps Being Updated**
  - Updates won't have much impact on Kensington due to the small area of town included in current maps.
- **Perambulations with South Hampton**
  - Perambulations will be held in late fall 2023.
- **Pledge of Land**

**MOTION:** B. Solomon made a motion to allow the chairman to sign on behalf of the board for the Pledges of Land for Kuegel and Hearn. J. Pace seconded. All in favor.

  - J. Pace and B. Solomon signed off on the abatements for Lots 14-23 and Lot 14-16.
- Bills, Payroll and Mail

- Any other business brought before the Board
- Approval of Board Minutes: May 15, 2023 and May 23 and 24 for Perambulations,  
**MOTION:** B. Solomon made a motion to approve the minutes. J. Pace seconded. All in favor.  
  
**MOTION:** B. Solomon made the motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Pace seconded. All in favor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.
- **Next Meeting Date – June 26, 2023- Town offices closed Monday June 19th**

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APPOINTMENTS: If you do have something that you would like to discuss with the Board, it is best to request being on the agenda of a meeting and provide details of the subject, so the Board can prepare in advance.