

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Kensington Town Hall  
95 Amesbury Road  
Kensington, NH 03833  
WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023  
Meeting Minutes- APPROVED  
**9:00AM**

In attendance: Joe Pace, Bob Solomon, Bob Gustafson

J. Pace opened the meeting at 9:00am.

1. Review letter from SELT on board support for Rider property conservation

The board started with the review of the letter drafted in support of the Conservation Commissions efforts to conserve the Rider Property located at Map 16 Lot 5 and Map 16 Lot 4. These two parcels equal 81.73 in total and are located off of Powder Mill Road. Exeter and East Kingston are also conserving acreage owned by Rider in their towns that abut this property. The Conservation Commission will be using \$103,000 of their Conservation Fund in their efforts to conserve this property. They will be having a public hearing on this project on Friday September 29, 2023 at 7:30pm here at the Town Hall.

J. Pace commented that there needs to be balance of conserved land and developed land, to balance the tax base. He would be in favor of this project if the Conservation Commission is not looking to recoup the money spent on this project by presenting the voters with a warrant article to build the fund back up. He would like to know how the Conservation Commission determines what parcels are worthy of being conserved. Is there a process and what is that process? All board members were in agreement to sign the letter presented.

**MOTION: B. Gustafson made a motion to endorse the letter for the Rider property for Groundwater Protection. B. Solomon seconded all in favor.**

The board signed the letter. P. Holland will be in later today to sign on behalf of the Conservation Commission and the letter will then be forwarded to Jeremy with SELT for the grant application.

2. Review and sign contract for consolidated expert witness for court case

K. Felch explained that the town is in a consolidated lawsuit and the board was approached with the ability to consolidate the expert witness in the case. This has been done in the past to save municipalities in costs associated with the expert fees. The board was in favor of this approach. K. Felch had reached out to Avitar our assessors and they were in favor of this approach as well.

**MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to sign the contract with George Sansoucy for the consolidated approach for the expert witness. Seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.**

The Universalist Church will be having extensive work done on the building and have asked the board if they can store some of the projects supplies in the parking area of the town hall. The board agreed to this request. They would also need power supplied for some of the project and the board did not see an issue with them using the power outlet outside for the project as needed.

The driveway will be closed of for a portion of the project and the side entrance to the town hall will be opened for people to be able to park across the street and access the town hall from the upper level.

#### **LAND DONATION**

K. Felch had reached out to legal counsel to clarify the steps needed for the town to accept a donated parcel of land that would need a lot line adjustment. The town will have to vote on this in March to accept it, but the owner can proceed with the lot line adjustment process through the planning board but the planning board must hold the recording of the plan until the vote in March. The board agreed to start this process and have it ready for a warrant article for March 2024.

B. Gustafson motioned to close the meeting at 9:38am, seconded by B. Solomon all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch  
Town Administrator