

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Offices
243 Amesbury Road Unit 6
Kensington, NH 03833**

**Tuesday
OCTOBER 20, 2015
Meeting Minutes-DRAFT
3:00pm**

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In attendance: Robert Wadleigh, Peter Merrill, Norman DeBoisbriand

Bob made a motion to open the meeting at 3:30pm, seconded by Norman, all in favor.

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Phone Conference with State Wildlife:

The Board of Selectmen participated in a phone conference with Kim Tuttle, a biologist with the NH Fish and Game Wildlife Program and Michael Marchand from the same office.

Peter gave the state the background on the issue with Kuegel Pit, and how it is not presently fully reclaimed, and that Mr. Kuegel had brought the spotted turtle habitat to the board's attention at the meeting on the 5th of October.

He further explained the need to have the pit reclaimed still existed and that they would like to better understand the After-the-Fact-Approval that was recorded at the Registry of Deeds under Book 5436 Page 0749 on May 7, 2013. Mr. Marchand explained that he was not familiar with the plan for the pit and that the turtles are nested to the south west end of the property. He stated that excavation projects happen to be the habitat that the turtles like best. Ms. Tuttle explained that they are not looking to preserve the whole property, but a portion of it for the habitat. It was explained that reclaiming could be performed in certain areas of the pit during the months of November-May. The board did explain that the un-reclaimed hill is unstable and in need of stabilization before it is washed out.

The board was asked to view google earth to see where the state was explaining that the habitat was located.

Peter asked the state representatives if they would be willing to walk the area to help them all to better understand the area that needs to be delineated for the turtle habitat. The state did not see a need to do a site visit and instead suggested that the board delineate an area and send it to them for approval. The board did this on a google map and will send it to the state.

Kuegel Pit discussion continued after the phone conference about what the next steps would be to have the pit area reclaimed. The current driveway for the parcel is located off of North Road and there was a stipulation put on the driveway that no commercial operations could be performed though that driveway. The board might have to grant a waiver for a limited amount of time for Mr. Kuegel to be able to stabilize the hillside. Further talks about suggestion will continue.

Bills were signed by the board.

The budget was looked at and discussed. The board is looking to run line items over if that is what is actually happening in the departments. This will give them a better understanding going forward of actual expenses.

There have been a number of departments that have already submitted their budgets to Kathleen.

Norman made a motion to adjourn at 4:50pm, seconded by Bob, with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen T Felch

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