

KST Agreement Minutes

October 23, 2018

Attendees: Donna Carter, Glenn Greenwood, Bob Long and Hez Marks-Mercadante

Meeting was called at 10:17am. Mr. Greenwood stated that because Ms. Marks-Mercadante has spoken for the KST Agreement Committee at town meetings and helps guide the committee meetings, he felt that she should be nominated as Chair of KST Agreement Committee. Ms. Carter agreed. Motion was made by Mr. Greenwood. Ms. Carter seconded. Ms. Marks-Mercadante abstained. Motion passed. Selectman Long gave information to committee of the financials (passed out to audience) that were requested. These financials were from Jan-Dec 2017, as 2018 has not come to close. He also relayed information that legal counsel was working on the "agreement" and would call at the end of this week with their recommendations. Selectman Long also stated that the KST Agreement Draft was posted on the Town of Kensington website. Ms. Carter informed the group that the 20 Year Agreement was not on the town website and that it should be there. Selectman Long said he'd investigate. Mr. Greenwood and Ms. Marks-Mercadante submitted their concerns in writing (passed out to audience) with the draft agreement, and Mr. Greenwood offered to compile the info onto one list to be sent to Kathy Felch. This way Ms. Felch could get it to legal counsel before their phone call at week end. Mr. Greenwood would have list for the next KST Agreement meeting. Ms. Carter requested to work on the "numbers" to see where we are on spending on the park as a town vs. what this new draft agreement offers. Selectman Long wanted the committee to know that the contract on Sawyer Park was a "mowing contract" at the cost of \$15,400 and was exactly that, a mowing and trimming contract and nothing to extend into maintaining/dragging the ball fields, maintenance of trails/bridges, etc., and was a 3 year contract. Selectman Long will email contract to committee. Also Flag pole needs repair at \$1300 and the removal of the tree that fell and damaged the dugout at Field C has a potential \$1000-\$1500 cost. Because of no financial agreement in force, it's possible that it will be a cost to the town. Ms. Marks-Mercadante talked of questions posed to the committee from the Board of Selectmen (BOS). Discussion took place as how to get information to the public. Suggestions: town website, paper copies left at posted community center (Country Brook) and Library, flyers on social media outlets that resident's access (Kensington Connects), and to be put on as an agenda item at BOS meeting for a Q&A session. Mr. Greenwood suggested to add a diagram of KST land to the agreement. Discussion on how to incorporate public feedback. Ms. Carter suggested within the town website of the agreement to have a "feedback" button in which community members may "click" the button and write comments. Audience member Holly McCann asked to speak. She gave information for the committee to ask Ms. Felch to look into the "transaction details"

of the financials to get more current financial information for 2018. Ballfield rentals were about \$10k and since that season is over, it's easy to get. She talked of "banner income" ,not listed on financial report, that prior to 2018 it was about \$6k but last year they were not that diligent. Ms. McCann also shared about summer rec. committee walk through for Sawyer Park and asked if we knew about Chief Jon True's report and grants possible for the park ie) video cameras, improvements, etc. Selectman Long informed her that we did indeed know about the report and it was all being presented to the KST Trustees at their meeting. Audience member Linda Blood asked if Ms. Marks-Mercadante could be both Chair and secretary. The committee did not take issue with her being both, so committee will continue as is. Ms. Blood also asked if Selectman Long had a vote within the KST agreement draft committee. Ms. Marks-Mercadante explained that he was the BOS liaison. He is able to give information, but the committee members, appointed by the BOS, were only to make suggestions as to what is recommended within the KST agreement draft. Selectman Long and the BOS, in whole, would vote on the agreement after legal council and the committee gave their suggestions. Mr. Greenwood stated as long as we have the legal council information we should be able to formulate a report at next meeting and meet our November 5th deadline to send to BOS. Next meeting date was scheduled for Tuesday, October 30th, at 10:00am in the Kensington Town Hall. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.