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**Kensington Board of Selectman  
Minutes  
August 22, 2022**

**Date:** August 22, 2022  
**Place:** Kensington Town Hall  
**Members Present:** Joe Pace- Chair, Bob Solomon, Bob Gustafson

**Opening:**  
Mr. Pace opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:**  
No public came before the board.

**Public Hearing for one application in Kensington for a Discretionary Preservation Barn Easement located at 178 Drinkwater Road in accordance with RSA 79-D, Historic Barn Tax Incentive Program:**  
Mr. Pace opened the public hearing for 178 Drinkwater Road Discretionary Preservation Barn Easement. Mr. Pace noted that the board had previously reviewed the application and discussed that the three criteria that needed to be met for the easement were worth 25% each.

**MOTION:**  
Mr. Solomon made a motion to allow a 25% exemption for the barn easement request submitted for 178 Drinkwater Road. Mr. Gustafson seconded, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

Mrs. Felch passed down the easement request to be signed noting that there will be an easement drafted and once complete, the board will have to sign again.

Mr. Pace closed the public hearing.

**Al Brandano, 2 West School Road:**  
Mr. Brandano addressed the Board of Selectman on various topics dealing with voting machines, town liability, closed investigations, and prior statement of intent. Other comments came from Town Counsel who provided additional information on the same topics. Mr. Brandano provided

39 a 35-page document to the board and this available for review by the public  
40 upon request.

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42 Mr. Pace requested that Mr. Bauer review and address the document  
43 provided by Mr. Brandano.

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45 **Department Head Reports:**

46 Police Chief Scott Cain:

47 Chief Cain shared that he has ordered the new police cars and they are about  
48 8 to 12 weeks out. He noted to the board and public that there was a recent  
49 armed robbery in Exeter by gang members, he added that he is working with  
50 Exeter Police to see if they had previously driven through Kensington that  
51 night.

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53 Fire Chief Jonathan True:

54 Chief True shared that the ambulance was out of service for a few days as it  
55 was in need of a new water pump. He shared a Request for Proposal (RFP)  
56 for a new type 3 ambulance. He added that he would like to see the RFP go  
57 out as soon as possible.

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59 **MOTION:**

60 Mr. Gustafson made a motion to accept the request for proposal submitted  
61 by Fire Chief True. Mr. Solomon seconded, all in favor, the motion passed  
62 3-0-0.

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64 Chief True added that he is still waiting on grant money to come in. He  
65 noted that the Fire Department has been on various different mutual aid calls  
66 in the last few weeks. Chief True added that he had gone around checking all  
67 fire ponds and noted that they are still low but is hopeful that the rain this  
68 week will help to raise levels.

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70 Emergency Management Director Jonathan True:

71 Director True shared an update on Covid-19. He explained that the state is  
72 now following all CDC recommendations regarding quarantine and testing.  
73 He did add that there is a new vaccine being worked on to cover the new  
74 strings and variants of Covid. He added that he is able to pick up cases of  
75 covid tests that can be provided to the public. He noted that this is a very low  
76 cost and is covered by his budget. He added that he also received more PPE  
77 from the state.

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79 Director True added that he is reviewing the hazardous mitigation plan with  
80 departments to talk about the continuation of plans.

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82 Road Agent Matthew Armstrong:

83 Mr. Armstrong shared that Moulton Ridge, Brewer Road and Hilliard have  
84 been repaved. He noted that he is still waiting to install the gravel for the  
85 road shoulders.

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87 He added that a representative from Wayfair communications reached out to  
88 him regarding an existing conduit at 5 Palmer Drive. He explained that they  
89 are trying to bring Fidium Fiber internet to the community but ran into a  
90 blockage in one of the conduits. He added that the location of the conduit is  
91 in the easement held by the town. Mr. Armstrong asked if a performance  
92 bond was necessary for the work being done? He added that he didn't feel it  
93 did but wanted to ensure with the board. The board had no issue with Mr.  
94 Armstrong's recommendation as its only 5 foot and that they are only  
95 bringing mini excavator to dig the hole.

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97 Tax Collector Carlene Wiggin:

98 Mrs. Wiggin had nothing new to share with the board.

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100 Building Inspector Gino Rignoli:

101 Mr. Rignoli had nothing new to report. He added that he does weekly drive  
102 by of 62 Wild Pasture Road and is satisfied with the work being done. He  
103 noted that currently, final grading is being completed.

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105 Mr. Pace thanked the Rec Committee and other departments and committees  
106 for the Old Homes Days event.

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108 **MS1:**

109 Mrs. Felch provided the MS1 document to the selectman for review. This is  
110 an evaluation of the whole town.

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112 **MOTION:**

113 Mr. Gustafson made a motion to sign the MS1 document. Mr. Solomon  
114 seconded. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

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116 **Road use permit for King Challenge:**

117 The board reviewed a request to use the roads for a charity race. The board  
118 had no issue with the request.

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120 **MOTION:**

121 Mr. Solomon made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Gustafson  
122 seconded, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0

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124 **Generator Estimate:**

125 Emergency Management Director Jonathan True shared that his budget can  
126 cover the cost for repairs of the generator. The total costs for repairs totaled  
127 \$490.10

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129 **Conservation Commission Cabinet:**

130 Mrs. Felch shared that the Conservation Commission is requesting the use of  
131 a cabinet to store commission information. Mrs. Felch shared that the  
132 cabinet can not be placed in downstairs room as it is locked from the public.  
133 Mr. Pace suggested that the cabinet be placed in the main hall instead for  
134 their access.

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136 The board had no issue with the request.

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138 **Generator Estimate Continued:**

139 Mrs. Felch said that she needed a signature for the generators estimate.

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141 **MOTION:**

142 Mr. Solomon made a motion to authorize Mr. Pace to sign and accept the  
143 estimate for repairs on the generator by Tri State Generator for \$490.10 Mr.  
144 Gustafson seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0.

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146 **Solar Exemption:**

147 The board reviewed a solar exemption submitted for 233 South Road.

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149 **MOTION:**

150 Mr. Gustafson made a motion to approve the solar exemption for 233 South  
151 Road. Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-  
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154 The board signed the corresponding solar exemption.

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156 Mr. Pace announced that he is tabling the discussion on the Intent to Cut  
157 Ordinance as well as the discussion for trash stickers until the next meeting.

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159 **Appointment of Inspectors of Election:**

160 Mr. Pace recused himself at 7:23 p.m. for discussion on election

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162 **MOTION:**

163 Mr. G made a motion to appoint the following people for inspectors of  
164 election:

165 Barbra Perl, Carlene Wiggin, Laurie McGhee, Della Boswell, Jennifer  
166 Leonard, Jane Bannister, Jackie Benson, Jean Waldron, Lisa Perrault,  
167 Noreen Hall, Sara Belisle, and Sara Hamilton.

168 Mr. Solomon seconded the motion. Both in favor, the motion passed 2-0-0.

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170 Mr. Pace rejoined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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172 The board signed bills and payroll

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174 **Review of Minutes of August 8, 2022:**

175 The board had no corrections to the minutes.

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177 **MOTION:**

178 Mr. Gustafson made a motion to accept the minutes of August 8 as written.

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

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181 Mr. Pace announced that the next meetings are September 12 and September  
182 26. He noted that the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting location will have to change as  
183 election setup will be occurring that night in the main hall.

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185 **MOTION:**

186 Mr. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Solomon seconded the  
187 motion. All in favor, the motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting ADJOURNED at  
188 7:33 p.m.

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192 Respectfully Submitted,

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194 Colleen Olsen