

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
Kensington Elementary School Multi -Purpose Room  
122 Amesbury Road  
Kensington, NH 03833  
MONDAY  
September 10, 2018  
Agenda  
6:30pm

**In Attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Robert Wadleigh, Linda Blood**

**Public in attendance: 15-20**

Norman opened the meeting at 6:32pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM –**

Norman asked if there was anyone to speak for citizen's forum.

Pat Bonnevie:

- asked why the board does not do the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of the meeting, and expressed she had sent this to Kathy a while ago. The board will take that under advisement.

Lauren Curtis:

- asked why the attorney was not in attendance and the board responded that it was a scheduling conflict.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

• Police Department –Chief Scott Sanders

- He wanted to inform the board of a new implementation to the network on the sheriff's side and that it would cost the town roughly \$1500.00 to upgrade.

• Fire Department – Chief Jon True-

- The chief wanted to congratulate John Andrews on the recently passed CDL exam and driving test.
- The hydrant at the Town Hall has been inspected and tested- it is now in service, giving the town about 700 gallons per minute. We continue to test other hydrants, and you may see us out at various times of the week. If homeowners have any comments or questions, please call the Chief.
- All breathing apparatus has been inspected and passed by a third-party company.
- Engine 2 had a small oil leak and a small electrical problem, both have been repaired.
- Engine 1 had been sent to a local repair shop for starting issues-they thought they had it fixed, but the problem continued a few days later. He has sent it to another repair shop nearby who specializes in the fire trucks-it has been repaired and has had preventative maintenance and annual inspection. He will be sending the other trucks out starting tomorrow am and rotating them through for the PM and NH inspection. A1 will probably need some body work-it was 20 years old last month. He continues to look for a used ambulance that will fill our needs.

- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True-Grant acceptance
  - He attended a day long seminar on writing AFG(Assistance to Firefighter) grants- learned some good tips, more on that next month.
  - We are finishing up the Presidential Declaration storm refund-should hear something back by first week in October.
  - For the sound grant-the installation needs to be completed before we can be reimbursed by the state.
  - There is alternate wording needed for the grant approval. The board had the information and made the following motion:  
Norman made a motion that the Town of Kensington Board of Selectmen, in majority vote, accepted the terms of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program as presented in the amount of \$7,700.00 for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the cost of this project will be \$10,000.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 25% match (\$2500.00). Bob seconded, All in favor.  
The board signed the grant agreement and initialed where appropriate, Kathy will notarize.
- Road Manager – David Buxton
  - The erosion work on Osgood Road has been completed.
  - Waiting for bid from B&S on reconstructing the salt shed pad.
  - Morton Salt is not getting the quotes out yet on the salt, Granite State has the state bid, but he would like to see what Morton's quotes will be because they cover their salt piles. He will decide by the end of September.
  - There is an issue with homeowners dumping sticks across the roads from their homes. He is wondering if the plowing ordinance would cover this type of action? Chief Sanders pulled up the ordinance and it is specific to plowing. Dave asked the board to consider this for an article for the March election so that the town is able to enforce the issue.
  - He wanted to ask the board to not release the remaining funds on the Osgood Road Subdivision due to the sequence of construction not being followed. He explained that the silt fence was not done correctly, it was not properly loamed or seeded and 50% landscaping has not been done. It is his belief that the board should not release any more funds until the subdivision is compliant.
  - New Boston Road- He had a complaint about the condition of the road and it needs repair. He has instructed for a load of asphalt to be delivered and he will spread and compact the area himself.
  - Unitil called and complained that the "umbrella" over Drinkwater Road was too low and hitting the tops of their trucks. They will be looking at taking care of some of the areas of concern.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin- She will be attending her annual conference on September 19 & 20<sup>th</sup> so her office will be closed those two days.
- Town Clerk – Carol Beers Witherell-working to get ready for the election.
- Other Department Heads-
  - Kensington School Board- Ben Cole was in attendance and stated that the school board will be starting up their meetings soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Donna Carter- request to speak to the board

- She asked the board who was supposed to contact the attorney for them to be at the meeting tonight- Norman stated he was.
- She asked when the board found out he was not able to attend? It was thought maybe a week or so ago.
- Did the attorney give alternate dates to attend? He was not asked at that time for alternate dates.

Norman explained that the attorney had informed the board that if the public had questions they could write them and submit them for the attorney to respond to.

- It was asked why Donahue and Tucker was not used. It was explained that they have had conflicts in the past and the town has used this attorney before.
- It was asked if the board would request for them to attend at an alternate time. They agreed to do so.

There was discussion about accusations that the board had done something wrong. Norman stated that this was unfair as there was no proof of the allegations.

- Donna was concerned that the questions would not go directly to the attorney, Norman explained the process to the public and that the request would be sent to the board and forwarded to the attorney. The attorney would not respond to an individual citizen, it would have to come through the board for payment reasons, and then the citizen would be responded to.
- Donna expressed her concerns about the non-public process, and it was explained that the board did not change the way that they exited the non-public.
- There was a discussion about the minutes.
- Donna questioned Holly's resignation date and that she had not received it yet. Kathy apologized and stated she would get the date to her.
- Donna requested the attorney to come to the public meeting and Norman stated that would be expensive, but that they would ask. Donna asked Norman to confirm that the attorney would be at the next meeting and he stated that he could not confirm for the attorney, she then asked Linda to confirm, and she stated that she could not confirm for the attorney.
- There were comments made about a lawsuit being filed against the town.
- Mrs. Macek stated that there is no lawsuit filed against the town.
- Donna stated that she was told at the first meeting she came to after receiving her letter that she would be provided with the reasoning behind it. And she has not gotten the letter yet. Norman explained that legal has not okayed for the board to release it.
- Donna asked why the resignation of Holly from the Recreation was not in the minutes of the recreation committee, and Linda responded that the board does not have to accept them at a meeting. Donna asked about specific dates that Holly attended meetings and there was a discussion on when she resigned.
- Lauren Curtis requested that Norman recuse from discussions that include Holly, as she finds this inappropriate. Norman stated that he has recused from any dealings that concern Holly, but if there is something being said that is inappropriate he will step in.

He continued that the board has done a lot for the town, and that they knew this would be difficult.

- It was asked how much the board had budgeted for legal and the figure was thought to be around \$25,000.
- Bob Long asked if there were personal agendas, and Norman responded that there were not. And continued that the board based the actions on facts.
- Steve Wilson stated that he was on the planning board for many years and recognized that the recreation committee role is now more important due to the programs at the park. He asked why Donna was not brought into a private session and asked the questions.
- Lili Spinosa stated that it did not look like this situation was going to go away. The community is small and this situation should have been addressed. She believes that Donna needs answers.

**Deputy Town Clerk Appointment-**

Norman began with the fact that they were here to discuss and possibly appoint the deputy town clerk. He stated that they had a recommendation letter from the town clerk to appoint Mrs. Wadleigh, at that point Bob recused himself. It was asked if that was Mr. Wadleigh's wife and it was explained that it was. At that point comments were made from the crowd against Mr. and Mrs. Wadleigh, so Bob exited the meeting. Norman stood up and explained that it was inexcusable behavior that the board has been subjected to. He stated that he was resigning and left the meeting as well. Linda followed Norman with no comments.

Questions were asked, but as there were no longer any members of the board present, Kathy asked those in attendance to leave at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathleen T Felch