

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833

MONDAY
APRIL 2, 2018

Agenda
6:00pm

In Attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Robert Wadleigh, Linda Blood

Norman motioned to open the public session at 6:02pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Non Public

- Non Public Session- RSA91A:3, II (a)

Norman motioned to open the non-public session at 6:02pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

The board discussed one employee issue. Norman motioned to close and seal permanently at 6:28pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Brief Break

The board continued the public session.

CITIZEN'S FORUM –

No one in attendance for Citizen's Forum.

Others in Attendance: Kathleen Bailey, Sergeant Scott Cain, Chief True, Carlene Wiggin, Carol Beers-Witherell, Ben Cole, Pamela Welsh

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Sergeant Scott Cain- He informed the board that the base radio bought from the encumbered funds is installed downstairs and working properly. Norman asked about the status of the Seabrook Gun Range, Sergeant Cain explained that the Chief hasn't heard from them yet but knows that the Chief in Seabrook is gathering some information on Hazmat, possibly for lead, and Chief Sanders will reach out if he doesn't hear anything. There was an incident recently and the Kensington Police Department called Seabrook Police Department and they dealt with it and shut it down immediately.

- Fire Department – Chief Jon True-

- 19 runs, 12 fire, 7 EMS, 5 Transport, 41 this year so far.
- Working on job descriptions, pay scale, and permits, as well as the EMS budget for the boards review.
- Snow is gone and burn permits are needed. He is working on making them easier to obtain, but until then please call the station before 4pm and leave a message.
 - State law states only clean untreated or unpainted wood. Debris and trash cannot be burned.
- Looking for members to join the fire dept, please call him if interested.
 - Emergency Management - Chief Jon True

- 2nd graded exercise in February with no problems noted.
- Wed April 4 graded here, it will be supervised by the federal government to monitor.
- Tour of Seabrook Station for elected officials and Town employees will be held in either May or September. Bob asked how detailed the tour would be. They will be going inside, not fully exterior tour.
- Around April 14 the sound system will be installed.
- Radios will be relocated to the Town Hall in late April or May, siren control the ham radio, and the command and control radio.
- Working on small antennas
- Submitted the rough estimate for FEMA the second storm in March, the first storm was not part of these figures, but in the second storm they included the snow removal, and damage. He was able to submit around \$24,000 and he should hear from them in the next couple of weeks.
- Process of revising the Hazard Mitigation plan after July 1, 2018.
Norman asked if there could be a safety review of the Town Hall, which would include all doors and where the fire extinguishers and defibulator will be located. This will be scheduled at the next meeting, with a follow up one at the park.

• Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin- Carlene approached the board with an abatement. There was a camper that needed to be abated. She informed the board that this Thursday she will be holding her annual tax lien. **Norman made a motion for Site 115, Bob seconded, all in favor.**

Norman made a motion to approve 2017 Levy property tax liens, Bob seconded, all in favor.

• Recreation Committee- Park Applications, and the Atlas Fireworks contract held until next meeting. The Park and Recreation Committee forwarded the reservation from the BelAirs for the Festival in August. **Bob made a motion to approve the BelAirs for August 17, 2018, Linda seconded, all in favor.**

• Conservation Commission –The board received a letter from the Commission where they expressed they were very concerned about the recycling and offered their assistance. The board has actively been involved in trying to get this recycling contract together. There is a lot of negotiations that have to take place, such as insurance companies, contractors and facilities. Greenworks wanted an increase in the insurance for the hauler, which is over an above the current contracted amount, and they had to negotiate how that extra amount will be paid. It seems like it has been a very long process, but if you take a look at the recycling industry it is a mess. There are some facilities that will not take colored glass and the only money that recycling plants make right now is for clear glass and cardboard. They are trying as a board to be responsible, it would have been easy to just sign a contract with any company, not knowing if they would be in business in 6 months, so they would be right back where they are now. They are looking for a stable company who will not be gouging the town in the future. They are hoping for a resolution by the end of April. Linda stated that some people do not think of the fact that there is an approved budget and to add thousands of dollars to it would be hard. They are working on it, and continued that people are not coming to the meetings to discuss the issues, and then post that the board is not actively seeking a resolution. They would welcome the Commissions help with the educational program as well as the monitoring, because if there is a contaminated load at the facility it will not be the \$85 per ton, it will be much more.

Everyone goes through the recycling effort and it only takes a few to not follow the procedures and it will end up in the trash. As the board goes further with the process they were talking about an educational program and would welcome the citizens of the town to participate and they more than welcome the Conservation Commission to be involved in the educational program. Bob stated that recycling is not going away, and it might be a good idea to put a group together of the people that are interested and have them spend the next year looking at what the best process would be going forward. The market is unstable. There is a lot of misunderstanding, the Commission even questioned that the bottle caps need to be removed and pizza boxes with grease on them. Those are the recycling standards, and they will not take the pizza boxes with grease on them, it could cause the load to be deemed contaminated. The town is at the mercy of the recyclers. If the load is dumped and they see that it is contaminated, they will charge a reloading fee to put it back on the truck, dump as trash and charge a higher amount per ton.

- Sawyer Kensington Trust- This agreement is with them and the board has not heard anything back.
- Other Department Heads-

Kensington School Board-Mr. Cole asked the board about the NH Charrette committee that they are setting up and the School board is having their meeting next week and will be sending a representative to participate in the committee. He asked what the time commitment would be for the meetings. This main committee will meet once per month, but the sub-committee might meet more often.

NEW BUSINESS:

Grange Hall Rentals- Norman informed the public that the Grange Hall has been painted. Kathy explained that there is just one rental because the paperwork for the other rental was not received. The board reviewed the request.

Linda made a motion to approve the permit for the Historical Society to use the Grange Hall on May 6, 2018, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Land Use Changes- Kathy explained that this was for Mr. Wadleigh so he was unable to sign. He is adding .36 acres into current use so there is no tax assessed to this. **Norman made a motion to approve the application for Current Use for Robert and Nancy Wadleigh, Linda seconded, all in favor.**

Mapping Agreement- Kathy explained that the agreement was for tax map updating due to the recent subdivisions approved in town, along with minor changes. The board had put \$1000 in the budget for this but the actual cost came out to \$1620.00, which would include the shape files to be able to update the maps online and have them represent the recent activity. There is a deferral option to just update the maps but not have the shape files produced. Bob asked if the town was able to hold off until next year. Kathy explained that the maps now are not correct but she can hand out the approved plans for the areas if needed. **Norman made a motion to do the one-year deferral at \$500, Bob seconded, all in favor.**

Lawn Care Agreement- The board reviewed the agreement for K&B Lawn. Kathy explained that he is looking for the contact to be able to send it by his legal.

Norman made a motion to approve the contract for K&B Lawn Maintenance for the Town Mowing, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Norman made a motion to approve the agreement for K&B Lawn Maintenance for Sawyer Park, Bob seconded, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tree Cutting on Amesbury Road-Unitil- The update was made to the trees for the town, and the board has not signed off on this yet. There were no concerns from the Trust, Cemetery. Kathy will reach out to the Historical Society and the School Board.

Park- The water was turned on at the park, and the testing for the state will be done this week. There was an issue with the water heater, but Art came over and helped to get that resolved.

Wild Pasture Road-Complaint

The board received a complaint about Wild Pasture Road and the speed of the vehicles as well as the two recent vehicle strikes. They requested that signs be installed. Kathy explained that Chief Sanders had called to respond and stated that the department is regularly patrolling that area.

Sergeant Cain explained that the town does directive patrol on Wild Pasture already. The speed may not be as bad as the resident indicated. There were two isolated incidents, one was a DUI and the other was a dog that was unleashed and was hit. The Chief will follow up with the individual on the complaint. Sergeant Cain informed the board that the department is already patrolling that area twice daily, and there are not crazy high speeds observed at those times. Bob stated that walking individuals could walk against the traffic so that they are able to see the cars coming. That was not the case with the incident recently.

Mail Box on 31 Highland Road-

Bob had visited the area and does not believe that it was intentional. The post might have been rotted so when the heavy wet snow was pushed off the road it could have snapped. The town has a policy that they do not pay for repair to mailboxes.

Cease and Desist- Mr. Ragonese emailed a letter today to the board on what he was planning to do to correct the issues in reference to the Cease and Desist for 15 Moulton Ridge Road. He met with the engineer and is actively seeking a bond for the heavy hauling. Per the cease and desist they were asked to inform the board of the actions they would be taking to comply. Dave had gotten Kathy a square yard cost for Moulton Ridge Road which was relayed to Mr. Ragonese for him to be able to secure the bond.

Town of Atkinson- Public Notice

They are installing a Monopole for telecommunications and are required to inform the surrounding towns within so many miles. She stated that the meetings would be held on April 11, and April 26, 2018.

DOT Letter to the Board-

Contained information for the board on the paving that would be occurring this summer from the Massachusetts state line on Route 150 all the way to Route 108. They asked for the police department to be notified, which they have been. Norman asked if they would be taking care of any crosswalks? It

was sent in the packet that they would like to eliminate the crosswalk in front of the Kensington Elementary School. Copies were given to the board for review. Bob asked if the school board had a copy of this letter yet, they did not but Mr. Cole was in attendance and handed a copy of the letter. Bob explained that a crosswalk that is not used all the time makes drivers complacent because they never see it used. The state is concerned that children would have a false sense of security with that not being recognized regularly by drivers. Sergeant Cain reported that the Chief had remarked to him that he would recommend that the board object to discontinuing that crosswalk. Norman agreed with that thought because it is used for the children to cross the road when going to the park. Mr. Cole explained that the way the school manages the dismissal and arrivals the children are not alone, they would be escorted to the crosswalk. He also believes that it is important to keep that crosswalk. Norman asked if the School Board could provide the board with some feed back on that issue.

Crosswalk lights- The DOT has sent the town another update on the crosswalk lights as well. The flashing lights, like a PEA would not be allowed, but when they are ready to install the crosswalk they will need to inform the state before installation. The lights that are allowed will be similar to the push button lights that will be yellow.

Seabrook Intent to Excavate- Norman remembered that the Assessing Company had sent them some information on the pit area. Norman explained that there is lead everywhere there from the shooting, so how can they excavate that area? Bob asked Kathy to call and see if the bank that they are excavating from is the bank that they are shooting into. He agreed that if they are shooting into that area the lead should not be removed. Norman stated that he would like to know the ultimate plan for that pit and the shooting range. Kathy will follow up for next meeting.

State Auction- The board was sent notification of the auction for vehicles, furniture and equipment.

B&S Agreement- the board reviewed the addendum to the B&S agreement.

Bob made a motion to approve the B&S Addendum, Linda seconded, all in favor.

Norman explained that this is due to the extra cost of hauling to the recycling plant.

Payroll Quarterly Manifest- The board reviewed the quarterly payroll report. **Norman made a motion to approve the quarterly payroll, Bob seconded, all in favor.**

Score Board- EJBL had contacted the town to see if the issue was fixed with the scoreboards at the park. They explained that they paid to fix them last year. Norman asked to find out who installed the scoreboards, and why EJBL had them fixed.

Concession Stand- Flag Football-

The flag football representative asked if the concession stand would be open. The board believes that this should be decided in the next couple of weeks.

They also wanted to store things in the bunker as well. Norman stated that there should be an inventory done first. There is also a grill down there that does not belong to the town. This is not the same one that was donated last year. It is someone's who would have access, the board would like it removed.

Emergency Management Drill- The board reviewed the information submitted for payment of the participant in the last Emergency Management Drill. Not every individual on there will be paid because they are salaried individuals.

Norman made a motion to approve the Emergency Management payment for the drill on March 8, 2018, Linda seconded, both in favor. Bob abstained.

There was a brief recess at 7:19pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Non Public Session- RSA91A:3, II (a,b,c,d,e,i,l)

Norman made a motion to go into Non Public at 7:24pm, Bob seconded, all in favor. One reputation issue was discussed. Norman made a motion to close and seal permanently the non public session at 8:03pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Bills- the board reviewed the bills and signed the manifest.

Motion to adjourn made by Norman at 8:06pm, seconded by Bob, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch