

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

95 Amesbury Rd

MONDAY November 15, 2021

Minutes – Approved 11/22/2021

Meeting 6:30pm

At 6:30pm J. Pace called the meeting to order.

The Board opened the meeting for public comment. Al Brandano of 2 West School Road discussed his concerns with voting machines and the chain of custody of said machines. He asked the Board to consider a Warrant Article for the hand counting of ballots at the next election instead of using voting machines.

The Board discussed Mr. Brandano's proposal. The procedure of the testing of machines and the chain of custody was discussed. Mr. Brandano explained that he could hold a special town meeting in absence of a Warrant Article from the Board with 50 signatures of Town residents, however he felt it would be better if the Board created the Warrant Article.

Mr. Pace and Mr. Brandano engaged in a brief and heated exchange for which Mr. Pace promptly apologized and Mr. Brandano gracefully accepted.

***B. Gustafson made a motion consistent with Mr. Brandano's request for a Warrant Article concerning the hand counting of ballots instead of using voting machines at the next election. There was no second. No action was taken by the Board.***

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

• Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –

- Chief Cain has continued work on a traffic study regarding speed limits in Town. He stated Goffstown ran a traffic study internally with the Road Agent and a police officer using a traffic counter. The counter could be moved from road to road. The counter would cost approximately \$1,500. The Board will look at the budget at further meetings for funds for the counter.
- The generator failed for the Town Hall. There is no ETA for parts or repair.

• Fire Department – Chief Jon True

- The Chief would like to introduce Josh Zani-Conklin and Kenneth LeBlanc as new firefighters and recommended them for hiring.
- The department is working with the Library and Police Department to see they can do a Santa's Run through town.
- There will be a private, NH permitted fireworks display in Kensington on Thanksgiving Day (November 25, 2021) between 5:30pm and 8:00pm.

***At 7:15pm B. Solomon made a motion to appoint Kenneth LeBlanc and Josh Zani-Conklin as Firefighters and EMTs. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

• Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –

- Emergency Management had WEBEOC training and a soft drill last week. Anyone interested in additional information, please reach out to Chief True. The next drill is December 8, 2021.
- Chief True discussed Covid statistics and response for New Hampshire and Kensington.
- The Chief discussed setting up a flu clinic and the Vaccination Van in December.

- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
  - The loading dock reconstruction has been completed at the Salt Shed.
  - Bell and Flynn are working on the shoulders on Highland Road, Shaw's Hill and Hobbs Road which will be completed soon.
  - The Road Manager asked for bids from three tree companies, however only one replied. The Board asked for the Road Manager to contact other tree companies for bids.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin – The Tax collector had abatements for the Board to sign.

***At 7:33pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the abatement of \$65 for map 17 lot 10-103. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

***At 7:34pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the abatement of \$53 for map 17 lot 10-103. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle – was not present.
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin was present but did not speak.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell was not present.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust – there were no trustees present.

***At 7:35pm B. Gustafson made a motion to appoint Therese Wallaga as an Alternate Member for the ZBA with term ending 4/24. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.***

The Board discussed the Grange Hall and the Town's role in the maintenance of the Grange Hall.

The Board signed the letter to the Sawyer Park Trust regarding the park manager after edits were made.

***At 7:51pm B. Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign for the Board for the contract with Atlas Pyrovision Entertainment. B. Solomon Seconded. All voted in favor.***

The Board signed off on Bills, Payroll and Mail.

***At 7:53pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> with editorial changes. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.***

***At 7:56pm B. Solomon made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91a:3 (II) a,c. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

***At 8:23pm B. Solomon made a motion exit the non-public session. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.***

Public session reconvened at 8:26pm.

***At 8:26pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.***

- Next Meeting Dates –December 6, 2021

Respectfully signed,

