

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833

THURSDAY
JANUARY 13, 2022
Agenda
Meeting 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes- Approved 1/24/2022

Joe opened the public meeting at 6:30pm and then opened the public hearing and read the below.

Public Hearing

- The Kensington Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Town Hall to discuss and vote on the 2022 Budget and Money Warrant Articles. A second Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:30pm at the Kensington Town Hall if deemed necessary.

The board reviewed the articles that were changed from the meeting on Monday night.

- Article 12- Funds from the EMS Fund to purchase a new ambulance. Due to the required wording the entire amount to be appropriated needs to be listed in the article. The town will not be appropriating any money that will impact the tax rate at this time. The only funds that will be appropriated are from the EMS fund in the amount of \$150,000. The Fire Chief will be applying for grants for the remaining funds of \$200,000.
- Article 11- This was originally set up as a revolving fund, but that is not the correct delineation for the fund. The expendable trust fund is the better fit for what income will be raised for the fund. The Trustees of the Trust funds will hold onto the funds and the selectmen will be agents to expend from the fund.
- Bob S. asked about the planning board articles and if the board votes to recommend them. The planning board is the body that recommends those, and the DRA does not comment on them they only suggest that the town refers to legal. There was no issue on those articles from the board.

Joe closed the public hearing at 7:42pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board went through the warrant articles and voted to recommend the following articles.

8	Operating Budget	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
9	Wildlife Mitigation ETF	Solomon motioned to recommend this article seconded by Gustafson, all in favor
10	% of LUCT to Conservation	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
11	Road Reconstruction	Solomon motioned to recommend this article seconded by Gustafson, all in favor
12	Funds from EMS Ambulance	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
13	Funds to Fire CRF	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
14	Funds to Fire CRF-Water Fund	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
15	Funds to Fire CRF-earned Rev	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
16	Grange Hall Maintenance	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
17	Add to Revaluation CRF	Solomon motioned to recommend this article seconded by Gustafson, all in favor

18	SS- Richie McFarland	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor
19	SS-Rockingham Community Action	Solomon motioned to recommend this article seconded by Gustafson, all in favor
20	SS- Meals on Wheels	Gustafson motioned to recommend this article seconded by Solomon, all in favor

The board discussed the fact that if the warrant articles are amended during the deliberative session the board has the right to amend the recommendation on the changed article language.

- Letters to residents about the safety complex.
The board signed the letters to go out to specific residents about the safety complex.
- The board reviewed the letter Chief True drafted to area businesses about the town buildings requiring masks. The wording will be adjusted in the letter and a memo will go out to the public.

Responses to Mr. Brandano's emails to the board on a number of subjects.

- Mr. Brandano expressed concerns about the wording of the disclaimer on the website. The board reviewed the disclaimer on the website and concluded that the wording would stay as it is.
- The board discussed posting further rebuttals on the website. The board is under the opinion that they don't want to get into a back and forth and create a debate platform on the website.
The town's website is informational and not intended to be a debate platform. It is very unusual for the board to post outside comments and the board thought that it was fair where the board accepted Mr. Brandano's to then subsequently accept Mr. Cole's. The intent is not to create a debate platform and such no further comments will be accepted. There are other avenues to get the information out to the public, such as mailings. Bob Solomon made a motion to have Kathy respond to Mr. Brandano with those opinions stated, Bob Gustafson seconded, all in favor.
- Acceptance of the voting machine. In 2018 the selectmen at the time voted to purchase the voting machine. The board read through RSA 656:40. The board directed Kathy to respond to the email. The enabling statute relevant to electronic ballot counting devices for towns is RSA 656:40.
- Selectmen's Agenda for the 24th of January. Any resident is welcome to attend the board meetings and discuss issues during citizen's forum, not all requests to be put on the agenda will be granted.

Bob Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 7:40pm, Bob Solomon seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch