

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY
FEBRUARY 26, 2024
Minutes - Draft
6:30 PM

The chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Joe Pace (Chairperson), Bob Solomon (member), Bob Gustafson (member), and Kathy Felch (Town Administrator).

AGENDA:

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –
 - Chief Cain explained that 25% of the department’s overtime budget has been used due to an ongoing case that is soon to go to trial. J. Pace asked Chief Cain to document the portion of overtime that is being used for work on the case.
 - All vehicles have been received and are ready for use.
 - Fire Department – Chief Jon True –
 - Engine 2 was taken out of service for maintenance and will be back in service 2/27/
 - Chief True detailed an oil spill in the vicinity of North Rd and 150 that has been cleaned up.
 - The fire department hasn’t received bids on the old ambulance. Chief True stated that Exeter hospital is interested in receiving the ambulance as a donation now that the bidding process has passed. The board had no concerns.
 - Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –
 - There was no negative feedback from the February drill. The graded exercise is on April 3, 2024.
 - Other Department Heads-
 - Kensington Energy Committee-
 - Zeke Schmois detailed the proposed cost sharing agreement for the Community Power Committee. The board discussed setting a meeting for the cost sharing agreement on March 13, 2024, pending the results of the town election. Also discussed were strategies to advertise and promote educational sessions for the proposed Community Power Committee to the public.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- **REVIEW OF THE RIGHT TO KNOW POLICY AND ADJUSTMENTS**

J. Pace discussed the new right to know request form as well as the fee schedule for requests. He explained that there is legislation at the state level proposing adjustments to what a town can charge for right to know requests, one of which would include labor costs. J. Pace explained that the new legislation seeks to address right to know requests where the intent is to overburden town staff in gathering a significant amount of information and slow down operations. However, the legislation is still in process. Therefore, J. Pace recommended that the board review the town's right to know request policy to ensure that the town is in line with *current* state right to know laws, particularly in relation to fees charged to the public.

Town Administrator:

Kathleen Felch-

- Progress on Wildlife Management Plans

K. Felch explained that she reached out to fish and game, and their recommendation for dealing with the beaver issue is to trap them, and that there is a statewide issue of beaver dams with the significant amount of precipitation in recent months.

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

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned that the board move to non-public session under RSA 91A:3, IIa. B. Gustafson seconded. Roll call vote: B. Solomon, yes; B. Gustafson, yes; J. Pace, yes.

The board entered non-public session at 7:16pm.

- Approval of Board Minutes

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to approve the minutes of January 22, 2024. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor.

- **Next meeting is March 11, 2024.**

- Adjournment

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to adjourn the meeting. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Owen Corcoran
Land Use Administrative Assistant