

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833  
MONDAY August 26, 2019 – 6:30pm  
Minutes - DRAFT

Please note: Audio recording does not exist due technical difficulties.

In Attendance: Joe Pace, Vanessa Rozier, Peter Graves  
Approximately 16 others in attendance.

Joe opened the meeting at 6:32pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

At 6:34pm, Joe opened the public hearing for Police Details for Town Work. The proposed increase is from \$25.00 per hour to \$40.00 per hour with no administrative fees for internal (town) customers. Chief Cain gave a summary of the current detail rates. There were no public comments. At 6:36pm, Joe closed the public hearing.

**At 6:36pm, Vanessa made a motion to change internal rate for police details from \$25.00 to \$40.00 per hour. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
  - School opened today, all went well. The repeater is now running in the school. Next year he would like to look at portable radios for the Department.
  - Chief Cain would like to backup the server and car cameras to the cloud. IT services is looking into options.
  - There is a pest control issue in the PD. Chief Cain would like to have this addressed.
  - Chief Cain presented a contract to hire Justin Moran to the department. His background check was completed with no issues. Chief Cain would like to have him sworn in tomorrow. He is already working part time in New Boston and South Hampton, but will need to go to the Full Time Academy in January. The BOS reviewed the contract. The BOS requested a final version where formatting issues are addressed and will move forward with the hiring after that.
  - Chief Cain spoke with the school Superintendent regarding a SRO in the school. Both Chief Cain and the Superintendent are supportive of this idea.
  - Chief Cain and Kathy spoke regarding town ordinances that need to be clarified. Hawkers and Peddlers ordinance is one that has recently become a concern. Some of the verbiage should be addressed and it would probably be helpful if it was put online. The BOS will put this on a future agenda to be addressed.
- Fire Department
  - Chief Jon True was not present but sent an email requesting that the town order new code books because the state is adopting the 2015 edition. There was discussion on how updates to the Code would be addressed. **At 6:58pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve expenditure to purchase new code books in the amount of \$450 for fire department and \$540 for building department. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True was not present.
- Road Manager – David Buxton reported as follows:
  - There are several dead trees in town that David feels should be addressed. He will get 3 quotes and present them to the BOS at another meeting.
  - David presented the BOS with two quotes from Matrix. One for supplemental road reconstruction work around town addressing a variety of issues including plugged culverts, high shoulders, any areas where there has been issues with ice. He also presented a quote to have the town hall parking lot addressed.
  - Dave said signage and cones will need to be purchased as well.
  - Norman DeBoisbriand of 26 Moulton Ridge Rd asked for clarification on where the funds for the town hall parking lot repair would come out of. It was clarified that this would not come from the Road Reconstruction

funds from the warrant article. The supplemental road reconstruction work would come out of the Road Reconstruction funds from the warrant article. Vanessa asked if in the future more detail could be provided on the quotes. Joe suggested a list of locations where the supplemental road reconstruction work will be done. **At 7:08pm, Peter made a motion to approve the supplemental roadwork contingent on the BOS receiving a list of all places referenced in the quote for a total of \$9,708.00. Vanessa seconded.** Elaine Bodwell of 95 Stumpfield Rd asked if any progress has been made on getting a crosswalk in front of the town hall. Norman DeBoisbriand of 26 Moulton Ridge Rd said that he recalls the State of NH approving the crosswalk but would require the light be removed. Elaine expressed that for the safety of everyone this is an issue to not have a crosswalk. Joe said that the BOS will look into the issue and review historical information from previous conversations. **All voted in favor.**

- The BOS will review the town hall parking lot prior to making a decision on that.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin had nothing to report.
- Building Inspector- Norman Giroux was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
  - Kathy reported that the payroll company changed their name and account number, so they were not paid. It should be fixed by next Wednesday.
- Town Clerk – Carol Beers Witherell was not present.
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell reported as follows:
  - The Recreation Committee met on August 15. Steven McDonough asked permission to have his basketball program again this year starting December 5 and running 12 consecutive weeks, unless there is a school function.
  - Jen Macek and Catherine Bannister gave a report to the Recreation Committee of how the summer camp program went.
  - Elaine gave a summary of the July Festival. She was thankful to the Rosencrantz family who supplied a gator for the day.
- Conservation Commission no one present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust – Hez Mercadante reported as follows:
  - There was brief discussion on an alcohol permit for the end of September for an event in the town park. They do not have the liability insurance as of yet, approval probably cannot happen tonight but that needs to be discussed prior.
  - Cross Country will start soon with the school. The trails will be cleaned up and there is someone who is cleaning up the trees on the land that is next to Amesbury Rd and Trundlebed Ln.
  - There are concerns regarding the cleanup process for the town park from the summer camp program. Elaine will look into this and ensure there is communication between the Trust and the Recreation Committee.
  - There are concerns that the town and trust are paying the same bills.
- Kensington School Board no one present.
- Trail Committee – There will be the first meeting on Wednesday.
- Rockingham Planning Commission Rep. – No one was present.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Board of Health- Septic Waiver Request – Eastman’s Corner Foundation

- The BOS convened as the Board of Health at 7:30pm to review the septic located at tax map 3 lot 30. Peter Landry from Landry Surveying presented to the Board representing the landowner, Bruce Cilley. It was explained that there is currently a requirement in town that requires a designated septic reserve area in addition to the septic. Mr. Landry presented that when improvements were made to the property the septic reserve area is no longer valid. They are unable to meet the requirements of the septic reserve area with the replacement needed, so that is why they are requesting a waiver from the Board of Health to get the expansion plan to DES. Mr. Landry explained the details of the lot and went through the requirements of a waiver. He gave a summary of the current septic, a stone and pipe system, and the proposed waiver request for the updated Enviroseptic system. There was discussion on why there is a need for the septic to be repaired and whether the Planning Board should be involved in any changes to use as a result of the septic load increase. Peter stated that they need to address this as the Board of Health and that should be separate from a regulatory issue. There was

discussed that the waiver would not necessarily need to say that there could be no reserve area, but instead could state that the reserve area would not need to be adjacent to the current septic. **At 8:00pm, Peter made a motion for the Board of Health to grant a Septic Waiver for Tax Map 3 Lot 30 that the reserve area could be non continuous to the existing septic, but subject to the new plan being presented to the Board of Health. Vanessa seconded.** Joe asked when the revised plan could be presented, brief discussion followed. **All voted in favor.**

- At 8:03pm, the Board reconvened as the Select Board.

#### Brick School House Yard Sale

- Donna Woodbury of 61 Amesbury Rd stated that she has concerns about the Brick School House yard sale. She stated that she is lived there for several years and is frustrated that things are being left out, people are coming by at “all hours”, leaving trash, using her driveway as a turnaround, and that the hours are not what were posted. She stated that it looks like junk and she does not feel safe.
- Lorraine O’Keefe, President of the Historical Society gave a brief summary of the role of the society and explained this is one of two fundraisers the society does each year. She stated that the times printed in the paper(s) were different than the signs that we outside, but this was intentional that the sale went on longer than the signs stated. Joe asked if there was anything different this year in regard to the number of days. Lorraine explained that last year it was four Saturdays in a row, this year it was one full weekend, and the following Saturday. She stated that they have left things out for people to take now that the sale has ended and this is the first complaint, written or verbal, that every had.
- Holly McCann of 26 Moulton Ridge Rd said that she has been at the Brick School House working to consolidate things and pick up trash. She explained that they have been taking things out of the school house to try to tidy up, and that could appear to look like new items. They will be working within the next few days to get the rest out and haul it away.
- Frank Whittemore of 5 Hobbs Rd stated that the purpose of the sale is about recycling. It is a way to make money and saves the town a large amount of money in maintenance of the school. Leaving things out for people to take once the sale has ended speaks to the efforts to recycle items. He feels it is a good project all around, and was sorry if it is upsetting to the neighbor.
- Jan MacQuarrie of 32 North Rd reiterated Lorraine’s sentiments that this is the Historical Society’s main fundraiser, that happens for a few weekends once a year. She doesn’t feel like it is too much to ask.
- Elaine Bodwell of 95 Stumpfield Rd spoke to the point that the yard sale doesn’t just help preserve the historical buildings in town but also to helps the Historical Society to provide education to children and adults
- Joe acknowledged the Board is not at issue with the work and services that the Historical Society provides, but they need to work through this so there are not problems for neighbors. Joe explained he doesn’t want anyone on the Historical Society to feel disrespected or their efforts devalued. The hours of operation and passersby using the neighbor’s driveway as a turnaround are the main concerns.
- Lorraine clarified that the sign advertising the sale says 9am-1pm and the newspaper advertisement said 9am—3pm, which was the intent, they just need new signs
- Joe encouraged a line of communication be open between the Historical Society and the neighbors. Vanessa suggested the neighbors develop a list of specific issues they had and brainstorming some ideas for resolution that both parties could discuss together to move forward in a positive manner.
- Laura Sforza of 74 Amesbury Rd explained that she has lived across the street from the Brick School House since 2001 and has never had an issue with the yard sale. She felt that this year was different and it felt like a free for all with people stopping all night and a messy appearance.
- Peter and Joe reiterated Vanessa’s suggestion of making a list of challenges with the situation and recommended that there are remedies also provided and suggestions to rectify the issues. Both parties acknowledged that they could try to handle this as neighbors and work together for a resolution going forward.

#### Deputy Treasurer Appointment- Schwotzer

- The former Deputy Treasurer has moved, leaving a vacancy in the position. Resident Mike Schwotzer expressed his interest in the position, and the Treasurer stated that should would be satisfied with his abilities to handle the position of Deputy Treasurer.

- Norman DeBoisbriand of 26 Moulton Ridge Rd addressed the Board intending to discuss concerns he had in regards to the appointment of Mike Schwotzer stating that there have been individuals that have asked him to speak of these concerns. It was decided by the Board that because both parties are not present, a non-public session should be scheduled for the next meeting to give everyone involved an equal opportunity to speak.

#### Library Trustee Appointment-Bascom

- The Board reviewed a resignation letter from Jack Herney as a Library Trustee and a letter from the Library Trustees requesting the appointment of Susan Bascom of Moulton Ridge Rd to be appointed. **At 8:41pm, Vanessa made a motion to appoint Susan Bascom as a Library Trustee. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**

#### Trail Committee Appointments-Benedetto; Gross

- **At 8:43pm, Peter made a motion to appoint Benedetto, Gross, and Holland to the Trail Committee. Vanessa seconded. All voted in favor.**

#### RPF Environmental Quote- Town Hall Air Testing

- The BOS reviewed a quote for air quality testing in the town hall. There was a brief discussion on budgeting and the history of the air quality testing at the town hall. **At 8:45pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the air testing to be performed by RPF Environmental at a cost of \$1475.00. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**

Town Water Testing Day-discussion - This will be discussed in September.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Excavation Permit – This will be discussed in September.

Osgood Road Culvert- deterrent solutions – This will be discussed in September.

#### BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Vanessa reported that the Planning Board is considering reviewing/expanding use regulations in town. She also explained that the prior Board had been presented with opportunity to participate in Groundwater Program through the Town of Seabrook with other towns and suggested the current Board reconsider participating in the program.

Peter said he would like to help the Recreation Committee with the Summer Camp Program budgets well in advance this year.

Joe said that he did a ride-along with the Kensington Police Department and encouraged Peter and Vanessa to also do one to learn more about what goes on in town.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed and signed MS1.

The Board reviewed bills and mail.

**At 9:06pm, Vanessa made a motion to sign appointment and training agreement of Officer Moran to the Kensington Police Department. Peter seconded. All voted in favor.**

**At 9:11pm, Peter made a motion to adjourn. Vanessa seconded. All voted in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime