

Town of Kensington
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
Monday, March 2, 2020
6:30 pm
APPROVED MARCH 16, 2020

Joe Pace opened the meeting at 6:32 pm. He asked everyone in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The floor was opened to public comments, no public comments were given.

Vanessa Rozier made a motion to appoint Seth Noyes as the Assistant Animal Control Officer. The motion was seconded by Joe. All in favor. The motion carried and Joe proceeded to swear in Seth. His family as well as others in attendance applauded.

Trash and Recycling bids will be opened tonight, however Vanessa shared that she would like to wait until Ken Leonard from the Recycling Committee is in attendance.

Joe opened the floor to the Department Heads who were present.

Police Department - Chief Cain - announced that the 5th full time position in the department has been filled. The new officer is from Raymond and already has some training. One officer will be out for 4-6 weeks for medical reasons. Additionally, the department looks forward to another officer starting Police Academy in August.

Fire Department - Chief True - was not in attendance but Joe offered that there will be an Emergency Drill for Seabrook Station here at Town Hall on 3/3/20.

Road Manager - David Buxton - shared that the town wide patching had been completed. The supply of cold patch is almost gone. Also, the Electrical upgrades that were needed at the Salt Shed have been completed.

He received a call from a resident about Hickory Lane, which is a gravel road but is maintained as a town road. He stated the concerns would be addressed and will need 2 loads of crushed stone and grading to complete. He was given a verbal quote of \$1800.00 to complete that work. He also stated that this strategy would likely keep this road in good condition for the next 4-5 years. Vanessa inquired about what was available in the Road Budget. David stated he would like to get another quote and then choice could be made.

David also shared that the 2020 Road Reconstruction Plan was complete.

Tax Collector - Carlene Wiggin - Carlene was not in attendance, although an abatement was presented by the clerk on her behalf. **Vanessa made a motion to approve the abatement for Map 17 Lot 10-104 in the amount of \$68.00. Joe seconded. All in favor.**

Kensington Sawyer Trust - Hez Mercadante - Hez started to explain that Peter Graves was going to look into reaching out to Palmer Oil regarding the incident in the parking lot this winter. One of their trucks was attempting to turn around in the parking lot at the park, it was not plowed at the time and the truck slid and broke a fencepost. Hez will follow up with Peter.

Softball and Baseball season is already filling up. This revenue will be helpful to the park.

Hez would also like to extend a big Thank You to Peter Graves for acting as the Liaison with the Park this last year. It is a valuable role and his time is very much appreciated.

New Business -

Veteran's Tax Credit - Map 3 Lot 45. Vanessa made a motion to approve the Veteran's Credit for Map 3 Lot 45. Joe seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion carries.

Geosphere Groundwater Protection initiative - this is in collaboration with the Town of Seabrook. Vanessa followed up with Lisa Cote, however they were unable to connect. Vanessa will follow up again and invite her to the next meeting of the board to discuss this initiative.

Trash and Recycling Bids - Ken Leonard present from the Recycling Sub-committee. Joe announced that 2 letters were returned undeliverable. Those were from Bestway and Greenleaf. A member of the audience offered that Best way is a subsidiary of Casella, whom he was there to represent. Bids were then opened.

- Casella's bid offered Curbside pick up and single stream recycling. The bid included a 3 year escalator clause for collection and processing costs. Original bids on file.

- G.Mello Disposal offered multiple options with and without carts/containers being provided. In addition to 3 year contract options, there were also 5 year options noted in the bid.

- Waste Management provided a letter declining to present a bid.

- Stateline Waste Management offered 3 year options while continuing to utilize Greenworks in Peabody, MA for recycling and using a location in Eliot, ME for trash.

Vanessa made a motion to remit these bids to the recycling committee to review and then submit their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Joe seconded the motion, all in favor. Vanessa added that she would even consider having a special meeting to make a decision and keep this project on track for the March 31 deadline. Joe suggested no later than 3/16/20. Joe discussed Vanessa's work with the recycling committee to empower the discussion of rates and negotiations. Her participation to continue to facilitate that will be valuable. The board can be convened to meet after the sub-committee can form recommendations to make a decision as soon as possible so there is no lapse in service.

Rockingham Planning Commission - Letter asking Kensington to appoint someone for a special committee. The clerk will scan and email this letter to Vanessa so that she may follow up with Julie LaBranche.

Other Business:

Building Inspector - This position has been accepted with a flat rate of \$8000.00 with the agreement that no future billing will be anticipated. The salary of \$12,000.00 was accepted for the year 2020. Discussion continued regarding the schedule of payment.

Haying agreement - Conservation Commission drew up a Haying Agreement for Mr. Perkins to complete haying off of North Haverhill Road. **Vanessa made a motion for Joe to sign the Haying Agreement as drafted. Joe seconded, all in favor.**

Minutes of Board from 2/17/20. **Vanessa made a motion to approve the minutes as they are. Joe seconded, all in favor and the motion carries.**

Bills were signed and Mail was reviewed.

Vanessa made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91A:3,II (b) (I). Joe seconded, and the vote was 2-0 to enter non-public session. Roll Call was completed. Non-public session began at 7:42 pm.

The Board emerged from Non-Public Session at 8:23 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sarah J. Wiggin