

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19
THURSDAY December 10, 2020 – 4:00pm
Minutes – APPROVED DECEMBER 21, 2020

In attendance: Joe Pace, Vanessa Rozier, Bob Solomon

At 4:00pm, Joe called the meeting to order. At the start of the Zoom meeting, there were 7 participants on the call.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOWN HALL PROCEDURES

- The Board discussed current COVID-19 conditions to determine if any operational changes need to occur for the Town Hall. Chief Jon True has met with most employees at the Town Hall to discuss how operations were handled previously and to brainstorm how to operate more efficiently while keeping everyone safe. If COVID-19 cases continue to rise, Chief True feels that there will need to be alternative procedures put into place to minimize contact at Town Hall. Chief True proposed a plan that would allow people into the first foyer of the parking lot entrance (1 person at a time) where limited contact interaction could occur with town staff, keeping the offices open to serve residents. A cost estimate for items needed for this plan was provided to the Board. Some funds may be available under the Presidential Declaration. WiFi will be installed through Consolidated Communications with an extender throughout the building to support the previously proposed plan. WiFi signal strength and speed has been an ongoing concern at the Town Hall and will likely be needed in the event of changes to operations.
- Appointments were suggested and discussed. It was decided that if appointments and walk-ins were accepted, this could cause unnecessary frustration. There was concern that residents would not know that appointments were available. A mailing could go out, in addition to posted signs on doors and the website.
- The Board emphasized that any curtailment or changes to operations should not be called a closure. Everyone in the Town Hall wants to remain open to serve residents in the safest manner possible with limited contact.
- The Board agreed to move forward with the proposal from Chief True. The timeframe for operational changes were discussed. The goal is as soon as possible, but it will depend on how quickly items can be purchased.

GUTTERS

- Someone was out to look at the gutters and drainage into the Town Hall parking lot who determined that everything it pitched forward causing the drainage to go to the parking lot/driveway. The gutters should be cleaned out, which can be done now. It was also suggested that the Town contact a landscaper to help address the issue in the spring.

PROVIDING INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS

- There was discussion on Kensington Connects regarding COVID-19 in town as a result of a news article. Chief True provided a summary to the Board of current case numbers in Kensington and talking points when residents inquire about COVID-19.

At 4:57pm, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes, Joe voted yes. The motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea Lalime