

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19

MONDAY January 25, 2021 – 6:30pm

Minutes - DRAFT

Joe called the meeting to order at 6:32. There were 11 participants on the meeting at the start of the call.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department – Chief Scott Cain reported as follows:
 - The new cruisers are in production and one cruiser is expected to be fully outfitted by March.
 - The Tahoe needed repairs to the bumper; the Cruiser Revolving Fund will be used to make repairs.
 - There is an ongoing issue with a property where a no trespassing order was issued. Chief Cain, Chief True, and the Health Inspector will work together on this.
 - There was a pursuit through town that initiated in Exeter and the vehicle was stopped eventually in Amesbury.
 - The server was delivered and IT is still working on installation.
 - There is an officer quarantined for 10 days.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - Three quotes for roof repair were presented to the Board. **At 6:40pm, Vanessa made a motion to approve the roof contract with J. Carnes & Son Roofing for \$14,670.83. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.** The Kensington Fire Association will be paying toward this as well.
 - There have been brush fires in the area. It is very dry and with no snow cover, you must get a permit to burn. Permits are available online or calling the FD, depending on the size of the burn.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True reported as follows:
 - An update was provided on the vaccine. With questions, call EM line (772-1047) or FD non-emergency line 772-5751 and leave a message- also try 211.
 - The new internet is in the Town Hall. The desk for limited contact is being made and tablets are on order.
 - Reminder of zoom LEOP meeting 10 am on Thursday. Should not last more than 1 hour.
 - Picking up more PPE tomorrow- if Town agencies need anything, please contact Chief True.
- Road Manager – David Buxton was not present.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin was not present.
- Building Inspector- Norman Giroux was not present.
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle was not present.
- Town Clerk – Interim Sarah Wiggin reported as follows:
 - The filing period is currently open for elected positions. There are still several positions that do not have anyone running. Please reach out to Sarah Wiggin, Town Clerk with any questions.
 - The Town Clerk's office will be closed February 3rd due to the Deliberative Session which will be at 6:30pm in the Talbot Gym at 30 Linden Street in Exeter.
 - Town Moderator Harold Bragg explained that on Friday there was an executive order from the Governor allowing the postponement of ballot voting. The Town Moderators of the towns that make up the Cooperative School District met remotely and in a 5 of 6 majority agreed to hold the traditional Town Meeting on March 9, 2021, the originally scheduled date. Ben Cole and Harold have met with Chris Andriski from SAU16 to talk about logistics of the Deliberative Session.
 - At the Planning Board meeting last week, the Planning Board voted to recommend that Josh Preneta be appointed as a new alternate member. **At 6:57pm, Vanessa made a motion to appoint Josh Preneta to the Planning Board as an alternate member with a term ending April 2021. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.**
- Recreation Committee- Elaine Bodwell was not present.
- Conservation Commission – Sydnee Goddard was not present.
- Sawyer Kensington Trust- Hez Mercadante was not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Trash and Recycling- new options
 - The Recycling Committee met remotely with Casella to review the service over the last year and to discuss ideas of how to manage the amount of waste and how waste is collected. Casella proposed providing a barrel for recycling and a barrel for waste for each household (which would be delivered and funded through a grant program). This would help with managing the amount of waste that is curbside. There was brief discussion on the size of the barrel provided. There was discussion about the income from the additional trash stickers purchased. It was suggested that this income could be offset by allowing residents to purchase an additional barrel and registration sticker for the barrel so that Casella knows it has been paid for. There was concern expressed that this limits the amount of trash a household could put out and an example of the rare occasion of additional bags was discussed. It was noted that additional barrels could be purchased and Raymond Transfer Station is another alternative. This will be an ongoing discussion as the idea will be put out to Kensington Connects for feedback.
- Warrant Articles for each member to take for deliberative session
 - The Board assigned warrant articles for each member to be prepared to discuss at the Deliberative session.

The Board discussed the \$21,023.84 in Municipal Funds that the Town will receive. A public hearing is not required as this is municipal aid and it would be booked back to 2020. **At 7:24pm, Bob made a motion to accept the \$21,023.84 in municipal aid. Vanessa seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.**

At 7:26pm, Vanessa made a motion to adjourn. Bob seconded. Joe took a roll call vote. Vanessa voted yes, Bob voted yes and Joe voted yes. The motion passes.

The next scheduled meeting is February 1, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Lalime