

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2014
APPROVED APRIL 7, 2014**

In attendance: Russell Perry and Scott Lowell were in attendance. Russell called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

***This meeting was not taped. With the change in location and equipment limitations, on April 2, 2012 the selectmen made a decision to discontinue tape recording the meetings as it is not required by state statute.**

CITIZEN'S FORUM-

Linda Blood asked if the deliberative session will still be held on Wednesday with the impending snow forecast. Harold Bragg, our moderator, contacted the school and they decided to hold the meeting as scheduled. The moderator does have the ability to reschedule and make that decision up to two hours prior to the scheduled meeting. Dave Buxton was asked to plow the Grange for overflow parking.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department- Chief Sielicki did not have anything to report.

Fire Department- Chief Leblanc presented:

- Paperwork for two new probationary members of the fire department and reappointments for members who are no longer on probation.
 - Russell made a motion to appoint Matthew Miner and Rebecca Romaneck as probationary members of the fire department, seconded by Scott with both in favor.
 - Russell made a motion to appoint Howard Dolan and Matthew Andrews as EMT members of the fire department, seconded by Scott with both favor.
 - Russell made a motion to appoint John Lebel as a member of the fire department, seconded by Scott with both in favor.
- They will be replacing the electrical panel at the fire station.
- They will be moving forward with the bathroom construction and anticipate the majority being funded with donations.

Building Inspector-Mark Sikorski presented permits:

- Cook, 132 South Road, solar panels on garage roof.
 - Costa, 6 Hudson Drive, in-ground pool, which meets setbacks and fencing requirements.
- Russell made a motion to approve the permits as presented, seconded by Scott with both in favor.

Road Manager- Dave Buxton did not have anything to report.

Emergency Management-Robert Gustafson reported he will be attending a non-radiological training in March.

Assessing Clerk- Kathleen Felch was not in attendance, however Lynne reported:

- **Equalization Ratio-**The Department of Revenue submitted our equalization ratio which is now 98.8% and the median ratio is 100.2%.
- **Cyclical Inspections-**The results of the cyclical inspections for 2012 were given to the Board.

Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin was not in attendance however she submitted the list of all unpaid receivables as of December 31, 2013.

Town Clerk- Pamela Kehoe was not in attendance.

Recreation Department- Members were not in attendance; however they submitted a request for a new member to be appointed. Russell made a motion to appoint Sarah Hoffmaster as a member of the Recreation Committee with an expiration date of April 2017, seconded by Scott with both in favor.

Conservation Commission- Sydnee Goddard attended to discuss the following:

- **Exeter Dam Removal-** She inquired if the Board is actively involved with this project. It can potentially impact the wells of her property and her neighbors in Kensington. She read the reports and reviewed the affected groundwater area in town if they remove the dam. They don't expect impact to wells below bedrock, just shallow wells. Her house is in the zone as well as areas on Shaw's Hill and Drinkwater Road coming into Kensington on the right. There are also some on Kimball Road and several houses at the back end of Kensington Farms. She suggested having the town contact the people in this zone. Exeter has not been able to give her definitive answers to her questions. She stated for anyone who is interested, the next meeting is March 8th in Exeter. Bob Gustafson stated we should be able to recoup damages from Exeter if our residents need to drill new wells and advised the state, not individual towns, regulate all ground water even though we have the largest aquifer in the state.
- **Kuegel Driveway-** Sydnee was contacted by concerned residents about the Kuegel driveway and was wondering if the gravel pit was fully reclaimed. The Board allowed the driveway so he can access the pit to reclaim it since the other driveway has more restrictions. She asked if the zoning board reconsidered their requirement which disallowed commercial use. She was told it's not being used commercially, it's just being used to reclaim and close the pit and the Board wants it done as soon as possible. Mr. Kuegel is aware he needs to follow the plan. Sydnee asked if he was adhering to DES's requirements for constructing the driveway with examples such as siltation fencing for the wetlands. She spoke with Eben Lewis from DES and he told her they inspect it when it's complete to be sure it was done correctly. She stated since we don't have an enforcement officer, there isn't anyone to review it throughout the construction. Russell stated we can look into it. Sydnee said the residents just want to make sure it's not a gravel operation.

Sawyer Kensington Trust- Bruce Cilley was not in attendance.

Building Committee- Members of the committee were present to answer any questions the residents may have on the proposed new building. Sydnee Goddard asked if sustainable materials would be used such as solar or geothermal. Mike Sielicki responded that Peter Merrill was asked to look into it, but they haven't heard anything yet. Russell stated the plan is to build green certified, but it all depends on costs. They will try to make it as efficient as possible looking at long term costs.

Linda Blood had concerns about the organization of the committee and the minutes that were kept. She did not find record of any motions or votes taken and they were not signed. She was disappointed that the 17 members appointed were not always in attendance. Russell responded that all 17 people who expressed interest in joining were strictly volunteers and only a core group of eight or so stayed active. He can't speak for those that didn't participate on why they didn't attend more meetings, but was thankful for those that did. Stefanie advised that there was only one instance where they needed to vote and it was their job to bring their findings to the Board of Selectmen for them to make final decisions. Bob Gustafson reported several members kept in touch through email for updates and to solicit feedback. Some called the Chief after meetings to be kept abreast of the situation. Stefanie was the chair and submitted minutes to Lynne which were a synopsis. Stefanie stated all meetings were posted and were open for the general public to attend. Russell advised that they also discussed some updates in the selectmen's meetings and the committee wasn't in a position to make motions, just to bring their findings to the Board. Lynne also advised that per the RSA's minutes are only required to be a brief description of the subject matter discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS

Administrative Assistant:

- **Gaslight Lane Enforcement-** The certified letter was returned unclaimed and no contact has been received to date.

Bills & Mail- Bills were approved and signed.

Next Meeting Date-February 17, 2014 7:30pm in the Kensington Elementary School Library.

Approval of Minutes – Russell made a motion to approve the January 20, 2014 minutes, seconded by Scott with both in favor.

Russell Perry moved to adjourn at 9:25pm, seconded by Scott with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Bonitatibus
Administrative Assistant