

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOS Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 16, 2016
7:00pm @ the KES Library

In attendance: Peter Merrill, Robert Wadleigh. Norman DeBoisbriand was not in attendance this evening. ***Peter made a motion to open the public meeting at 7:00pm. Bob seconded and all agreed.***

CITIZEN'S FORUM

There were no issues brought before the board during citizen's forum this evening

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief- Scott Sanders- not in attendance

Fire Chief- Charles LeBlanc-

Chief LeBlanc presented an application for membership to the fire department. The applicant is Luke Denio, a Kensington resident. Chief LeBlanc told the Board he had submitted the appropriate paperwork for the background check. The Board examined the application. Peter made a motion to conditionally approve the application pending results of the background check. Bob seconded and all agreed.

Chief LeBlanc presented an invoice to transfer the light bar, corner strobe lights, the radio and siren equipment to his personal vehicle as he often responds to fire calls in this vehicle. He told the Board he had discussed switching out the lights last fall. Bob asked Chief LeBlanc if this was a budget item and he told the board it was a miscellaneous budget item. ***Peter made a motion to accept the expenditure from 2-Way Communication Services, Inc. to transfer the emergency equipment in the amount of \$1024.00. Bob seconded and all agreed.***

Bob made a motion to accept Alexander Roberts on the fire department now that the background check has been completed. Peter seconded and all agreed. Alexander Roberts resides in Kensington.

Peter noted he had not held the order of the meeting according to the agenda. He apologized and ***made a motion to open the public hearing at 7:13pm. Bob seconded and all agreed.***

Kathleen presented a barn easement renewal. Anthony and Patrice Baker of 167 Amesbury Road were seeking a renewal of their current barn easement. Kathleen noted the easement needs to be renewed after ten years. The Board noted the attached barn was currently assessed at 25% of full value. Kathleen confirmed. ***Peter made a motion to move forward with the easement renewal for the barn at 167 Amesbury Road. Bob seconded and all agreed.***

Peter then motioned to close the public hearing session of the meeting. Bob seconded and both agreed.

The public meeting resumed at 7:20pm

Road Manager- David Buxton- not in attendance

Bob spoke on David's behalf. She told the Board that David is working on getting the speed tables on Trundlebed Lane re-stripped/painted.

He also noted that Matrix has been contracted to do the shoulder work in town.

Emergency Manager- Robert Gustafson-

Mr. Gustafson reported that he is beginning to process information for the grant for the generator for the town hall.

He told the Board on August 5th and 6th there will be a drill of the Seacoast Public Health System.

Bob told the Board there was a meeting of FEMA for discovery with regards to the Salmon Falls flood area. He noted it was a mission of discovery at this point, but FEMA is looking at flood plain areas with regards to flood insurance. Bob told Mr. Gustafson that David Buxton may be a good resource. Peter noted the removal of the dam in Exeter. Mr. Gustafson noted subsequent meetings in July and August. He also informed the Board that the Rockingham Planning Commission has no recommendations to FEMA at this time. Bob noted once again the FEMA project is ongoing and they are looking for insight at this point.

Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin- not in attendance

Town Clerk- Dawn Frost- not in attendance

Town Assessor- Kathleen Felch-

Kathleen asked the board if she could report later in the meeting. She asked that the Board hear Mr. Peter Brucato. The Board agreed and Mr. Brucato address the Board.

He told the Selectmen he resides at 130 Amesbury Road. He received a letter from the town about his wood fired hydronic heater being a nuisance. He told the Board he did not understand why. He informed the board his stove was compliant in 2007. He told the Board he did not think his stove could be setting off a fire alarm at the home of his neighbor because the wind prevails generally from the west to easterly direction. He did not think his stove could be sending smoke into his neighbors open windows. He noted the smoke stack was above the roof line as well. Mr. Brucato wanted to know what would happen if he made changes but the problem still existed. Peter told Mr. Brucato he would look into the statute to determine what determines a “nuisance”. Mr. Brucato expressed wanting to be compliant and making necessary changes but wanted to ensure his changes would not be for nothing. He did note that he could upgrade the stove fan. He noted some changes he could make for a cleaner burn. He also informed the board that he burns only from November until about April. Mr. Brucato said he would get back to the Board and asked about how much time he had to comply with potential changes. The Board told Mr. Brucato they would seek further information and be back in touch at a later date.

Recreation Department- no members in attendance.

Conservation Committee- no members in attendance.

Bob Gustafson noted the Conservation committee would be working on the previously mentioned FEMA maps of low lying areas.

Sawyer Kensington Trust- no members in attendance.

Kathleen offered a park update on behalf of Bruce Cilley. Bruce noted the following updates in an email to the town.

- Fixed broken latch at field C
- Electrician had fixed the pole light, and exit sign light at concession stand.
- Water line to coffee maker has been fixed
- The gas main to the kitchen stove works, but pilots are not lit (Bruce suggested turning off and on per use)
- Repaired glass door to soda cooler
- Met with Rhonda from the NHDES about food license. He sent all paperwork to Kathleen.

The Board discussed the issue of the stove in the concession stand with regards to the pilot. They noted the stove is not used often, it was determined they need more information to decide how best to move forward.

Bob Gustafson noted two cars were parked on the street at field C. The Board suggested they get word to David Buxton to put the no parking signs back up.

NEW BUSINESS

Cheryl Dinardo from Berkshire Hathaway addressed the Board regarding a septic waiver for the property at 145 South Road. She is a realtor and told the Board the house at 145 South Road is under contract but was found to have a failing septic system upon home inspection.

Peter made a motion to open a Board of Health session to continue the septic waiver conversation. Bob seconded and the motion carries at 7:36 pm.

Ms. Dinardo presented plans for a new gravity fed system designed by Environsystems. She noted the water table was too high to use a gravity fed system. She also noted time was of the essence as the system needs to be replaced before the closing ,which is scheduled for May 26, 2016. The following waivers were presented:

- 30” from bedrock to seasonal high water line instead of 48”
- Leach field 10 feet from lot line instead of 35 feet
- A 2:1 slope was proposed rather than a 3:1.

Paul Normand, Jr (landowner) was at the meeting to support the need for the waiver. The Board asked several questions and looked at the provided septic plan as well as pictures of the lot and a picture from Google map noting the property location with respect to the lot line and other homes. Bob Gustafson asked if he could approach to join the discussion as he thought he may be the neighboring property. Bob confirmed his relation to the home and looked at the proposed system with the new setbacks and waiver conditions. Bob expressed no reservations. After further discussion, ***Bob Wadleigh made a motion to grant the septic waiver. Peter seconded and the motion carried.*** It should be noted the septic plan is for the property on map 4, lot 32-4. The Board looked at a Steven Cummings plan, there did not appear to be a plan number to reference.

Jeremie Dyes-Hopping was next to address the Board. He was following up on a past discussion with the Board regarding an Eagle Scout project he proposed in which he would replace the Welcome to Kensington sign close to the junction of route 150 and route 108. He presented his proposal to the Board for signatures. The Board asked Mr. Dyes-Hopping about the proposed sign and made several suggestions regarding materials that would stand up to weather factors. Peter noted that CP Lumber of Kensington had made generous donations in the past for such projects. Mr. Dyes-Hopping noted he had a fund application page and was hesitant to discuss donations at this meeting. Linda Blood informed those in attendance that there had been mention of replacing the sign on Facebook (Kensington site) and she would do her best to get word out that the project was being considered as an Eagle Scout project. She did not want to see the project pre-empted by another group.

Bob signed the beneficiary page on behalf of the town and Peter made a motion to approve the proposed idea. Bob seconded and the motion carried.

Jeremie thanked the Board and told them he would remain in touch with the town regarding the sign. The Board wished him good luck.

Kathleen addressed the Board. She told them the town mower was broken. Toby Hale had estimates to fix the rotten mower deck. The range was \$500 to \$1500 depending on the degree of "fixed". Bob said he would look at the mower and make a determination and report his findings to the Board. The Board suggested putting a newer mower in the budget for next year.

The Board briefly discussed the old generator that has been removed from the Town Hall. They discussed putting the generator up for a sealed bid for any resident that may be interested. They noted the generator has fewer than 5 hours use. Peter suggested they look into how to post a sealed bid auction. He also noted it is a capital asset of the town. The Board would like to seek the involvement of Norman DeBoisbriand before a final decision is made.

Kathleen spoke to the Board regarding Brenda Flammini and the concession stand. Brenda has agreed to take over for Terrie Steve's this season. She has requested a master key. The Board agreed. She has also expressed to Kathleen she will need more people to assist. Peter noted that there needs to be better communication with Brenda regarding the times to have the stand opened. He noted that the most important factor at this time is what will work for Brenda. All agreed.

Kathleen noted the lights at the park continue to be an issue. Dave Macek was called to turn the light on then off last Friday night when the games were cancelled due to weather. Peter noted that most people have access to weather radar through their phones and should be able to make better determinations regarding the cancelation of games at late notice.

Kathleen informed the Board the town tax bills have been printed. Kathleen noted one case regarding a camper at Green Gate Campground. The camper is registered and should be abated, but the porch attached is still taxable property. A letter will be sent to the owner with an explanation.

Peter made a motion to approve abatement for said real estate property. Bob seconded and all agreed.

Linda Blood asked about the abatement requests from the Farm Stand and Pinnacle. Kathleen told her the requests had been withdrawn.

Kathleen told those in attendance and the board the Planning Board would be hearing information regarding a subdivision later this week.

Peter explained he was not completely qualified to update about the Town Hall progress but noted for everyone that sheet rocking is still in progress, hydro seeding was completed, internal doors are starting to go in. He noted progress is continuing. The Board is pleased with the progress.

The KES fifth grade students sent a letter to the Board expressing their water preservation plan. They noted trash in the pond on Trundlebed Lane and asked if they could place barriers and educational signs about keeping the pond clean. The Board applauded the concern and were very pleased the students were taking interest. They noted they would have to get more information from the students regarding the plans for signs and barriers. They asked Kathleen to send a note on behalf of the Board.

Kathleen presented the VTS contract for the new town website. ***Peter made a motion to put the contract before legal before they signed. Bob seconded and the motion passed by a vote.***

Kathleen presented one elderly exemption for approval. The board signed their approval.

Kathleen told the Board she had a veteran exemption but did not have it this evening at the meeting. ***Bob made a motion to accept exemption and allow for signed outside the public meeting. Peter seconded and all agreed.***

Kathleen told the Board she received notification of an increase of the Asian Tiger Mosquito. She said she would post the information at the town hall. The information included notification to land owners to be diligent of standing/stagnant water on their own properties.

Kathleen asked the board if they had reviewed the recycling contract with Waste management, and if she could send them the revisions made by the town attorney.

Peter noted the town should be using the local recycling until the Waste management contract has been signed. He also noted there will need to be an education process with regards to the latest recycling guidelines for all town residents. They asked Kathleen to forward the amended contract to Waste Management for their review and to let Chris Batchelder know that he could dump recycling at Integrated Paper until the contract was figured out.

Peter made a motion to approve a time capsule, not to exceed \$600.00 for the new town hall. Bob seconded and all agreed.

Kathleen presented bills for signatures. In addition to the bills she added a reimbursement expense payable to Francis Massa. She added a payment to Norman Giroux for work on the renovation. She told the board Chief LeBlanc also gave her a bill that evening from IPS (Industrial Protection Services) The Board signed the bills.

Kathleen presented the estimate for tile for the downstairs area of the town hall. ***Peter made a motion to approve the tile estimate for \$13,779.37 from Eno's. Bob seconded and all agreed.***

Peter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57pm. Bob seconded and all agreed. The next meeting will be Monday, June 6 at 6:30pm at the KES Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Aiken