

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Public Meeting, August 1, 2016
6:30pm –KES Library
Draft-subject to board approval**

In attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Robert Wadleigh and Peter Merrill. Norman motioned to open the public meeting at 6:29 pm. Peter seconded and the public meeting commenced.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Department- Chief Sanders reported:

Chief Sanders told the Board he has had a complaint from a resident about unregistered cars at a property on Trundlebed Lane. After checking on the complaint, the chief said he saw several unregistered cars on the property near the tree line. The Chief said he was uncertain of the wording of the town ordinance regarding unregistered cars. He will check with Kathleen on Tuesday. He asked the Board, as the enforcement agency of ordinances, to send a letter to the resident once the ordinance has been determined.

Chief Sanders told the Board that he sat recently with Peter Merrill about his budget and the department's ability to support a new vehicle. Both Peter and the Chief feel confident about the soundness of the budget to move forward. Norman asked Chief Sanders to bring his budget to present at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Charles LeBlanc reported:

Chief LeBlanc reported to the Board the following ways he could utilize a re-purposed vehicle from the Police Department:

- Command vehicle
- Inspections- professionalism
- Chiefs meetings/ trainings
- Back up for ambulance
- Out of town training for members

Peter asked what they currently use. Chief LeBlanc told him they use personal vehicle of the forestry truck. He also noted they have to take gear and air packs for training missions.

Chief LeBlanc told the Board that Nick from NFA Diving reattached a strainer to dry hydrant pipe and ensured the strainer is unobstructed by debris. Chief LeBlanc also surveyed the hydrant and pond on Moulton Ridge Road. He noted the following finding regarding the pond on Moulton Ridge Road: *Intake is very shallow and at risk of freezing in winter or being above water during drought. At 7" in its deepest point would be a useful firefighting water source only under ideal circumstances. Estimated volume is 20,000 gallons (10,000 with an icecap).*

Norman and Chief LeBlanc discussed whether dredging the pond would be helpful. Norman noted it was last dredged in the 1970's (possibly). Norman then noted a lack of maintenance of the fire ponds is a big issue in the town and needs to be addressed. The Board then discussed the fire ponds in town with regards to the possible development at David Lamberts, and the ordinance that says there needs to be a fire pond within 900 feet from a development with 4 or more houses, an undue burden for homeowners and builders required to install fire suppression when ponds are available. Chief LeBlanc commented that a liability for the town is being created. He also noted his \$500 budget for water holes couldn't maintain the fire ponds. When asked by the Board, Chief LeBlanc informed the attendees that the pond at the Town Hall has been silted in and needs debris to be removed.

Road Manager, David Buxton and Chief LeBlanc agree there is an issue of pond maintenance in Kensington. There was further discussion about putting a line item in the budget for pond maintenance. Chief Sanders said they should look at all ponds and create a rotating schedule for maintenance, based on priority of need. David Buxton suggested considering the state of the pond versus the amount of homes impacted by the pond. The Board asked Chief LeBlanc to create a list of fire pond in town for the next meeting.

Road Manager- David Buxton reported:

