

Board of Selectmen
Town of Kensington, NH
October 17, 2016
Meeting Minutes-Draft

In Attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Chairman; Peter Merrill, Robert Wadleigh

Others in attendance: Dave Buxton, Robert Gustafson, Chief Scott Sanders, Chief Charlie LeBlanc; Linda Blood; Chris Batchelder; Peter Kuegel

Norman DeBoisbriand opened the meeting at 6:31pm, seconded by Bob, all in favor.

Dave Buxton reported that he had obtained quotes for work to be done and all quotes will be turned into Kathy, sealed.

Quotes were opened from B&S Disposal on plowing and Matrix for the shoveling.

Dave will check with Chris on the rates.

Matrix quoted work to be done on the Town Shed, Bartlett Road updates and shoveling for the town.

Dave would like to repair Bartlett Road under the road reconstruction budget for next year.

Lambert Subdivision. The letter has been sent to the NH DOT district 6, along with the most recent set of plans and the drainage calculations. Mr. Schutt indicated that there are no current plans to upgrade the culvert under Amesbury Road. They would be willing to look into the culvert, if it is requested.

The board read a letter submitted by the Historical Society that expressed their concerns with the Lambert Subdivision and the water flow onto the Old Brick School House lot. Norman summarized that the Historical Society was questioning if the culvert under Route 150 would be adequate in an extreme rain situation, and that they are worried about the foundation of the building if the water pools before the culvert.

The board discussed whose responsibility it would be.

Dave informed the board of the prices for the sand and salt needed for this year. Morton Salt covers their salt and Granite does not. He would prefer to pay the rate for Morton due to the water content difference. Morton quoted a price of \$58.27 per ton.

Chris Batchelder stated that he would deliver 400 yards of sand to the town for \$18.00 per yard.

Dave explained that the shed will hold 2400 cubic yards, but he would like to lighten what is in there so that there can be some maintenance done to the building next year.

Bob made a motion to purchase 160 tons of salt from Morton, and the sand from B&S, Norman seconded, all in favor.

Mr. Batchelder provided the board with a list of the fees that he would like to update, he has kept the fees the same for multiple years. The board read the old and new rates. **Bob motioned to accept the new rates for Chris Batchelder and B&S Disposal, Norman seconded, all in favor.**

The board will work on a 3 year contract for B&S for plowing that will contain a clause that if the budget does not pass, it will not bind the town.

Charlie approached the board with a new member acceptance form. The board took the form and the hiring process will proceed. The new member will be a Probationary EMT and Firefighter for a year.

He also informed the board that they had fire hose inspections done and only 3 sections failed. They will be replaced.

The repeater in East Kingston is still interfering with the emergency channels and not working well, the state is working on some solutions, but the cost might be transferred to the towns. Charlie will keep the board informed.

Bob Gustafson explained that Eversource will be using a helicopter to view their routes state wide next week. Also, he will be in Concord for training next week, and will be returning the Comcast boxes that he had at the Fire Department. The propane tank will need to be filled at the fire station, Bob will use his funds to fill for this year, but Charlie will have to add the \$600 to his budget next year.

The board has an application for the pavilion rental on October 29, 2016, all the information, fees, and insurance was provided by the applicant. Norman motioned to approve the rental, Bob seconded, all in favor.

The park was discussed and the closing dates. The board was concerned with the previous vandalism at the park and leaving the bathrooms unlocked. Bruce will be contacted to see when the water lines will be blown out. A tentative lock date was set for October 24, to only be open for functions and rentals.

The Conservation Commission was made aware of a violation on one of the abutting properties to the conserved area off of Osgood Road. A letter stating that the items located on the town's property would have to be removed for the town to not be in violation of the conservation easement. **Peter motioned to sign the letter Bob seconded, all in favor.**

Norman DeBoisbriand opened Citizen's Forum to address Mr. Kuegel's issues.

Peter Kuegel approached the board to have the commercial status removed from his property located at Map 11 Lot 7, and go back to a residential/agricultural status. Mr. Kuegel stated that he was under the impression from the spring meeting that he needed to do a few things. He has spread the loam that was there and there is one section that is not green due to the drought that we are currently in. Norman informed Mr. Kuegel that they are not able to make a decision in Citizen's Forum. Norman clarified that he just wants the commercial status removed from his property and Mr. Kuegel agreed and believes that he has done more than he has had to do. Mr. Kuegel did not want to be on the agenda for the next meeting, but would like the board to get back to him. He concluded that the banking is stable due to the fact that there has been no disturbance for 5 years. The board will get back to Peter on his concerns.

There are trees at the Town Hall that will need to be removed, due to the fact that they are dropping acorns on vehicles. They are all currently marked and there might be a few located on the church property. One of the board members will do a walk through with Carlton.

The board set the Budget Meeting date for October 24, 2016 at the Town Hall at 6:00pm.

The board discussed the insurance for the Library and the Fire Department and the town insuring them even though they do not own the buildings. Can they spend money out of the town budget for a building that the town does not own? The town has a lease agreement with the Fire Department that states that the town would hold the insurance. The selectmen will check with counsel to guide them.

Bob made a motion for Norman to contact legal for guidance on the insurance issues, seconded by Peter, all in favor.

The current health insurance plan for the eligible employees will be discontinued as of January 1, 2017, so the board has to choose a new one. The new rates were not available for the meeting. The board asked for the insurance representative to attend a meeting with more information on the rate plans.

Bob Gustafson reported that he receives a sum of Grant money for the emergency management duties. He indicated that some of that money could be used as a rent for the space at the town hall and the main hall space that he will need for the emergency management drills. Peter suggested to discuss that during the budget discussions. He was also expecting to be able to get grant money to help with the generator purchase, but is unsure if that will be able to be obtained.

Norman updated that as of today there is approximately \$8,000 left in the building renovation fund.

Kathy informed the board that the preliminary tax rate was received today. The board reviewed the information. They voted to approve the preliminary rate. Kathy will send to the state to get the final rate and get the information to Carlene. The warrant will be signed when the rate is finalized by the Department of Revenue.

The board discussed the election and the crossing of the street at night. It was decided to rent a light tower for the day, as well as some sort of flashing lights to warn of the crossing area for elections.

Norman motioned to go into nonpublic at 8:39pm, Peter seconded, all in favor.

One legal issue was discussed.

Norman motioned to leave nonpublic session at 8:52pm and seal them permanently, Peter seconded, all in favor.

Kathy stated that since Michelle is no longer working she would need some assistance. The board stated they would hire someone temporarily and then would post the position and start the hiring process once a job description was established.

Norman motioned to leave the public session at 8:56pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen T Felch