

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

**Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833**

THURSDAY

June 15, 2017

**Meeting Minutes-Draft
6:00pm**

In Attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Bob Wadleigh, Linda Blood

Others in Attendance: Jen Macek from KES PTO, Skip Heal, John Andrews, Scott MacDougall, Paul Bannister.

NEW BUSINESS:

●**KES PTO** approached the board and asked if it would be possible for them to run the concession stand during their tournament being held June 24 & 25, 2017. It was explained that there could be no fried foods within either concession stand due to the grease. The board stated that the freezers will be turned on and the grill functional for the event. **Norman made a motion to have KES PTO use the concession stand for the June 24 & 25th tournament, Bob seconded, both in favor.**

●**PlanNH:**

Lynne Monroe was present to confirm the date for the PlanNH meeting with the board. The board agreed that June 22, 2017 at 7:00pm would work for them. The date will be posted.

Lynne also approached the board and wanted to clarify that after reading the minutes from May 22, 2017, that Peter Merrill was not acting as a selectman during the meetings that were held. She wanted to clarify that in the minutes and that to her it was an informal process.

Linda Blood arrived.

●**Fire Department- Chief Hiring Process**-Members from the department were present and expressed that they would like help with the process to find a new chief, because there is no one internally that would like the chief position. The board and the department members discussed the issues in the past with the department and the board and that they need to have open communication.

The department expressed that they are looking to the future for the department and believes that the town is heading towards a paid department. It was discussed that if mutual aid is called too many times then the town might have to explore alternate coverage. The department and the board discussed the use of the Forestry for the ambulance calls and it was explained that they use that vehicle for the man power, and ease of use to enter driveways. If there is an ambulance call they cannot use the ambulance unless there are two licensed EMT's there. They were concerned with the perception of the public being negative with them responding with the forestry and explained that it is considered an emergency response vehicle. The members present will work on a job description to be posted with the position and get back to the board.

Different scenarios were discussed for having alternate coverage and coverage assistance when needed. As well as having staff at the department a number of days a week.

The 4Runner from the police department was to be used for the fire department, but at this time they do not see a need for it. They would like the new chief to make the call if it would be needed. The board will let the police department know.

Salary ideas and ranges for a part time chief will be discussed further, no decisions made.

Scott MacDougall (fire) and John Andrews (ambulance) were approved for credit cards for their sections of the department.

●**Meetings in July**

Due to the holiday the first week in July the board has moved out the meetings until July 10th and July 24th.

●**RSA 91-A:3, II(a,l)**

Norman made a motion to enter into nonpublic session at 8:41pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Norman made a motion to seal the minutes and to close the nonpublic sessions at 8:52pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

●**Seabrook Groundwater Reclassification-** The board discussed the recent request from Rockingham Planning Commission for property owners within the Reclassification area, and that they were unaware that there was going to be such a broad notification going out, they had been told that 11 businesses would be affected within this area, and no residential homes would be inspected at this time. The board is now concerned and wished to revote on the issue.

Bob made a motion to rescind the original vote made to join the Seabrook Groundwater Reclassification, Linda seconded, all in favor. Bob made a motion to not be part of the Seabrook Groundwater Reclassification Project, Linda seconded, all in favor.

The board will draft a letter to all parties involved informing them of their decision.

●Norman stated the need for a sign for the town hall and or the park area. The board agreed that one is needed. Norman made a motion for him to be able to explore the cost for a sign, Bob seconded, all in favor.

●Norman asked about the sign that was taken down in the wetlands off of route 150 and if the other board members remembered if there were any other Welcome to Kensington signs left. They will check with Chris and see if he knows if any are stored in the salt shed.

●**Town Festival-**The board discussed the fact that they had gotten information back from Primex on the rebounding devices. The board agreed to allow the recreation department to have the town added to the vendors insurance as an additionally insured for the festival.

●**FOB-** Norman made a motion to have Chief Sanders issue a device to Dave Buxton, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Norman made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch

• **Next Meeting Date** –June 19, 2017