

KENSINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
95 Amesbury Road  
MONDAY May 2, 2022 – 6:30pm  
Minutes – Approved 6/6/2022

In attendance: B. Solomon, B. Gustafson, and J. Pace, Chair.

At 6:30 J. Pace called the meeting to order.

**Public Comment-**

**AGENDA:**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

- Police Department – Chief Scott Cain –
  - Chief Cain stated he would like to recognize Officer Brad Von Haden for his work and extraordinary contributions to the safety and health of children in the community. He noted that officer Von Haden was also recognized by Governor Sununu, Maggie Hassan and Jean Shaheen. Chief Cain read a letter from a resident thanking Officer Von Haden for his actions in a particular case where he went above and beyond to check in regularly and coordinated with the Child Advocacy Center. The resident felt that Officer Von Haden made Kensington feel safer. The Board discussed formally recognizing Officer Von Haden. Nominations were discussed.
  - The traffic counter should go into place next week. It will run a week at a time with an officer assigned to it. The Chief noted that the data is downloaded and broken down by speed, size of car, time and other parameters. B. Solomon stated that he thought it might help with the Master Plan.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True
  - The Chief is working on the contract for the Engine 3 refurbishment which should be ready by next meeting.
  - After cross-over between Senate and House, the Chief is awaiting updates and outcome of short-term rental and a few other bills.
  - The Chief noted the new fire code is reported to be released by late summer/early fall.
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –
  - The Chief is working toward requesting a NH Local Equipment Matching Program grant for a Gator, (with tires and tracks) an over-the-road trailer, a small forestry trailer and all associated equipment. The “med bed” may be a donation and he will be working that out this week. This will be approximately \$53,000 worth of equipment for around \$5000, and if the med bed is donated, that is \$3000, leaving \$2000 in expenses from the budget.
  - The Chief will be submitting expenses from the drill for reimbursement which should be returned in a few weeks.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
  - Multiple repairs on Stumpfield, Brewer and Oak Ridge Roads.
  - The head of the Kensington Farms Neighborhood Committee reached out for ruts from plow trucks.
  - Doug’s Tree Service removed hazardous trees on Muddy Pond Road.

- The Road manager stated he received an email from Waveguide Fiber who is working with Consolidated to roll out Fidium Fiber on Amos Tuck Road. The company stated that Amos Tuck has inadequate conduit and they will need to trench the side of the road. The Road Manager asked the Board about a bond for the road work and they felt there should be a bond. Police Chief Cain noted trouble that he had previously with Waveguide and Consolidated. The Board recommended a \$100,000 performance bond for the road work which would ensure that all town property is protected and all town policies are detailed and observed.

**At 6:49pm B. Gustafson made a motion to require Waveguide provide a \$100,000 bond for the work on Amos Tuck Road. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

- The Road manager asked the Board about road reconstruction scopes of work for RFPs and the typical timelines held. B. Gustafson asked about beavers on Osgood Road.

J. Pace noted the sign that was made from Frank Whittemore made for the Town Hall and Police Department. The Board was in agreement to use the sign for the Town Hall.

• Recreation Committee-

- Donna Carter presented a budget for Old Home Day and stated the committee would like to have Old Home Day August 13 and 14<sup>th</sup>. She stated they had met with other committees to discuss this event. The total amount for the budget discussed was \$8,100 and included food, fireworks and possibly a trampoline or something similar. The Fire Department would be volunteering to barbecue and she noted that in the past there had been donations of some food items. B. Solomon noted that would only leave \$3,900 for the rest of the year.

**At 7:05pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve \$8,100 for Old Homes Day. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

Fireworks for the event were discussed.

**At 7:07pm B. Gustafson made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign for the Atlas Pyrovision fireworks contract for Old Home Day. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

• Sawyer Kensington Trust-

- Donna Carter asked about the grilling permit for propane and whether it should go to selectmen or Fire Chief or both. It was noted that it should go to the Chief, and she stated that she will change the application to reflect that.

The Board discussed the spraying of the salt shed with Road Manager Matthew Armstrong. He said that he would be in touch with the resident about property lines.

**At 7:11pm B. Solomon made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the special permit application for the Rockingham County Conservation District. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

Jackie Benson and Katelynn Dow of the Cemetery Trustees presented draft documents to the Board for claiming the right to be buried in an existing plot (an additional burial), and one for claiming a new plot. Ms. Benson

noted that the state had changed its regulations. Ms. Benson had found that typically paperwork for either a plot deed or burial rights document are given, however the Town has not historically issued this paperwork. This new regulation would require a deed to be produced. These new forms help bridge the gap between what is needed by the Town and the state requirements, will be kept by the Trustees and will help avoid arbitrary decisions about who can be buried in certain plots. J. Pace suggested having counsel review these documents and felt they were administrative forms that could avoid future problems moving forward.

Ms. Benson noted that the Trustees would like to create a basic burial instance form. She stated that once the form language is finalized it would be distributed. She noted that there is still space in the Dearborn Annex and that the Trust was working on drafting on bylaws for the cemetery. There was discussion about perpetual care of the cemetery.

Kathleen Felch noted there was a meeting for the Property Tax Warrant with Avitar on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The Board will sign when complete.

Dog registrations were discussed.

**At 7:36pm B. Solomon made a motion to approve the Cistern Easement for 152 Drinkwater Road. B. Gustafson seconded. All voted in favor.**

J. Pace asked if there were issues with the minutes for April 18<sup>th</sup> that would require a meeting of the Board of Health.

**At 7:43pm B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

The Board signed off on bills and payroll.

Beaver activity was discussed with the Road Agent. Trapping was discussed.

**At 7:46pm B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. B. Solomon seconded. All voted in favor.**

**• Next Meeting Dates –May 16, 2022**

Respectfully signed,

Andy Clarke