

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY
FEBRUARY 6, 2023
Meeting – Approved 2-22-23
Meeting 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Joseph Pace, Robert Solomon, Robert Gustafson

J. Pace opened the public hearing at 6:30pm.

No public in attendance.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –
 - One officer gave his notice, so the Chief is going to be shorthanded until someone is found. The candidate that he was thinking of is no longer available. J. Pace asked if we could adjust the hours to prevent burnout. The Chief will work with the schedules. There is someone interested but only in part time. The officers training is 24 hours this year so that will leave the department filling for those shifts as well. J. Pace asked Chief Cain to come back in a couple of weeks to discuss the coverage after the officer leaves.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
 - Nothing to report currently.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin-
 - Nothing to report.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli-
 - B. Solomon asked how the new program was going. G. Rignoli stated that we are doing the installation this week and training on Wednesday the 8th of February. This will eliminate duplicate data entry within the office. This will link the building permits with the assessing module.
 - G. Rignoli stated that he is still having trouble with homeowners getting the yellow cards back with all the signatures on it to verify the inspections were done. The solar companies seem to be having the most difficulty getting the cards back.
 - When he is called for an inspection and there is not a card he has to return to do the sign off and there is not an additional fee for this, that might be something to look into.
 - B. Solomon stated to get a review of what is outstanding once a month through a report would be helpful for the planning board and the selectmen might want a quarterly report as well.
 - Crow's Feet is looking to get the footings poured for the building, the building permit is not issued on that project yet.
 - 152 Drinkwater Road – once the permit is turned in, they will start on the 10,000 square foot house out back.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hydrologist Review of Large Groundwater Withdrawal-
 - K. Felch forwarded the review from the hydrologist to the board, and letters will be sent out to the abutters in the area identified in the review. K. Felch will post the public hearing notice once it is received from Exeter.
 - B. Gustafson is concerned with this project and the aquifer. The 72 hour test took out over 1 million gallons of water and lowered the aquifer by 15 feet. He is concerned with what this will do to the towns water. B. Gustafson stated that we should get the attorneys involved with this now. This might turn into a regional water district and that is not good or bad in his opinion. J. Pace stated that eventually there might have to be regionalization of the water sources. J. Pace stated that we don't have any legal rights to the water, that is state only and he is unsure if there is a subsection in the environmental laws. B. Solomon stated that the first step is to establish a base line for the wells throughout the town not just in that area. J. Pace stated that the town might not have any legal recourse for this but the residents in the area might and he believe that we should be advocates for our residents. J. Pace stated that we should know the following:
 - Exeter current appetite for water and projected.
 - Will the system be extended further into Stratham.J. Pace explained that the first step is to have this hearing and then maybe get some legal advice. K. Felch will reach out to NHMA to see what the town and residents might have for recourse on this project.
 - J. Pace stated that part of the project might be that it extends into Kensington in the area that it directly effects. B. Gustafson does not believe residents should be charged for something like that. J. Pace stated that they would not pay for the pipe but would be paying for water usage.
 - J. Pace would love to see some options and what other towns who have delt with this before have done. He would also like to see planning and conservation at the meeting as well.
- Review Warrant for Deliberative Session

The board reviewed the bills and mail.

- Approval of Board Minutes 1/30/2023
 - **B. Gustafson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 30, 2023, B. Solomon seconded all in favor.**

B. Gustafson made a motion to adjourn, B. Solomon seconded all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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