

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2023
Minutes – APPROVED 11-20-23
6:30 PM

Public Comment- None

AGENDA:

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain –
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True –
 - New ambulance in service Wednesday morning
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True –
 - Applying for grants for generator, comms,
 - Seabrook drill went well. Next drill in January.
 - Received a letter from New Hampshire e911 for broadband mapping in Kensington.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong-
 - Shoulder work will begin tomorrow on Osgood, Kimball on Wednesday. Spoke with residents concerned about unfinished work.
- Tax Collector- Carlene Wiggin-
 - Tax bills have been mailed.
 - Need an additional name on the warrant. K. Felch stated it'd been signed by the board.
 - Presented tax abatements to the board.

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to abate for tax map 4-16-1 in the amount of \$1778 for property tax at 154 South Rd. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor none opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION: B. Guatfson motioned to abate in the sum of \$1 property at tax map lot 14-16-0 for the year 2023. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION: BG motioned to abate \$437 tax map 14-23-0. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli-
- Treasurer- Sara Belisle
- Town Clerk – Sarah Wiggin –
 - Completed interviews for deputy clerk position. K. Felch presented the appointment documents to the board. J. Pace stated that while it is the prerogative for department heads to hire new personnel, the board still needs to sign off.

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to appoint Sarah to the position of deputy town clerk. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- S. Wiggin discussed with the board when Veterans Day will be observed since it falls on a Saturday. The board agreed that Veterans day will be observed on Friday, November 11, 2023.
- Recreation Committee- Sarah Turcott
- Conservation Commission – Pam Holland-
- Sawyer Kensington Trust-
- Other Department Heads-
 - Kensington Energy Committee-
 - Kensington School Board-
 - Trail Committee Trails-
 - Rockingham Planning Commission Rep.-
 - Heritage Commission- Lynne Monroe-

NEW BUSINESS:

- COMMUNITY POWER COALITION NEW HAMPSHIRE REPS-DISCUSSION AND SIGNING OF AGREEMENT
 - Charlie Horn, Haverhill Rd representing chair of community power committee.
 - J. Pace stated the plan was reviewed by legal and they saw no objectionable issues.
 - Mr. hatch asked that the board allows the committee to move forward with a warrant article. He explained that the article is to ask the town to give the governing body the authority to launch the program in the future.

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned that the board sign the joint powers agreement and move towards a warrant article at the March 2024 town meeting.

- BOARD BUDGET EVALUATION
 - The board discussed the potential impact to some tax bills with an increase in the town budget. J. Pace stated that the board might see an increase in abatements being submitted in the coming months.
 - Discussed the possibility of directing department heads to identify offsets to remedy the increase in budgets. J. Pace stated that they're not discussing budget cuts, but rather slowing the rate of growth.
 - J. Pace how much was returned to fund balance at the end of the year.
- Discuss Recreation Assistance to community members and proposed programs
 - S. Turcott detailed the remainder of events for the rest of the year.
 - Scholarship opportunities for children in the community. Rec department would like to set about \$2000. J. Pace asked if the programs would only be open to Kensington residents. Yes. Board had no objection to the rec committee setting up this program.
- SOLAR EXEMPTIONS-Map 7 Lot 19-10; Map 9 Lot 2-1

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to accept the solar exemption on Tax map 7 lot 19-10. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION: B. Solomon motioned to accept the solar exemption on Tax amp 9, lot 2-1. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

- VETERANS CREDIT- Map 5 Lot 19

MOTION: BG motioned to accept veterans tax credit for tax map 5, lot 19. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION: B. Gustafson motioned to sign the health trust agreement. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor.

MOITON: B. Gustafson motioned for the chair to sign the health trust agreement for the board. B. Solomon seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Town Administrator:

Kathleen Felch-

- - Warrant articles that the board might be thinking about for 2024.
 - Other board items -emails, mail, letters received.
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- Any other business brought before the Board
 - Approval of Board Minutes **October 02, 2023**
- MOTION: B. Solomon motioned to approve meeting minutes for the month of October. B. Gustafson seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.**
- MOITON: BS 91a:32L to non-public.**
- Bills, Payroll and Mail
 - **Next Meeting Date – OCTOBER 30, 2023**
November 13 and November 27
December 11 and December 18- Public hearing for encumbered funds
 - Non-Public Session- RSA91A:3, II (a,b,c,d,e,i,l)- if needed

- Adjournment

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APPOINTMENTS: If you do have something that you would like to discuss with the Board, it is best to request being on the agenda of a meeting and provide details of the subject, so the Board can prepare in advance.