

**TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 2015**

In attendance: Norman DeBoisbriand, Robert Wadleigh and Peter Merrill. Norman made a motion to open the public session at 7:01pm. Peter seconded and all were in favor.

CITIZENS FORUM

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief- Scott Sanders:

Chief Sanders told the Selectmen that he has been investigating the Fleet Card for fuel for the police cruisers. He explained this would allow the officers on duty to take advantage of the lower gas prices in the open retail market instead of the state pumps, which currently offer higher prices than that offered at local pumps. He explained the prices at the state pumps have been set by a lock-in process, which has locked the prices at \$2.67 per gallon for 30 months of the time of the price lock. He told the Selectmen he would like the idea of being able to take advantage of the lower gas prices but would like the flexibility of resorting back to the state pumps if the retail market price exceeds the locked in price. He asked the Selectmen for permission to fill out an application for the card. Peter made a motion to allow Chief Sanders to complete the application for the fleet gas card, Norman seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Chief Sanders also asked the Selectmen if he could address a complaint against him. The complaint was called into the town. Chief Sanders told the Selectmen that he found himself in a confrontational situation when two men were found taking pictures of the police cruisers in the lot of the PD. He told the Selectman he approached the men, who appeared to be in their twenties, to ask their intentions. The men became confrontational but not physical. Chief Sanders again asked the men of their intentions and told them he would run their plate number if they did not offer an answers. One of the men then started to take pictures of the inside of the vehicle. Chief Sanders was not satisfied with the lack of cooperation for the two men. He had a second officer join him outside who started to run the plate number of the vehicle the men drove. One of the men became extremely agitated and argumentative but did leave the scene. The complaint came in the form of a phone call on behalf of the two men citing the fact that no laws had been broken by the two taking photographs. Chief Sanders told the Selectman that in fact there were not laws being broken by the photographers but the event supports the anti-authoritative sentiment that Chief Sanders and some of his officers have been seeing lately. Chief Sanders told the Selectmen he purchased a camera that has been mounted at the police station as "insurance" to support the behaviors and actions of himself and his officers while on duty. Bob told Chief Sanders he would call the party that complained back with the information Chief Sanders offered to the Selectmen. The Selectmen thanked Chief Sanders for his account of the events.

Fire Chief- Charles LeBlanc- not in attendance

Building Inspector- Norman Giroux

Norman offered several permits for approval. The first permit was for a new home at 5 Ranglely Road. David Story was present as the developer from Maplevale Builders. Norman presented the house plans and the septic plans. David Buxton asked to be heard before the permit was up for approval. David suggested the permit should not be granted until the driveway permit of last year was completed by Maplevale Builders. David, as he has in past meetings, suggested the first 13 feet of the driveway which creates access to the lot in question needs to be paved. Mr. Story told the Selectmen that there had never been a stipulation, in either the meeting minutes or the original driveway permit, requiring him to complete paving on the access driveway. The Selectmen agreed that the permit had been approved prior to the current sitting Board of Selectmen and under a previous Building Inspector. After some discussion Mr. Story again offered there had never been a stipulation to pave the driveway but in the interest of complying with the request of the Road Manager and the current Board of Selectmen Mr. Story offered to pave the required portion by October 15, 2015. The Selectmen and Mr. Buxton thanked Mr. Story. Norman then made a motion to approve Mr. Story's building permit as presented by Mr. Giroux. Bob seconded and all were in favor.

Norman Giroux presented two permits from KLCT Holdings. One permit was to replace a current greenhouse and replace it with a larger one at 267 South Road. The second permit was to take an existing green house and move it across the street at 244 Amesbury Road. Norman made a motion to approve both permits, Bob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Giroux told the Selectmen that Terri and Chris Bruce of 239 South Road have been making improvements on their home which should have required a permit. Mr. Giroux feels the unpermitted work may be a result of a time the town may have been between building inspectors. Terri and Chris Bruce have gutted their home because of a mold situation that resulted after the difficult winter and ice dams that occurred at the property. They are also increasing a bathroom size. The

inspection has already taken place but Mr. Giroux is asking for permit approval after the fact. Peter made a motion to approve the permit, Bob seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Giroux presented another case to the Selectmen. Mr. Bruce Cilley was in attendance regarding the property at 98 Amesbury Road. Currently there are several renovations taking place. Mr. Giroux noted a two story deck which has been removed with the intention of replacement. Mr. Cilley told the Selectmen he did not think a permit was needed for the work as it was replacement for a deck that was “probably not built to code initially”. Mr. Giroux concern is for the installation of a new foundation to support the new deck structure. Mr. Cilley informed the Board that his intention in building a foundation was to improve the structure as it had been built previously. Norman presented a permit for approval for the installation of a frost/retaining wall which has already been completed and inspected by Mr. Giroux. Mr. Cilley again expressed his confusion about obtaining a permit for that work, but also offered to the Selectmen that in order to satisfy any questions he would also get a permit for the deck replacement. Mr. Giroux told the selectmen that Mr. Cilley has always been cooperative and offers the highest quality of workmanship. Norman DeBoisbriand made a motion to approve the permit contingent upon the satisfactory approval of the foundation and adding the two story deck to the permit. Bob seconded and all were in favor. The Board thanked both Norman and Mr. Cilley for their cooperation. Mr. Giroux reported to the Selectman that he had been to the Rosencrantz site to inspect the bathroom upgrades. He told the Selectman that there have been two bathrooms upgraded that need to comply with state regulations regarding handicapped bathrooms. He told the Selectman there is another bathroom that is scheduled for future upgrades as well. Mr. Rosencrantz told Mr. Giroux that he would get a permit from the town for the bathroom work that has already been completed. At the time of the meeting Mr. Rosencrantz had not yet sought a permit. Mr. Giroux also asked Mr. Rosencrantz about the septic system that supports the bathrooms. Mr. Rosencrantz told Norman that there is a pipe that travels approximately 1000 feet to a leech field. Mr. Giroux expressed his concern to the Selectman regarding the septic and asked permission to seek information about the system in place at the state archives. Norman made a motion to allow Mr. Giroux to seek information about the septic system in place at the state archives. Bob seconded and all were in favor.

Norman told the Selectmen that he had been approached by John Rice, a broker trying to sell the lot off of Powder Mill Road (M16 lot4-4) Mr. Rice would like to have a meeting with the landowner to see if access from the Exeter side can be obtained. He will keep the Selectmen informed.

Norman Giroux asked the Selectmen for a work session to discuss the fee schedule for building permits. The Selectmen agreed to meet on September 14 at 6:00pm at the Kensington Elementary School Library.

Road Manger- David Buxton

David reported to the Selectman that he and Bob reviewed to bids for the Kimball Road culvert project and Drinkwater Road resurfacing. He told the Selectmen he would like to bring a question before town council regarding the culvert project on Kimball Road. He would like to do the project in 2 phases and wants to ask council about the bid process. Jamco would like to do the job as one unit. He is still awaiting state review. Peter will correspond between Jamco and council. Peter also questioned David about the gross tonnage limit on Kimball Road. David informed the Selectmen that 26,000 gross tons is the load limit on Kimball Road. Peter questioned lowering the limit to 10,000 gross tons until the culverts are replaced. David said he would meet with Chief Sanders regarding the gross tonnage issue and if decided will approach NE Barricade for signage that indicates a temporary enforcement of 10,000 gross ton limit for thru traffic. Norman questioned the budget for the culvert project. Bob Gustafson told the Board they may qualify for a Hazard Mitigation Grant. He said this may be an option for in kind replacements. It would hold the town to a specific period to complete the project. He said he will make himself available if needed.

David told the Selectman he had 3 bids for the Drinkwater Road resurfacing project. David presented the lowest bid to the Selectmen. Norman questioned the police detail outlined in the bid and whether there was a chance that line would come in under the proposed cost. Chief Sanders agreed that it would probably not cost as much as the line quoted. Bob made a motion to accept the bid from Bell & Flynn (Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH) for the Drinkwater Road resurfacing no to exceed \$191,000. Norman seconded the motion and all agreed. The resurfacing will cover 4,125 linear feet to the Exeter town line.

David then presented the salt bids and his feelings regarding delivery and water content in the salt. David told the Selectmen he would like to purchase 360 tons of salt from Morton Salt, which will be 2 trailer loads. Bob made a motion to allow David to order 360 tons of Salt from Morton. Norman seconded and all were in favor.

David told the Selectmen that he is going to ask for a sand proposal from Ossipee Aggregate. He is seeking 1.23 tons of sand costing approximately \$11,000.

Emergency Management- Bob Gustafson

Bob informed the Selectman that the committee received a final draft of the emergency plan. It should be finalized by the end of September. It does not require a town meeting for approval but it does need approval via the Selectmen. He will continue to keep the Selectmen informed. Norman asked Bob if he had made any headway with the question of a crosswalk for the town hall.

Assessing Office- Kathleen Felch

