

TOWN OF KENSINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

In attendance: NormanDeBoisbriand, Robert Wadleigh, Peter Merrill and Michelle Aiken. The meeting was held at the town offices.

Norman motioned to open the public session at 4:03 pm. Bob seconded and all agreed.

Peter discussed the changes relative to the building inspector, Norman Giroux. The Selectmen all agreed that in the New Year the role of the building inspector would become clearer. The webpage designated to the inspector will host a narrative to support any changes in the building permit ordinance. The web page will also note that the scope of the building inspector's role includes promoting health and safety regarding construction.

Peter made a motion to accept the changes in the building code portion of the zoning ordinance. Bob seconded and all agreed, passing the motion.

Peter then made a motion to hold a public hearing on January 18, 2016 with a backup date of January 20, 2016. The motion was seconded by Norman and all agreed. The public hearing will take place at the KES library.

Bob informed the other Selectmen that he stopped by the Kensington Public Library after the snowfall on December 29 to check on plowing and shoveling. Susie Gilbert informed Bob that she had secured Harold Bragg to do the plowing and shoveling. Bob asked Susie how she was paying for the plowing without a plow line in her budget. The transaction between Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. Bragg is unclear. The Selectmen are concerned as they are trying to "clean-up" the budget process and ensure that Department Heads are using their budgets according to the line items they propose and is passed by the town residents. The Board discussed whether Mrs. Gilbert is able to make the decision without consulting the Library Trustees. They also discussed the fact that Chris is under contract to plow for the town. The Board determined they need to better understand the arrangement made with Harold Bragg and also consult with the Library Trustees to discuss budget implications. Peter was asked to speak with Jack Herney regarding the plowing of the town Library.

The Board discussed having the entire of the Department Heads meet regarding the use of their budgets and the line items they propose.

The Selectmen discussed the identification of the dry hydrants for snow plowing. Bob spoke to the welder who noted he is waiting for Chief Charles LeBlanc to get the number of hydrants and their sizes to him. Bob will follow up with Charlie.

Finally, the Board noted that Chief LeBlanc should write the warrant article for the fire truck and the Selectmen will be writing the warrant article for the road improvements.

Peter made a motion to adjourn at 4:46 pm. Norman seconded and all agreed.

The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2016 in the Kensington Elementary School Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Aiken