

## Deliberative Session 2015

Moderator, Harold Bragg called the meeting to order at 7:03pm on February 4, 2015. In attendance were Selectmen: Norman DeBoisbriand, Peter Merrill, Robert Wadleigh and Town Clerk, Pamela L. Kehoe.

There were approximately 34 registered voters present.

The Moderator read the opening paragraphs of the Town Warrant stating the Town Election would be held Tuesday March 10th, 2015 from 8am to 7:30pm at The Kensington Elementary School, multipurpose room. Harold explained how he would conduct the meeting.

Article 1: N/A for warrant article

Article 2: Planning Board article can't be changed in the Deliberative Session and will go to the Ballot as presented. Michael Schwotzer makes a motion, Lynne Bonitatibus 2nds. No discussion. Moderator takes a vote. I, for a yes vote, Nay, for a no vote.

Motion is in the affirmative.

Article 3: Michael Schwotzer makes a motion, Jim Webber 2nds. Fred Feldman asks questions about some line items and why the building inspector's salary increased.

Peter Merrill answered with an explanation that Kensington's fees are out of date with their salaries for this position and is much lower than surrounding towns. Lynne B. explains that the increase also is due to the permits being placed under a different line item. She explains that it is for reimbursed fee's that also go back to the different inspectors. Kathy made mention and as a point of clarity that he is still not considered a Town Employee and that he is 1099.

Peter Merrill also pointed out and encouraged people to attend. That there are budget meetings every fall and that is a good place to voice your concerns and have your questions answered over the budget.

Michael Schwotzer proceeds to read amended fiscal note:

Fiscal Impact Note: the proposed operating budget figure of \$1,624,161 is a decrease of \$(66,560) being less than the budget amount adopted in 2014 of \$1,690,721. The net estimated 2015 tax impact of the proposed operating budget is \$(0.223) per \$1,000 valuation (negative 22.3 cents per thousand dollars of valuation). The default budget figure of \$1,639,032 is a decrease of \$(51,789) being less than the budget amount adopted in 2014 of \$1,690,721. The net estimated 2015 tax impact of the default budget is \$(0.174) per \$1,000 valuation (negative 17.4 cents per thousand dollars of valuation).

Joan Whitney asks what the income will be to offset the revenue. Mike Schwotzer informs the room that Automobile taxes will be the biggest revenue to offset the town rate. He informed the room there are other small revenues but the majority will come from automobiles.

Moderator takes a vote. . Motion is in the affirmative.

Michael Schwotzer moves to make a motion to vote so there can be no reconsideration on Article 3 for the operating budget. Lynne Bonitatibus 2nds

Moderator takes a vote. . Motion is in the affirmative.

Article 4: Fred Feldman makes a motion, Michael Schwotzer 2nds. No Discussion. Motion is in the affirmative.

Article 5: Rhoda Feldman makes a motion, Michael Schwotzer 2nds. Fred Feldman inquires what their lifetime is and how old are the ones that we already have? Moderator asks if there is anyone who can speak on this. Peter Merrill says that he cannot speak on the exact age of the packs but explains that the ones that we have are not compatible to any other town. Jean Waldron asks what the lifetime of these packs are. No one is able to give an exact answer on this question. Rick asked if there was any trade in value for the ones that we already have or if there is a way to recoup any money from the sale of the old ones. Robert Wadleigh says he doesn't think that there is any but again there was no one at the meeting that has any knowledge of this or if this is possible. Peter Merrill suggests going to the Fire Fighter meeting on Thursday night. Kathy Felch asked if we have any that are compatible now. Norman DeBoisbriand replied that there are 6 new ones that are compatible.

Moderator takes a vote. . Motion is in the affirmative.

Article 6: Maggie Kilcoyne makes a motion, Dennis Roffman 2nds.

No Discussion Moderator takes a vote. . Motion is in the affirmative.

Article 7: Lynne Monroe makes a motion, Joan Whitney 2nds. Fred Feldman asks is there an estimated budget anticipated? How much will it cost if it does pass? Norman answered that the anticipated estimate is \$400,000- \$500,000. If this article passes they will be able to make a proposal and have a better idea. Peter Merrill added on that part of the feasibility study is to take a look at it and see what the options are for use. We won't know what the feature set will be (use) until the study is performed. Rhoda Feldman asks if the Selectman are planning on working with the individual departments to see what their needs are. Peter answered yes, that is how the process will work. Fred Feldman asked about the proposed municipal building that was voted down last year. He inquired how many feet that building was to be? 4000 to 5000 square feet? He had concerns on how 1200 square ft. was going to be able to work? Norman informed him that the new addition would be 600 feet upstairs and 600 feet down. Fred Feldman asked if the Police Dept. supported the new addition. He was told there were no representatives there to speak for them. But there doesn't seem to be anything in the negative. Norman informed the room that they were to process they could use. They are hoping to use a bond and that there is money in the town reserve. Lynne Monroe wanted to show her support and thanked the Selectman for their work and she felt it was an excellent article, well thought out. Paul Lovikk wanted to know if the plan is to move all the town functions into this building.

Moderator takes a vote Motion is affirmative.

Article 8 Michael Schwotzer motions, Lynne Bonitatibus 2nds.

Fred Feldman asks why such a large amount? Bob Wadleigh explains that the town didn't do any road construction last year. Donna Carter asked if it was passed on because we were looking for the extra money for the municipal building? So there would be more of a chance of the bldg. passing? A selectman answered that they didn't have an answer for that because they were not on the board at the time.

Moderator takes a vote. Motion passes in the affirmative.

Michael Schwotzer motions to adjourn, Kathy Felch 2nds. Moderator ends the deliberative session at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Kehoe

Town Clerk, Kensington NH