

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall
95 Amesbury Road
Kensington, NH 03833
MONDAY
MARCH 20, 2023
Meeting Minutes
6:30PM

In attendance: Joseph Pace, Robert Solomon, Robert Gustafson

J. Pace called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Public Comment-

Karen Parker Feld- 178 and 180 Drinkwater Road-made a formal objection of the last meeting of the planning board and the prior meeting of the zoning board. Her formal objection states that the boards need to listen to the town. She felt that there were a lot of people not allowed to speak at the last meeting. She has a formal objection to how the meetings were conducted. She read to the public a letter written and will submit it to the town. She expressed her thoughts. No other public comments.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

- Police Department –Chief Scott Cain – Nothing to report today
R. Gustafson motion to promote Joseph Scutellaro to full time Detective, B. Solomon seconded, all in favor. Chairman Pace swore in J. Scutellaro.
- Fire Department – Chief Jon True -nothing to report
- Emergency Management - Chief Jon True – has sent out to departments for numbers to see if the town will qualify for the presidential declaration for the storm.
- Road Manager – Matthew Armstrong- Getting numbers to Chief True for the storm.
- Building Inspector- Gino Rignoli- submitted a report for the board to review of the new system.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Land of Another –
B. Gustafson made a Motion to approve the land of another for Pamela Welsh and second one for Greenland International, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.
B. Gustafson made a motion to have the chair sign on behalf of the board, seconded by B. Solomon, all in favor.

Update on culvert repair on Rte 150-

K. Felch updated the board that the state has been keeping her up to date with their process and they are considering closing Rte 150 for two weeks to complete the culvert repair. She will keep the board and departments up to date with the progress.

Public Comments were reopened-

LJ- 178A Drinkwater Road- Stated that the zoning board did not allow any public comment during their meeting. The planning board public comment was at the end of the meeting. J. Pace explained that while this board appoints the planning and zoning boards, the select board is the executive level for the town. The zoning and planning are judiciary boards and the board appoints them and a board member serves as a liaison for the planning board. There is nothing that the Selectmen can do about Planning and Zoning activities as boards. The board has no role in what the decisions are. J. Pace stated that he understands that people are upset and that no board has to allow public comment, but as a public hearing there is comments allowed, when those comments are allowed is up to the individual boards. B. Solomon stated that the planning board has not finished their deliberation and to the degree that the zoning board allowed public comment in the meeting before the meeting in question was extensive.

Deborah Weil-61 Wild Pasture Road-wanted to state that she agrees with LJ.

Patricia DeCaprio-31 Osgood Road- was at both meetings and thought that there would be more time to present information to the zoning board.

Karen Parker Feld – She felt that the planning board ran the clock down so that people could not speak. B. Solomon stated that the chair followed the pattern that the board always follows, and at the next meeting they still have to go back to the ordinance and make sure that the application lines up with the ordinance. K. Parker Feld continued that she believes that the board did not allow comment on purpose. J. Pace commented that the Selectmen can not make the planning board do certain procedures and that the planning and zoning boards have rule and procedures to follow and RSA's. K. Parker Feld left a letter with the board for their review as a formal complaint.

Patricia DeCaprio- 31 Osgood Road- believes that the boards having to keep to the clock is not true.

Town Administrator:

Kathleen Felch-

- Board letter to be sent to the Department of Environment Services on the Town of Exeter's Large Groundwater Withdrawal Permit.
The board signed the letter to DES that will be mailed out tomorrow. This will be an addendum to the minutes of the board.
- K. Felch showed the board the revised ordinances that the selectmen have authority to amend. The board will review for the next meeting.
- The Park Ordinance was updated incorrectly and the board will have to make note of the changes in the next meeting. K. Felch will add that to the agenda.

- Approval of Board Minutes

March 6, 2023- The board reviewed the minutes from March 6, 2023. **B. Solomon made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023, seconded by B. Gustafson**

- Bill and payroll were reviewed and signed.

- Non-Public Session- RSA91A:3, II (b)- **B. Solomon made a motion to go into nonpublic meeting at 7:26pm, seconded by B. Gustafson, all in favor.**

B. Solomon made a motion to exit nonpublic session at 7:39pm, seconded by B. Gustafson, all in favor.

Regular session resumed at 7:39pm.

The board discussed what would be on the next meeting agenda.

• **Next Meeting Date – April 3, 2023**

- **Energy Committee**
- **Revised ordinances**
- **Response to Warrant Articles and next steps**

Motion to adjourn by B. Gustafson, seconded by B. Solomon at 7:42pm, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen T Felch