

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Kensington Town Hall - 95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018 – 9:30am
Minutes - DRAFT

In Attendance: Robert Long, Ben Cole, and Mike Schwotzer
Chief True and Chief Sanders also present

Mike Schwotzer opened meeting at 9:33 AM.

Mike motioned to accept unanticipated quarterly grant funds from NH DOS, related to Seabrook Station, in the amount of \$4250. Bob seconded, all in favor.

Mike yielded floor to Chief True to explain a proposal for managing these grant funds. Chief would like to use some of these funds to purchase computer/server and software in order to save recordings of audio/video from Town Hall inside the Town Hall, rather than offsite with contractor. This would allow Town greater control over the recordings and allow responses to RTK requests without dependence on an intermediary.

Mike supported this idea and approved the expenditure for new year, but has another concern: payroll needs are 3.2 weeks instead of 2.2 weeks, and last year two major expenses incurred in 2017 (last week of December 2017 payroll and Lambert development berm) were carried into 2018 due to insufficient funds, which he just learned about, further threatening this year's end-of-year fund balance despite grant income. He feels being responsible means Town should pay for 2018 expenses this year, rather than push last week into 2019 as seems to have been past practice, and he feels Town should not spend the additional funds requested by Chief True while fund balance is at risk. Chief True to purchase in new year. BOS is in consensus.

Frustrations about past budgeting and accounting practices were expressed. Discussion ensued related to expenses coming in 2019 in Fire/Rescue budget, including radios and hose.

Motion to enter nonpublic session to discuss compensation and reviews of town employees by Ben Cole at 10:05 AM, seconded by Mike, roll call vote: Ben Cole, Mike Schwotzer, Bob Long all in favor. Chiefs True and Sanders exited meeting. Nonpublic entered at 10:05 AM: see non-public session minutes.

Nonpublic concluded and public session re-entered at 10:25 AM. **Motion to adjourn by Bob Long, Mike seconded, all in favor.** Meeting ended at 10:27 AM.