

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
October 18, 2005

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on October 18, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Joseph D. Kelleher, Mark S. Beaton, Olavo B. DeMacedo and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Sandra D. MacFarlane was absent.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the October 4, 2005 public and executive session meeting.

The Board reviewed the site plan for the Bog Hockey Rink, 186 Summer Street. Mr. Kelleher stated that it was a good proposal and Mr. Gallagher stated that he wanted to be sure that there were to locations for egress.

Mr. Beaton stated that there were fourteen accidents in the area of the Senior Mobile Home Park and suggested signage and possibly a blinking light. Mr. Donovan advised that the concerns were being addressed with Mass Highway.

Mr. Donovan reviewed his Town Administrator's report with the Board and gave an overview of the development of a five year revenue and expenditure report that would be drafted with the assistance of Treasurer LaBrache, provided details about the annual MMA Conference and announced the MA Selectmen's Association dinner meeting on October 20, 2005. Mr. Donovan also advised that he along with the Building Inspector and Highway Superintendent had inspected the Russell Pond Dam and the dam at the Cranberry Watershed Preserve. He also advised that the State Dept. of Dam Safety had been requested to inspect all poorly rated dams and since the Russell Pond Dam is on private property, only the State would have the authority/ability to provide protective measures.

The Board discussed the Special Town Meeting (STM) petitioned article for \$105,000 and the impact it would have if passed on the current year's budget by throwing it out of balance and requiring another STM to revisit the budget. Mr. Gallagher stated that it would be necessary to re-vote the 1.2 million dollars from the School Building Account to the Senior Center. Mr. Donovan advised that this was a unique situation and DOR was reviewing the materials.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. John Haas, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals came forward to appeal to the residents to attend and participate in the hearing process for the 40B applications before the Board. He stated that he was concerned that projects with such impact to the Town would be approved without the residents weighing their concerns.

Mr. Beaton stated that the meeting would be taped by PAC-TV if a volunteer could be secured to do the taping. Mr. DeMacedo stated that when people have concerns they will come out and perhaps the public does not have a problem with the projects. Mr. Beaton added that the Board of Selectmen had appointed a most capable group to look out for the welfare of the Town. Mr. Gallagher expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Zoning Board.

Dennis Randall, member of the Planning Board came forward and stated that the time to voice an opinion was during the hearing and that all Boards need to support the ZBA during the process.

The Chairman read the public notice on the hearing for the Classification of property for tax purposes. Assessor William Twohig stated that this was the process for setting the tax rate and the Board of Assessors was recommending a factor of one which meant residential and businesses would all be taxed at the same rate. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors and set the factor of one for all classes of property.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint Susan Healy and Michele L. Benza to the Cultural Council.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3 to 0 to 1 vote, it was –

VOTED: To authorize the issuance of Bonds as detailed in the vote attached and incorporated into the minutes.

Mr. Beaton abstained from voting on the motion.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 roll-call vote, it was –

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ to discuss pending litigation and not return to public session.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy M. Howlett, Assistant to the
Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen

¹ The public session adjourned at 8:20 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 8:30 p.m..