

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
September 7, 2004

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on September 7, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Paul M. Gallagher, Olavo B. DeMacedo, Joseph D. Kelleher, Richard E. Kenney and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. No one came forward to speak at Open Forum.

Library Trustees Brian McWilliams, Valerie Spence, Spencer Clough, Vanessa Verkade and Paul Barry were present to make a joint appointment with the Board of Selectmen to fill a Library Trustee vacancy. Candidates Geralde Buckley, Gayle Peters, and Richard J. Rice were given the opportunity to outline their credentials and answered questions posed by members of both Boards.

Brian McWilliams nominated Gayle Peters and Valerie Spence nominated Geralde Buckley. Both nominations were seconded. Mr. Beaton called for a roll-call vote. Mr. McWilliams, Ms. Vercade, Mr. Clough, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Kenney, Mr. DeMacedo, Mr. Beaton, and Mr. Gallagher voted for Ms. Peters and Mr. Barry and Ms. Spence voted for Geralde Buckley.

Mr. McWilliams presented the Board with invitations to a retirement party for Joan Enriquez, who is retiring after 20 years of service to the Town as the Children's Librarian.

Mr. McWilliams also reported that a donation of 217 back issues of the Civic Pride of Kingston dated 1926 had been made to benefit the Library. He requested that the Board authorize the sale of the books.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the donation of 217 copies of the Civic Pride of Kingston, and further;

VOTED: To authorize the sale of the books as a fund raiser.

Paul Gallagher announced that an agreement had been made with L. Knife to allow the school buses to turn around on L. Knife property so that the school children in the neighborhood surrounding Spring Street and Bradford Avenue could be picked up on Spring Street, across from the car wash instead of on Route 3A. He thanked L. Knife, the bus company, Safety Officer Ballinger and the neighbors for working together on a solution.

Stacey Antonio and Kristen Nolan were present and thanked all involved and stated they would report back if things did not work out.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Mr. DeMacedo suggested inviting in Andy DeAndrade, President of Parting Ways, Inc. regarding his proposal to create at New Guinea Settlement on 27.9 acres of land of which 12.9 acres are in Kingston.

Mr. Beaton noted the dates for the Special Town Meeting and the closing date of the warrant on September 17, 2004.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the public session minutes for the meetings held on August 20 and 24, 2004 and the executive session minutes for the meeting held on August 24, 2004.

The Board reviewed Police Chief Fogg's report on motorcycle noise and that the Police Department would step up enforcement of MGL Ch. 90, Section 16, regarding excessive noise. Mr. Kelleher stated that he thought it was a good idea to have a decibel meter. The Board supported monitoring the progress over the next month. Mr. Kenney suggested that warnings be issued first to put people on notice that the Police would be monitoring motorcycle noise.

Mr. Beaton announced that the Board would be conducting interviews and would make appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill four permanent members and one associate member positions and that following the interviews he would be taking nominations to fill terms ending June 30, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009.

Applicants that were not present were George H. Boerger, Gale Gleason, Norman Libby, and Brian Wallace. Applicants that were present were John L. Haas, Kevin McGowan, David Rose, Anna Marie Kelley and Colin J. Dahlen. Each applicant present was given the opportunity to detail their credentials and reasons for applying and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Dahlen indicated that he was seeking the associate position.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint George H. Boerger to the ZBA term ending in 2006, and further;

VOTED: To appoint David Rose to the ZBA term ending in 2007, and further;

VOTED: To appoint Kevin McGowan to the ZBA term ending in 2008.

A motion to appoint Gale Gleason to the term ending in 2009 failed on a 2 to 3 vote. Mr. Kenney and Mr. DeMacedo supported the motion and Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Beaton did not support the motion. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint John Haas to the ZBA term ending in 2009.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint Colin Dahlen as the Associate ZBA member.

The Board took a brief break at 8:45 p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

Mr. DeMacedo asked if progress had been made in setting up a meeting with Senator Murray and Representative O'Brien regarding 40B legislation and the ability to count mobile homes in to the 40B equation. Mr. Donovan stated that Representative O'Brien was available to meet with the Board but he had not heard from Senator Murray as yet. Mr. DeMacedo suggested contacting Senator Murray again.

A motion was made and seconded to appoint Robert Pinato as a member of the Waterfront Committee. Mr. Beaton suggested holding off on the appointment since Mr. Pinato held several other appointed positions, to seek other volunteers for the position. Mr. DeMacedo stated that the Mr. Pinato had the Harbormaster's recommendation. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3 to 2 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint Robert Pinato to the Waterfront Committee.

Mr. Beaton and Mr. Gallagher did not support the motion. Mr. DeMacedo, Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Kenney supported the motion.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint Cynthia Walker as Town Historian, and further;

VOTED: To accept donations for animal care in the amount of \$1,036.00 and 2 two yard rubbish containers for use at the Ah Dee Nah.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To waive the ambulance fees for three individual due to a financial hardship.

Mr. Beaton noted the schedule for the budget and Town Meeting process for FY06.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 roll-call vote, it was –

VOTED: To enter into executive session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining and not return to public session.

Respectfully submitted:

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