

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
February 17, 2009

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Mark S. Beaton, Jean Landis-Naumann, Dennis N. Randall and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan was absent.

The Chairman announced the dates to note. Mr. Gallagher stated that this was Mr. Donovan's last meeting and presented him a plaque acknowledging his years of service.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Finance Committee was meeting on Saturday and that it was apparent that the budget process would not be complete for the April 4, 2009 Annual Town Meeting. He advised that the Finance Committee want to postpone the funding articles until late May or June and just take care of non-money articles at the April 4th meeting.

Mr. Beaton acknowledged that it was hard to get a quorum and by separating the business it may be difficult to get residents to attend a second session.

Mr. Donovan advised that the Finance Committee needed more time and the suggesting wage freeze would need time for impact bargaining.

Mr. Gallagher stated by postponing the meeting there was a good chance to have a permanent Town Administrator in place.

Ms. MacFarlane suggested getting input from the Town Clerk.

Upon motion made by Ms. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To hold the Special and Annual Town Meetings on May 30, 2009, contingent upon the availability of the Town Clerk, Moderator and the School.

The Chairman read the petition of Verizon to place a new pole P91/37-1 on Indian Pond Road to provide service to a new residence. No one present spoke in favor or against the petition. Darryl Crossman was present representing Verizon. Upon motion made by Ms. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To close the hearing, and further;

VOTED To grant Verizon and Nstar Electric joint or identical locations to erect Pole P91/37-1 and appurtenances on Indian Pond Road.

The Board Reviewed the Town Administrator's report.

Mr. Beaton advised that he would like the Board to consider a proposal made several years earlier by P A. Landers to swap land with the Town. Mr. Beaton stated that it was time the Town started seeking new

ways to enhance revenue for the Town. He advised that under this proposal the Town would acquire land adjacent to Camp Nekon and P. A. Landers would remove earth from the land that they acquired and the Town could derive \$865,000 in earth removal fees and 1.4 million in tax revenue. Mr. Beaton stated that the location of the area of the earth removal would create a bowl suitable as a theater like Great Woods for concerts or sporting events.

Mr. Gallagher stated it was an exciting opportunity and Mr. Randall stated he applauded Mr. Beaton for being innovative but stated caution should be used for earth removal.

Upon motion made by Ms. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Ms. MacFarlane, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the January 20, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board would have to re-vote the appointment of a member of the Board to serve on the Town Administrator Search Committee since neither Mr. Beaton nor Ms. MacFarlane received a majority of votes.

Upon motion made by Mr. Randall and seconded by Mr. Gallagher, following a discussion and a 3-2-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To appoint Ms. MacFarlane to the Town Administrator Search Committee.

Mr. Beaton and Mrs. Landis-Naumann did not support the motion.

Mr. Gallagher advised that the people that originally expressed interest in serving as the Interim Town Administrator had not come forward. He further stated that Jack Healey was recommended by Mr. Donovan and Mr. Healey had retired from Middleborough after serving over 20 years.

Mr. Healey came to the podium and outlined his credentials and experience in serving as Interim for other communities following his retirement from Middleborough.

Mr. Beaton stated he was comfortable with appointing Mr. Healey as the Interim Town Administrator and suggested a three-day a week arrangement. Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board would have to negotiate a three-day salary. Mr. Donovan suggested a daily rate be determined. Mr. Healey stated his daily rate would be \$460.00 and time could be added as needed. Mr. Beaton stated the schedule could be adjusted as work load changes.

Ms. MacFarlane stated she was not comfortable paying the same rate that Mr. Donovan had been paid since he had worked his way up to that rate over years. She added that due to the Town's financial crisis this was a time to try to save money.

Upon motion made by Ms. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Mr. Beaton, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To hire Mr. Healey as the Interim Town Administrator at \$460.00 per day for a three-day schedule commencing on February 18th through June 19th.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Town Administrator Search Committee needed direction from the Board as to number of candidates the Board wanted brought forward and to set a time table to accomplish the search.

Mr. Beaton suggested that they should complete the process in thirty days and for the Board to plan to interview five candidates on March 17th. He also suggested that the names of the candidates be kept confidential until the candidate becomes a finalist.

Ms. MacFarlane suggested not limiting it to five candidates. Mr. Beaton advised that they should have a good pool of candidates with five. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated she was also comfortable with five.

Upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Ms. Landis-Naumann, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To advise the Search Committee to forward not more than five names to the Board by March 17th and to utilize the Guidelines set forth for the interview and selection process.

Upon motion made by Ms. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To appoint Rui Santos to the Earth Removal By-Law Committee representing the Agricultural Commission.

Mr. Beaton advised that a member of the Green Energy Committee was not able to attend the meetings on a regular basis and suggested declaring the position vacant. Upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To declare the position held by Steven Sechovicz on the Green Energy Committee vacant.

Upon motion made by Ms. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was--

VOTED: To approve two one-day all-alcohol licenses for Sacred Heart School.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the May 30th date set by the Board to hold the Annual Town Meeting was the date of Silver Lake High School graduation. Mr. Beaton suggested setting the date at the Board's next meeting.

Upon motion made by Ms. MacFarlane and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 roll-call vote, it was--

VOTED: To enter into to executive session for the purpose of discussing Financial Assistance.

Respectfully Submitted:

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