

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
August 23, 2005

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on August 23, 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, Sandra D. MacFarlane and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Mr. DeMacedo was absent.

The Chairman asked if anyone present wanted to speak at Open Forum. No one came forward.

The Chairman asked Mr. Donovan to provide a verbal Town Administrator's report. Mr. Donovan advised that he was meeting with DPW Departments monthly in an effort to coordinate issues affecting the three departments. He noted that he would be having a meeting with the financial departments on the issues brought forward by the Auditors and noted that the Special Town Meeting would be on October 24, 2005 with the warrant closing on Friday, September 9, 2005. Mr. Donovan also advised that the Town was hosting a Labor Seminar for the Town and surrounding communities with Labor Counsel Michael Gilman on September 21, 2005. He stated that as recommended by the Insurance Advisory Committee, all current and retired employees with Master Health Insurance have be notified of the limitations of the coverage and the County Commissioners will be requested to open the enrollment period for those employees that want to change their coverage to another carrier.

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

VOTED: To accept the public session minutes of the August 9, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Beaton expressed his concern for the construction on Route 80 and that there was no fencing along the bridge. Mr. Donovan advised that Mass Highways was working to get the road open before school started the dressing along the road was in progress. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Donovan to get a final determination of the opening of the road to the public.

The Board reviewed the letter from the U.S. Post Office regarding the three sites under consideration for the relocation of the Kingston Post Office. Mr. Kelleher stated that all three sites are good and that the Board should look at the sites, draft notes and discuss the sites at the Boards September 6th meeting. Mr. Beaton stated that all three sites would result in traffic problems at a dangerous intersection in the center of Town. Mr. Beaton stated that the Post Office had not provided a traffic study or a plan for each of the sites and that he wanted something visual to see the entrance and egress for the sites. Mr. Kelleher requested that the Post Office be requested to provide the information for the next meeting.

Mr. Gallagher requested an update of when the lights at Evergreen Street will be activated.

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

VOTED: To waive the ambulance fee for an individual due to a financial hardship, and further;

VOTED: To approve the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$442.00 to Mainstream Eng. from the NOI fund.

The Chairman announced that there were two vacancies on the Town Government Study Committee and asked individuals interested in the Committee to contact the Selectmen's office. Mr. Beaton gave an overview of how the Committee was created and the work and recommendations that the Committee had brought forward.

The Board reviewed the request from Skip Martin for permission to move a building from Pembroke to 105 Lake Street in Kingston. Members of the Board expressed concern for the move if it were not completed prior to the opening day of school on Tuesday, August 30, 2005.

Mr. Martin advised that the move should only take three hours and that the utilities would only have to lift the lines as the building progressed along the route.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the mover should coordinate with the Fire Department so that they could access Chipman Way if needed and that the School Department should be contact to be sure that there concerns were met.

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

VOTED: To approve the permit as long as all the concerns of the Police, Fire and Highway Departments are met and that Mr. Donovan contact the School Department and that Mr. Martin address any of the concerns that are conveyed to him by the Departments or Mr. Donovan.

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 for the purpose of discussing current and past litigation and not return to public session at the conclusion of the executive session.

Respectfully submitted:

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

¹ The public session adjourned at 8:10 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.