

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

December 23, 2008

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on December 23, 2008 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, and Dennis N. Randall. Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan was absent.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Rui Santos from the Heritage Center Development Committee was present to announce that the Committee is conducting a questionnaire to find out what the community wants in the Heritage Center. He advised that questionnaires were available at the Town Clerk's office, the Library, and on the Town's website.

Roy Nelson of 208 Old Indian Pond Road came forward at Open Forum to voice his opinion on a matter that was scheduled on the Board's agenda. He advised that Michael Nee on James Justice Way was parking his boat on Town property and in doing so was blocking the exit of Old Indian Pond Road. He requested that the Board consider not allowing him to park in that manner.

John LaBrache was present to discuss the five year revenue projections with the Board. He discussed what the impact would be to the tax payers should an override be proposed. Mr. LaBrache stated that too often one time revenues were used to balance the budget or fund the capital plan and an override is not carried out services would be greatly impacted. Mr. Beaton advised that the Town would have to find ways to create more revenue and that he would speak to that later in the meeting. Mr. Gallagher stated that they would look to the department managers to be fiscally responsible.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were proposed economic stimulus package which may include funds for construction projects and the request that the Elm Street Bridge be considered and the acknowledgement of the efforts of Town employees; Brandi Gordon, Priscilla Bracket and Diane Scully for collecting, sorting and distributing donated food for Veterans.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the November 25 and December 9, 2008 public session meetings with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Economic Target Area (ETA) draft from the Town of Plymouth. Mrs. Landis-Naumann made a motion to dismiss the proposal and petition the Legislation for Kingston's own ETA. Mr. Beaton seconded the motion for discussion and suggested not throwing it out just yet. He suggested reworking it and bringing it back at the next meeting. Ms. MacFarlane stated she thought it was an improvement over the last version and Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated there were no benefits to Kingston in the agreement. Mr. Randall suggested to make haste slowly since they were not sure of the implications. The motion and second was withdrawn.

Mr. Beaton made a statement that he wanted to discuss a matter involving P. A. Landers and that his brother was an employee of P. A. Landers but was not an owner or partner in the business. He further advised that he did not see a conflict for him to discuss a land swap proposal with P. A. Landers and

would make the disclosure public in any event. Mr. Beaton stated that in 2005 there was a proposal to swap land for P. A. Landers to expand their facility which would potentially give the Town a ten-year revenue stream. Mr. Beaton asked the Board to support having Mr. Donovan revisit the matter and contact P. A. Landers to ascertain their interest. Mrs. Lanis-Naumann asked why it was not previously pursued and Mr. Beaton stated that the Town did not have any need to do so. Mr. Randall asked if the land would be used for a commercial mining operation and wondered if that is a direction the Town wanted to go into. Mr. Beaton stated he wanted the Board to investigate the opportunities.

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

VOTED: To request that Mr. Donovan contact P. A. Landers to ascertain their interest in the Town owned property.

Mr. Randall stated that the Planning Board would need to reserve four articles for the ATM pertaining to amending the 40R Design Review.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that the Conservation Land Review Committee continues to work on the management plan for Camp Nekon and will bring a draft plan before the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, she requested that the Committee be notified by the Town Administrator of any information obtained from the P. A. Landers land swap discussed earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked Ms. MacFarlane if the Committee intended to include a Community Garden on the Conservation land. Mr. Gallagher added that it should be discussed and Ms. MacFarlane stated that it would be part of the forestry program.

The Board reviewed the request to increase the fees for permits issued by the Fire Department. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that she requested more information from the Fire Department and had not received it yet. She advised that she did not want to impede fees on development but wanted to keep them reasonable.

Mr. Randall stated that the Board needed to encourage areas that would enhance revenue but that the fees should not exceed the cost of providing that service. Mrs. Landis-Naumann suggested inviting the Fire Chief in to discuss his recommendation to raise the fee schedule.

The Board reviewed the request of Michael Nee, 7 James Justice Way, to store his boat on Town owned property. Mr. Gallagher read letters from Mr. Nee and Paul Basler, Highway Supt. regarding the matter. Mr. Basler's letter to Mr. Nee advised that he would need permission from the Board in order to leave the boat on Town property. Mr. Beaton suggested that Mr. Nee pursue purchasing the land from the Town. Upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To send a letter to Mr. Nee advising that his boat must be stored on his own property and should be removed from the Town owned property.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked if it would be a good idea to clean up or dispose of the old paper roads in the Town. Mr. Randall suggested reconstituting the Town Owned Land Reuse Committee to look into it.

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

VOTED: To confirm the list of positions to be included on the Annual Election Warrant, to declare the vacancies and to set the political calendar for the 2009 Annual Town Meeting and Election as recommended by the Town Clerk.

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

VOTED: To appoint the list of Special Police Officer and Police Matrons as recommended by the Police Chief.

The Board reviewed the list of the oldest residents in Kingston, and upon motion made by Mrs. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Ms. MacFarlane, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To present the Boston Post Cane to the oldest resident; Rose Mary Wood of 17 Chipman Way.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen