

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
December 27, 2005

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on December 27, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Mark S. Beaton, Sandra D. MacFarlane and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Vice Chairman Joseph D. Kelleher was absent and Mr. DeMacedo arrived at 7:40 p.m.

The Chairman welcomed members of Boy Scout Troop 49 and leader Linda Reardon to the meeting.

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

VOTED: To accept a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from St. Joseph's Church for the Senior Center Building Fund.

The Chairman acknowledged the work of the Fire Department, particularly, David Currier for the Annual Luminary Display and read of letter of thanks from the Kingston Youth Sports Organization for the Town's support of the STM Article which funded field maintenance.

The Chairman announced the Open Forum. Sewer Commissioner Elaine Fiore provided an update on the sewer project and announced the streets ready for connection. Mr. Beaton asked if a deadline had been set to connect to the sewer system and Ms. Fiore stated that the Commissioners were working with the Board of Health to set the date.

Police Chief Joseph Rebello met with the Board and provided an overview of the Police Department FY07 Budget. Members of the Board expressed concern for funding three cruisers every year and suggested reducing the capital request to two cruisers. Chief Rebello also provided details regarding adding Permanent Intermittent Officers to create a pool of trained Officers from which vacancies can be filled.

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

VOTED: To reappoint Darren J. Martin, Glenn C. Bushee, Todd A. Bailey and Marks Brenner, Jr. as Special Police Officers for 2006 and to appoint Peter E. Pateline, Thomas E. Mori, Brian P. Wilson, Sean S. Percy, Thomas A. Harrison, Christopher A. Manzelli, and Mark S. Shurbert as Special Police Officers for 2006 contingent upon background investigation and medical examination.

Mr. Gallagher read the hearing notice on the application for a Transfer of All Alcoholic Package Store License from A & J Stores to Garmonalk, Inc. No one present spoke in favor or against the application. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To close the public hearing, and further;

VOTED: To grant the Transfer of the All Alcoholic Package Store License from A & J Stores to Garmonalk, Inc.

Superintendent of Street, Trees and Parks Paul Basler was present and provided an overview of the Highway, Street Lighting, Solid Waste and Snow and Ice Budgets. Mr. Basler stated that the Highway Budget was level funded except for contractual increases. He further stated that in the Solid Waste Budget he was requesting hiring an additional person due to that fact that one man on duty at the Transfer Station at a time could not handle the activity. The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the sticker fees to offset the costs of the budget. Mr. DeMacedo suggested a swap area to allow residents to swap good items rather than discard them and Ms. MacFarlane stated she also supported that idea. The Board discussed the idea of sharing a truck wash bay with other Town's rather than fund the capital expense to build a new one. Mr. Basler stated that he was also seeking space for storage to replace storage space at the Maple Street Fire Station. On the Street Lighting budget, Mr. DeMacedo suggest that Mr. Basler review the street lights that were in place to see if they meet the criteria set for being funded by the Town. Mr. Basler also informed the Board that the replacement of the tower building at the Transfer Station was a priority because of the condition of the existing building and that a loss of the building would result in the Station being shut down because all the controls are housed in the building. The Board discussed the pros and cons of increasing the Snow and Ice budget to a more realistic figure.

The Board took a ten minute break at 9:00 p.m.

When the meeting resumed, Mr. Donovan provided an overview of the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were; appointments to the Community Preservation Committee to be made by the Board at the January 10th meeting, acknowledgement of letters sent to Mass Highway regarding concerns at the signal lights in Kingston center and letter to the State requesting the transfer of surplus land from the Route 44 project to the Town, acknowledgement of cases solved by the Police Department and a \$12,000 Local Preparedness Grant received for public safety departments for Police Department computer equipment and Fire Department radio equipment.

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 December 13, 2005 public session, and further;

VOTED: Approve the payment of \$200.00 from the NOI fund for use by the Conservation Commission to fund the review of resource areas filed under an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation for 3 Tarkiln Road, and further;

VOTED: To approve the expenditure, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, Section 31D, in excess of the appropriation in the Snow and

Ice account due to fact that the appropriation had been exhausted, and further;

VOTED: To appoint Eliot Campbell III, Jackolyn Dwyer and Leslie Pirtle as KEMA volunteers.

The Board reviewed the request of Superintendent of Schools Dana R. Parker for representatives to serve on an Ad-hoc Committee to study the impact of K-12 regionalization. Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board would seek to fill the member-at-large position at a future meeting.

Mr. Beaton requested the Board's support to place two articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To sponsor Articles for the consolidation of the Streets, Trees and Parks, Water and Sewer Departments into a Public Works Department and consolidation of the Town Treasurer and Town Collector into a combined Treasurer-Collector position, and further;

VOTED: To confirm the list of positions to be included on the Annual Town Election Ballot and the 2006 political calendar for the Annual Town Election and Town Meeting, as presented by the Town Clerk, and further;

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation and Financial Assistance 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 9:25 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:55 p.m.