

TOWN OF KINGSTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES  
February 7, 2006

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on February 7, 2006 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, Olavo B. DeMacedo, Sandra D. MacFarlane and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum.

Shawn O'Neil came forward and advised the Board that he was seeking approval for his Eagle Scout project. He stated that he was proposing a project that would result in the access road to Camp Nekon being repaired and made more passable. The Board concurred that this would be a worthwhile project. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To grant permission to Shawn O'Neil to repair the access road to Camp Nekon as his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Gallagher read the Public Hearing notice and the comments from Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Paul Armstrong on the application of The Bog, LLC for an Earth Removal Permit. Brian Cook and Brad MacKenzie were present representing The Bog, LLC. Mr. Cook advised that it was necessary to remove approximately 15, 000 sq. yards of earth to prepare the site for the recreational complex that was being built. He stated that they were already booking the facility for the fall of 2006.

No one present spoke in favor or against granting the permit.

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

VOTED: To close the public hearing.

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

VOTED: To grant an Earth Removal Permit to The Bog, LLC subject to the conditions set by the Building Inspector and the collection of the twenty-five cent per yard fee for all earth removed from the site.

Representative Thomas J. O'Brien was present to provide the Board with an update and overview of Local Aid estimates. Rep. O'Brien stated that although the state's financial picture was improving, things were still tight. He discussed the Governor's budget and its impact on Chapter 70, lifting of the lottery cap and an increase to local aid.

Mr. Kelleher asked what was being done to stimulate economic development. Mr. O'Brien stated that since 911, the state had lost 150 million dollars in revenue from the film industry and efforts were being made to stimulate interest. Mr. Beaton suggested that more lottery money be returned to the cities and towns and that he wondered if the state would be funding the Chapter 40S legislation.

Mr. O'Brien stated that in the past year Medicaid had not been cut and Local Aid had been cut minimally. He further stated that there was a funding mechanism through DHCD from the sale of property in 2005 for smart growth. Mr. O'Brien advised that a community that adopts 40R would be entitled to zoning incentives from ten to six hundred thousand dollars depending on the size of the project.

Mr. Donovan provided the Board with an overview of his Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were the bonding schedule, letters sent to communities on the lottery cap, Finance Committee's review of the SLRSD budget, Pilgrim re-licensing comments for the NRC, meetings that the Town Administrator was scheduled to attend, and sewer work completed with the cooperation of the Sewer, Water and Dept. of Streets Trees and Parks.

Mr. Gallagher suggested that he would like Mr. Donovan to receive comments from Town Departments and be the one voice to relay those comments to the NRC,

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

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the public session meeting on January 24, 2006.

Mr. Beaton suggested keeping item under Old Business until they are completed or resolved. He stated the agenda could consist of just a listing with the backup in a folder in the office.

The Board reviewed the site plan for the Senior Center and Old Colonial Village. Mr. Kelleher stated that the condos proposed would cause a public safety problem for traffic in the downtown area. Mr. DeMacedo stated that the project was too aggressive for the amount of land. There were no comments on the Senior Center site plan.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 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 relocate the polling place for Precinct 4 from the Pembroke Street Fire Station to the Town House in Room 200 and to notify residents of the change.

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<sup>1</sup> for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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<sup>1</sup> The public session adjourned at 9:40 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 10:45 p.m.