

TOWN OF KINGSTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES

January 24, 2006

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on January 24, 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, the list of elected positions that would be on the Annual Town Election ballot and the Open Forum. No one present came forward to speak at Open Forum.

Police Chief Joseph Rebello was present to recommend that the Board appoint Michael A. LaNatra and Andrew W. Loring as permanent full-time police officers. Chief Rebello stated that they two candidates were at the top of the Human Resources Division hiring list and were interviewed and unanimously recommended by Lieutenants Kelley and Splaine, Mark Beaton and himself. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To appoint Michael A. LaNatra, effective February 5, 2006 and Andrew W. Loring, effective March 20, 2006 as permanent full-time police officers subject to the provisions of Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

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 January 10, 2006 public and executive session meetings.

The Board noted, under old business, a report on the perambulation of the Town's bounds prepared by Mr. Beaton. Mr. Beaton stated that he and Mr. Basler had found all but five stones. The Board unanimously supported including Mr. Beaton's report in the Annual Town Report.

Barry Mathias was present to request the Board's support in the establishment of an Agricultural Commission. Mr. Mathias stated that the Commission would work cooperatively with other Boards and Committees on possible land development next to farm land. Cranberry grower Roger Correia spoke in favor of the Commission and Dick Warden offered to assist in the creation of the Commission and warrant article for the Special Town Meeting.

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

VOTED: To place the article for the creation of an Agricultural Commission on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Donovan provided a summary of the items on his Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were local aid and the proposed elimination of the Lottery cap this year, Open House invitation to Silver Lake Regional High School on January 29th, the nomination of the Bradford House to be included on the National Register of Historic Places, Chapter 40B reform, and the Town's participation with Constellation Energy for a lower rate for electricity used by Town buildings.

Mr. Beaton stated that during the perambulation he noted 7 to 9 acres of property behind the Plymouth Walmart that is accessed through Old Colony Commons that would be suitable for 40B apartments or condominiums. He suggested asking the Town Planner to look into what value the land would be to the Town for such development. The Board supported Mr. Beaton's suggestion.

The Board reviewed the information about the Plymouth Economic Target Area (ETA) and whether it should ask The Plymouth Board of Selectmen to extend the ETA to the town of Kingston. Members expressed that it would be a positive step for the Town and if necessary the Board would request a meeting with the Board in Plymouth.

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

VOTED: To request the Plymouth Board of Selectmen to extend the Plymouth Economic Target Area designation to the Town of Kingston.

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

VOTED: To appoint Frederick Baughman and Judythe Lewis as co-members to the Ad Hoc Regionalization Study Committee.

Mr. Kelleher stated that he wished to relinquish his position as liaison to the Silver Lake Regional School for budget purposes. Ms. MacFarlane stated that she would assume the position as liaison.

The Board discussed the Village at Ryan's Way Chapter 40B project and concurred that the proposed 44 units on 14.25 acres would result in the property being too densely developed. It was felt that 11 homes on the 14.25 acres would be within reach.

On the proposed 94 unit development at Indian Pond Estates, the Board noted that while it was an attractive development, the area at the back side of Indian Pond Estates, adjacent to the MBTA Station would be more suited for the units to be located. It also questioned the density of the 94 units on the site and requested Mr. Donovan to request the Zoning Board of Appeals to work out the density matter with the developer.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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