

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
July 17, 2007

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on July 17, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Paul M. Gallagher, Joseph D. Kelleher, Jean Landis-Naumann, and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Sewer Commissioner Elaine Fiore was present to provide an update of the progress of paving on the side street off Summer and Main Streets

Chief Joseph Rebello was present to make a recommendation to appoint John P. Lind to the position of Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant. Chief Rebello advised that Detective Sergeant Well's duties in investigations required him to work as a full-time Detective creating a vacancy on the shift command. He added that the additional Sergeant would have a cost saving due to having a larger pool of Sergeants to draw from which would cut back on overtime. Further, Chief Rebello stated that Acting Sergeant Lind did a great job when filling in for Sergeant Ballinger.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that she approved of the management efforts at a lesser cost. Mr. Beaton asked if other agencies reimburse costs associated with work done by Detective Wells for their benefit and Chief Rebello advised that Detective Wells was currently transporting a prisoner from another state back to Massachusetts and the cost would be reimbursed. Ms. MacFarlane stated that she was a long time resident and Chief Rebello's management style produced amazing results in the Department.

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

VOTED: To appoint John P. Lind to the position of Permanent Full-Time Police Sergeant.

Elaine Fiore was present to request that the Board consider establishing a Technology Advisory Committee to utilize the knowledge and skills of residents familiar with computer technology. She stated that there were individuals with technical efficiency and the establishment of a Committee would allow people to be used in the best way to assist the Town. Ms. Fiore stated that the Town utilizes several software programs and could use the expertise to ensure that all applications are utilized. The Board fully supported the idea and upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To establish a Technology Advisory Committee and not to limit the membership until the level of interest is ascertained and to encourage Departments to cooperate with the Committee.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were the reimbursement of funds expended by the Town for the April 2006 Nor'easter and compliance with Massachusetts Health Care Reform Law.

Mr. Kelleher asked if the Board was posted for a meeting with the Town of Lakeville Board of Selectmen to discuss the gaming proposal in Middleborough. Mr. Donovan advised that the meeting was posted.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked where the Town stands with the construction of the cell tower at Opachinski Athletic Fields. Mr. Donovan advised that T-Mobile was trying to find a carrier to assign the lease since they had undergone corporate restructuring the location was not considered a priority. He further stated that they were hoping to transfer the lease by September. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that the revenue was critical for the maintenance of the fields and Mr. Gallagher stated that it was unfortunate that the permitting, planning and development process took over a year and hopefully they would have an answer soon. Mr. Beaton asked when the revenue would be paid and Mr. Donovan stated that the contract provided for payment when construction commenced and that he felt T-Mobile was making a diligent effort to assign the lease.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes as amended by Ms. MacFarlane.

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

VOTED: To approve the taking of temporary easements, by eminent domain, consisting of eighteen parcels of land and to approve the market value assessment of the easements as listed. (complete list available in the Selectmen's office) Said easements are for the road improvements for Route 27, Pembroke Street.

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

VOTED: To accept donations totaling \$488.55 and \$36.45 for the benefit of the Animal Control Department from various individuals (complete list on file in the Selectmen's office)

The Board reviewed the request of Gary Langenbach, Chairman of the Conservation Review Committee to revisit the decision to demolish the bog house on the Cranberry Water Shed Preserve. A letter from Mr. Langenbach detailing the interest of UMass Cranberry Experiment Station in using the building to house students that would conduct testing on the bogs.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that she had been in the building numerous times and that the mold from the dampness caused by the leaks in the roof made the air difficult to breath. She added that bog owners had expressed negative interest in the bogs and that most of the equipment had been removed by unknown parties. She stated that it would not be feasible for students to try to stay in the house with the tremendous amount of vandalism and no working septic system. Mr. Gallagher agreed that the house was inhabitable and stated that it should be demolished and the debris removed. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To authorize the demolition and removal of the house and to allow UMass access to study the condition and potential use of the cranberry bogs.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that she wanted to reiterate that the demolition and removal of the debris was the responsibility of the Town.

The Board reviewed the request to waive the ambulance fee for a student at Silver Lake Regional High School. The Board tabled the request until information was obtained on whether or not the school has insurance coverage for the costs.

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

VOTED: To appoint; William S. Napolitano to the Cultural Council and the Associate position on the Agricultural Commission, Robert Pinato to the Commission on Disability, Peter C. Cobb and Richard Krueger, Sr. to the Fish Committee, Kenneth P. Vandal as Superintendent of Wastewater Treatment Plant/Chief Operator, Martha E. Lane as Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and John C. Veracka to the Capital Planning Committee.

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

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ for the discussion of collective bargaining, bargaining of non-union personnel and financial assistance requests 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 7:55 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.