

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
July 31, 2007

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on July 31, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Joseph D. Kelleher, Jean Landis-Naumann, and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Selectman Gallagher was absent.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. No one came forward at Open Forum to speak.

Chairman Beaton advised that Vice Chairman MacFarlane would Chair the meeting and he would go to the podium and make a presentation for the Secure Energy Future Committee ("SEFC") on two points; the Community Wind Project Site Screening Report and the Fleet Energy Audit.

Mr. Beaton stated that the Site Screening Report identified the site for the wind turbine project to be near the drainage basin at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and would potentially; connect to the Plant to provide power to the facility. He stated that noise and visual impacts would be mitigated and there would be no undue impacts to wildlife and that a financial impact study was underway, with funding from the Renewable Energy Trust.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked which would be the nearest Town to Kingston that had a similar project. Mr. Beaton advised that Hull and Mass Maritime had similar wind turbines. Mr. Beaton stated that the Kingston site was unique due to the proximity of the highway and surrounding hills and embankments. He stated they were exploring the ability to power the Kingston Place development as well as the MBTA. Mr. Beaton stated that the pending legislation, if approved would give the Town the ability to sell power back to the grid and to the Town to power municipal buildings and the school. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To accept Community Wind Project Site Screening Report dated July 18, 2007 prepared by KEMA, Inc.

Mr. Beaton read the report of the SEFC regarding an audit of the fleet and fuel usage. (a copy of the report is on file in the Selectmen's office) He stated that the Committee made the following recommendations and was seeking the Board's support in implementing the recommendations:

1. Reduce fuel consumption by 20% in FY08.
2. Forward a copy of the fleet audit to the Capital Planning Committee and Finance Committee
3. Consider downsizing the fleet, not just in number of vehicles but in size of vehicles
4. Switch to bio-diesel as soon as possible – 5% -20%
5. Implement a Town-wide policy to eliminate idling vehicles

6. Upgrade fuel distribution system as soon as possible using a new key system, ID code and odometer reading and incorporate the information into a program currently used for fleet maintenance.
7. Financial accountability on all budgets by having a line item for fuel and no longer fund the fuel cost out of the Care of Municipal Property Budget. Having each budget accountable for its use will result in conservation and be more cost effective.
8. Forward a copy of the fleet audit to Departments so they can track usage on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To support the eight recommendations (detailed above) of the Secure Energy Future Committee

Mr. Beaton returned to the table to Chair the meeting.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann and Ms. MacFarlane advised that they had attended the meeting hosted by the Lakeville Board of Selectmen regarding the casino being proposed in Middleborough. Mr. Beaton suggested that the Board consider hiring an Attorney to represent the Town in mitigation in conjunction with the casino project. He further stated that Middleborough did not care about the surrounding Towns and they would each have to take care of their own interests. He stated that there were four Attorneys with the expertise to represent the Town and suggested that the Board discuss it further at the next meeting.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann advised that at the meeting in Lakeville, it was discussed what the impact the 10,000 casino employees would have on the area schools, housing market, and low income resources as well as the crime rate, drain on mutual aid and language barriers.

Ms. MacFarlane added that 15-16 Town participated in the meeting and there was concern expressed for the potential drain on human services, violent crime, addictions to drug and alcohol, and additional stress on the Police and Fire Departments. She stated that the Carver Fire Chief expressed concern for the transportation of additional flammable materials on the roads.

Mr. Beaton stated that the casino would be sited on Route 44 and that Route 3 would be gridlocked due to being the main access to the casino. Mr. Kelleher made a motion to consider hiring Counsel at the next meeting. The motion was unanimously supported.

Ms. MacFarlane volunteered to be the Board's representative at further meetings in Lakeville and would report back to the Board.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the public session minutes of July 17, 2007, and further;

VOTED: To approve the executive session minutes of July 17, 2007.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To accept and endorse the deed restriction that was required under an Order of Conditions issued by the Conservation Commission for 26 Winthrop Street.

The Board reviewed the list of appointments for various Committees. It was noted that there were three applicants for two vacancies on the Council on Aging. A. Daniel Sapir and Flora W. McDowell were present and Bruce K. Bird, the third applicant was not present. Mr. Sapir and Ms. McDowell detailed their interest in filling the vacancies. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0-1 vote, it was—

VOTED: To appoint A. Daniel Sapir and Flora W. McDowell to the Council on Aging

Mrs. Landis-Naumann abstained from voting.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED To appoint; Justin E. Manley to the Economic Development Committee; Elaine Fiore and Eric Crone to the Technology Advisory Committee; John Coyle to the Recycling Committee and Kathleen Jenkins brown to the Local Historic District Committee as the Realtor representative, and further;

VOTED: To approve the expenditure of NOI funds to pay for the services of a consultant for a filing for Tarkiln Road, Map 13, Lot 29, 29-1 & 29.2.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 roll-call vote, it was—

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ to discuss Collective Bargaining and Financial Assistance.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

¹The public session adjourned at 8:05 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.