

TOWN OF KINGSTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES  
June 19, 2007

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on June 19, 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, Sandra D. MacFarlane and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Police Chief Joseph Rebello came forward and announced that the K-9 would be picked up on Thursday or Friday and brought to Town for training. He stated that the funds for the care and equipment for the K-9 program were from donations.

Ron Gleason, Chairman of the Permanent Building Committee was present at the request of Mrs. Landis-Naumann to provide an update of what the Committee may be doing to address maintenance of the Town Buildings. Mr. Gleason stated that the Committee had sent a letter to Departments and Committees asking that they be informed of any proposed maintenance issues. He further stated that the Committee was preparing a comprehensive maintenance plan to address maintenance, particularly for the Town House HVAC. Mr. Gleason advised that the Committee wanted to develop a maintenance and painting schedule. Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked if they had received any response. Mr. Gleason stated that they had not. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that it was important to get the maintenance on a regular schedule for budgetary purposes and for inclusion in the Capital Plan if required.

Mr. Gleason stated that they needed the input so that the buildings do not fall into disrepair. Mr. Kelleher asked if the Committee would address the Town House and Faunce School. Mr. Gleason stated that they would address all municipal buildings.

Mr. MacFarlane asked if the Highway Department would do the work or would it be subcontracted or possibly use the Plymouth County Sheriff's program of using inmates. Mr. Gleason stated that he had no objection to the Highway Department or the inmates doing the working that they were able to do.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked Mr. Donovan to send a memo to Departments to remind them that it was critical that they respond to the Permanent Building Committee's memo.

Mr. Beaton stated that the energy audit being conducted by the Secure Energy Future Committee would tie into what the Permanent Building was doing.

Mr. Beaton stated that he would recuse himself from the next Agenda item; Change of Manager for Pizzeria Uno from Timothy Walsh to David Badot. Vice Chairman MacFarlane stated that Mr. Donovan had advised that the application was in order.

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

VOTED: To approve the Change of Manager from Timothy Walsh to David Badot for Pizzeria Uno's Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverage License.

Mr. Beaton returned to the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's Report and items discussed were: FEMA reimbursement for April 2006 Nor'easter and the Massachusetts Healthcare Reform Law and compliance by the Town.

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

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the June 5, 2007 meeting with a correction.

Under Old Business, Mr. Kelleher requested that Mr. Donovan keep the Board informed of any information regarding the gaming licensing for Middleboro. Mr. Gallagher stated that it was a regional issue and suggested a proactive approach be taken regarding mitigation funds and a letter should be sent to address the traffic concerns of the Town.

Mr. Beaton suggested the letter be sent to the legislators and the Governor as well as the Middleboro Board of Selectmen and the State Gaming officials.

Mr. Gallagher stated that his concern was limited to traffic at this time and that he would have more comments at a later date. The Board unanimously supported sending the letters.

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

VOTED: To appoint; Joan Paquette as Town Accountant, Maureen A. Thomas as Conservation Agent, Muriel A. Boyce as Council on Aging Director, Mark R. Douglas as Deputy Director of KEMA, and Paul F. Basler as the Representative to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative. Also appointed; Richard J. Cussen as Right to Know Coordinator, Kathleen C. Condon to the Recycling Committee, the Law Firm of Kopelman & Page, P.C. as Town Counsel and Gilman & Associates as Labor Counsel.

The Board reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings and unanimously supported canceling the July 3, 2007 meeting and keeping the meeting schedule with the next meeting scheduled on July 17, 2007.

The Board reviewed Mr. Donovan's recommendations for transfer of funds between various accounts to satisfy year end budgets. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To transfer \$300 from the Town Clerk's personnel to expenses, \$988.73 from Collector expenses to personnel, and to transfer funds from Solid Waste-\$40,000, Highway Personnel & Expenses-\$52,000, Finance Committee Expenses-\$1,000, and \$4,000 from Rent Control to satisfy the deficit in the Snow & Ice Account.

The Board reviewed the Board of Selectmen's revised budget recommendations. Ms. MacFarlane stated that she wanted to keep the Citizen Award funding in place and suggested making the cut elsewhere. Mr. Gallagher stated that he did not think that the travel expense should be removed completely and that the money received reimbursed members for the costs for travel and attendance at official functions.

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

VOTED: To support the recommended revision to the Selectmen's budget for one year and to re-visit said agenda in the next fiscal year .

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

VOTED: To approve the payment of invoices (\$690.00 and \$2,632.47) from Anderson and Kreiger from the NOI funds.

Ms. MacFarlane advised that she had visited the house located on the Cranberry Watershed Preserve and had removed items for safe keeping due to the repeated vandalism at the site. She provided a list of items removed and items that has previously been stored there and were now missing from the site. (A complete list of items and several memos from Ms. MacFarlane are on file in the Selectmen's office) Ms. MacFarlane reiterated that she was working with several parties at the Silver Lake Regional High School in an effort to have the school involved in proposed uses of portions of the land abutting the High School. She further stated that with the construction of the water tank, the Horticultural Department had lost a nursery and green houses and would like to see the land used for those purposes again. Ms. MacFarlane made a motion that the items removed from the house be declared surplus and that the culinary items be donated to Ashley Comeau, the Student of the Year. She also asked that metal at the site be removed by the Voc Tech students as a project and funds derived from the sale of the metal be used by the Voc Tech Department. Mr. Gallagher stated that he wanted to have an idea of the value of the metal before giving it away. Ms. MacFarlane stated that Mr. Basler could vouch for the materials and that it would be more advantageous for the students to remove the materials because the cost to use Town employees would exceed its value.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that the project would be a year-long continuing project with the students designing the project and reporting to the Conservation Land Review Committee. Mr. Gallagher stated that in view of the recent failure of the override question for general government, it was important to determine the value of the metals. Mr. Beaton suggested tabling the matter until the next meeting. Mr. Gallagher stated that was not necessary and upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: As per items 1 & 2 as listed on the memo dated June 12, 2007 from Ms. MacFarlane concerning the Cranberry Preserve, that the items listed and as discussed be declared "surplus" items and to be disposed of as listed in a, b, de, e, and f, with metal items as per item c., on hold for an answer from the Superintendent of Streets, Trees, and Parks. (the memo referenced is available for viewing at the Selectmen's office).

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Board of Selectmen