

TOWN OF KINGSTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES  
June 5, 2007

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on June 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Paul M. Gallagher, Jean M. Landis-Naumann and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Mr. Kelleher was absent.

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

Geralde Buckley was present to ask permission for signs to be placed on Town property for the Bradford House Breakfasts sponsored by the Jones River Village Historical Society.

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

VOTED: To grant the request.

Peggy Gallagher was present to announce the details of the Kingston Arts Festival scheduled for June 23, 2007.

Dr. Ray Russo was present to add his support for the Kingston Arts Festival and provided a brief description of the events that would take place.

Chief Rebello was present to inform the public about a potential traffic situation which may close Main Street during the funeral procession from Shepherds to the Pembroke line on the next day (Wednesday).

Lydia and Joseph Mathias were present to announce the details for the August 21, 2007 Agricultural Event that is being sponsored by the Agricultural Commission.

Mr. Beaton announced that the Board would be making a presentation of awards. First to be recognized was Ashley Comeau, the recipient of the Career and Technical Education Student of the Year Award. Mr. Beaton invited Superintendent Dana Parker to come forward and list her accomplishments.

Following the presentation to Ashley, Mr. Beaton advised that those that donated to the Memorial Day Parade would be recognized, thanked and presented a plaque. He read the list of individuals and businesses that made monetary donations, donations of food products and those that donated their time to help with the cookout and parade and participate in the parade. A complete listing is on file in the Selectmen's office.

Mr. Beaton announced that on Saturday, a Special Election was being held and there were five override questions for FY 08 budget funding. Chief Rebello and Chief Heath briefly detailed the impact to the Police and Fire budgets, should the override fail. Superintendent Dana Parker

detailed the impact to the schools, Paul Basler detailed the impact to the Department of Streets, Trees and Parks, Brian McWilliams detailed the impact to the Library, Susan Woodworth detailed the impact to the Recreation Department and Muriel Boyce detailed the impact to the Council on Aging, should the override fail.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann requested support for the override questions and advised that the merits of each question should be considered. She further stated that there was no fat in the budgets and effected students to seniors. Mr. Gallagher stated that if the Library did not get the necessary funding it would jeopardize State Library funding and it should be considered an investment. Mr. Beaton stated that during his seven years on the Board, every year budgets had been level funded except for contractual increases.

John Clarkeson of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs was present to discuss the Plymouth-Carver Sole Source Aquifer Action Plan which would preserve the water resource. He stated that Fred Svenson, Maureen Thomas and Thomas Bott were the Town's representatives and praised their interest and input. Jim Reardon, an engineer from Fuss & O'Neal was present to give an overview of the Plan.

Ms. MacFarlane thanked all involved in bringing the plan forward and stated that it was a good education to residents that conservation protects not just land and trees but is also quality of water. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To support the Plymouth-Carver Sole Source Aquifer Action Plan.

During the discussion it was noted that the Open Space Plan had expired and Mr. Beaton requested that the Town Administrator address it with the Open Space Committee. Mr. Donovan advised that it was being addressed.

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

VOTED: To approve the Silver Lake Regional High School's National Honor Society annual road race on June 16, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Lake and Grove Street, with the conditions outlined by Lieutenant Splaine.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were an upcoming legislative update seminar and the state budget.

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

VOTED: To approve the public and executive session minutes of May 22, 2007, with the changes provided by Ms. MacFarlane.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Anna Fiore and George McSherry from the Council on Aging, and further;

VOTED: To appoint all the incumbents listed on the annual appointment list as presented. A complete list is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Beaton stated that at a previous meeting he offered a dinner at a local restaurant for anyone who volunteer for a committee vacancy and that he would like to table the offer and err on the side of caution while it is determined if he can ethically make such an offer.

Mr. Beaton invited each of the three candidates that applied to fill the vacancy on the Rent Control Board to come forward to state their interest and detail their qualifications. Joseph Casna, David W. (Bill) Gavigan, Jr. and Maryanne Martin were the candidates for the vacancy. Mr. Beaton nominated Mr. Gavigan and Mr. Gallagher nominated Mr. Casna. R. Beaton, Mrs. Landis-Naumann and Ms. MacFarlane supported the nomination of Mr. Gavigan. Mr. Gallagher supported Mr. Casna. Mr. Gavigan was the Board appointment to fill the vacancy.

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

VOTED: To appoint Lauren Mello as an Election Worker, and further;

VOTED: To hire the seasonal workers for the Recreation Department programs as recommended by the Recreation Commission. (a list is on file in the Selectmen's office), and further;

VOTED: To approve the request of the Rocky Nook Brewster Park Association for the closure of Rocky Nook Avenue from East Avenue to West Avenue from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on July 4, 2007, and further;

VOTED: To approve the expenditure of NOI Funds for \$2,300 for services rendered by Peter Fletcher.

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

VOTED: To enter into executive session<sup>1</sup> to discuss a financial assistance application and not return to public session.

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 9:00 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:05 p.m.