

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
March 3, 2009

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Mark S. Beaton, Jean Landis-Naumann, Dennis N. Randall and Interim Town Administrator John F. Healey.

Mr. Randall advised that Moderator Fran Hoeg and Town Clerk Mary Lou Murzyn would join the meeting shortly to discuss the date for the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board had set a date for the meetings in May and that date conflicted with the Silver Lake Regional High School graduation. He further advised that the ATM/STM should go forward as scheduled on April 4, 2009 and only take non-money articles and adjourn until a date to be determined by Town Meeting sometime in late May or June.

Mr. Healey stated that if there were to be any layoffs, employees would have to be notified by June 15th.

Mr. Gallagher welcomed the Interim Town Administrator John F. Healey and announced the Open Forum. No one present requested to speak at Open Forum.

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

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the February 11, 2009 public session meeting.

The Board reviewed the application of Hillside Social Club for a change of manager from Derek O. Boyer to John Cameron. Mr. Beaton recused himself from participation.

Upon motion made by Mr. Randall and seconded by Ms. MacFarlane, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the Change of Manager for the Hillside Social Club to John Cameron.

Upon motion made by Mr. Randall and seconded by Mrs. Landis-Naumann, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve and sign the license agreement between the Town and the MBTA for the work being done by the Water Dept. in the MBTA right-of-way under the Railroad crossing in the center of Town.

Paul Basler, Supt. of Streets, Trees & Parks was present to request that the Board transfer employee Richard Napier from the Highway Dept. to the Transfer Station to fill the position vacancy caused by the retirement of Donald Shaw. Mr. Basler advised that the vacant position on the Highway Department will

not be filled. Upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Ms. MacFarlane, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To transfer Richard Napier to the Transfer Station at a Grade 8, Step 2 - \$17.56 per hour.

The Town Clerk and Moderator joined the meeting. Mrs. Hoeg stated that the April 4th meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. and would only be non-money articles. She further added that any articles not taken up prior to 1 p.m. would be held until the continued session of the meeting. Mrs. Murzyn advised that the last date to register to participate in the ATM would be March 13th.

The Board reviewed the request of the Finance Committee to authorize a two week grace period for Transfer Station Sticker sales so that the Finance Committee could contemplate new cost saving procedures for selling the stickers. Mr. Balsler requested that the Board maintain the status quo on the procedure because residents knew they needed new stickers to dump trash after July 1st. He further advised that he would have funding to sell stickers the last weekend in June and on July 5th and would expand sticker sales through the mail. Upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To maintain the status quo for the requirement to have a new sticker for dumping trash on July 1, 2009.

Mr. Healey advised the Board of his activities during his first week as the Interim Town Administrator as detailed in the Town Administrator's Report. Mr. Healey reported that there had been some confusion with the Town Administrator Search Committee meeting in Executive Session to conduct the interviews. He further advised that Town Counsel confirmed that the meeting was exempt to the Open Meeting Law for conducting screening interviews.

Mr. Beaton suggested removing the Casino status from the Old Business listing and asked that Mr. Healey check on the status of the Board's request to acquire land from Mass Highway that was taken for the construction of Route 44. Mr. Healey suggested that the time to look at impact to the Town would be with the EIR.

Upon motion made by Mrs. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Ms. MacFarlane, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$10.00 for the Kingston Council on Aging Building Fund, and further;

VOTED: Waive the ambulance fee due to financial need.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that since no resident has come forward to volunteer to serve on the Earth Removal ByLaw Review Committee as the citizen-at-large member she suggested that the composition of the Committee be changed to include a member of the Water Department. Mr. Beaton made a motion to change the composition and Mr. Randall seconded the motion. Mr. Randall stated that any member of the public could come forward and that would include a member of the Water Department that is a Town resident. Mrs. Landis-Naumann advised that all groups were represented except the Water Dept. and Mr. Beaton suggested extending an offer to the Water Dept. Mr. Beaton withdrew the motion and Mr. Randall withdrew the second.

Mr. Randall summarized the actions and positions taken by the Earth Removal ByLaw Review Committee,

Upon motion made by Mrs. Landis-Naumann and seconded by Ms. MacFarlane, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To appoint Karen Johnson to the Agricultural Commission.

Upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ for the purpose of discussing a financial assistance request 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 7:50 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.