

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
May 30, 2006

Chairman Joseph D. Kelleher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on May 30, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Mark S. Beaton, Paul M. Gallagher, Jean Landis-Naumann, Sandra D. MacFarlane and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Brian McWilliam, Library Trustee, came forward to advise the Board of the new hours of operation for the Library. He stated that the Library would be closed to the public on Friday and extend the hours on Wednesday until 8:00 p.m.

Chief Rebello was present along with Quinlin Sullivan of Sullivan Bros. Chief Rebello stated that Sullivan Bros. had donated a 2006 Mercury Mariner Hybrid SUM for the Police Department for a three year period. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the donation with great appreciation.

Mr. Kelleher stated that the School Committee was present to make a joint appoint to fill a vacancy on the School Committee. Mr. Gallagher stated that he had spoken to the one applicant and that she was looking to help the Committee not actually serve on the Committee. Mr. Barry stated that they should open up the position for more interest and not rush to make the appointment. School Committee Chairman Joseph Chaves stated that with four members, the Committee was functioning and could close the budget. Upon roll-call vote of both the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee it was unanimously voted to accept applications to fill the position until June 21st for a joint meeting to be held on June 27th.

The Board reviewed the Common Victualler application from Mr. Tonsberg for the pool and club at Indian Pond County Club. Mr. Kelleher stated that a checklist of items that needed to be done to the roads had been provided to Mr. Tonsberg and that some of the items were in litigation.

Mr. Beaton stated that he had participated in the previous discussion on the application but due to a potential conflict, he would recuse himself from participating. Ms. MacFarlane stated that she wanted to be sure the problems were dealt with in a timely manner. Mr. Gallagher stated that since it would be outdoors he wanted to limit the hours of operation to 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3 to 1 vote, it was –

VOTED: To grant the Common Victualler License to Indian Pond Country Club for the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mrs. Lanis-Naumann did not support the motion.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed included; street drains on Parting Ways Road near Sacred Heart, coordination of recreational fields closing by Board of Health, legislation to transfer funds between municipal departments, and the Silver Lake Regional School District debt.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 1 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the public and executive session meeting of May 18, 2006.

Mr. Kelleher abstained from voting.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 1 vote, it was –

VOTED: To extend the order to ban animals from the Town's athletic fields to the school athletic fields.

Mr. Beaton abstained from voting.

Mr. Kelleher stated that the Legion was in a position to take on some of the responsibility of the Memorial Day Parade and to lessen the burden on the Town, he would like to establish a five member Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To establish a five-member Memorial Day Parade Committee.

Mrs. Lanis-Naumann stated that she would like the Board to establish the Solid Waste Management Committee that the Finance Committee recommended in February. She advised that the purpose would be to see if the operation was the most cost effective for the Town and expand on recycling to make money and make it good for the environment.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he wanted to see if the increase in the sticker fees would make a difference. He further stated that he did not want to see this group pursue pay-as-you-throw or curbside.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that the Superintendent should look for alternative methods for recycling since the Recycling Committee is not active.

Mrs. Lanis-Naumann stated that members from Finance Committee and Capital Planning were willing to serve on the Committee.

Mr. Beaton stated that the recycling area needed to be more user- friendly and that Mr. Basler was looking for funding for engineering a reconfiguration of the facility.

Mrs. Lanis-Naumann advised that it was estimated to cost \$900,000 to reconfigure that facility and working in-house would save money. She further stated that she wanted to find the best use of our tax money at the facility. Mr. Gallagher stated he was opposed to setting up a new Committee. Mrs. Lanis-Naumann stated that the Committee would focus on the task. A motion to form the task force was amended by Ms. MacFarlane, to include two citizens-at-large.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 1, it was –

VOTED: To establish a Solid-Waste Management Task Force consisting of a member of Capital Planning, Finance Committee, Superintendent Paul Basler, and two citizens-at-large.

Mr. Gallagher abstained from voting.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the donations for the Memorial Day Parade as follows: Royal Garden Restaurant-\$1000, Goscon-\$500, Kingston Block-\$500, Anna DeMar-\$250, Knights of Columbus-\$100.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To allow the Boy Scouts to hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on the Town Green and to close Green Street from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on June 14, 2006 and to have the Fire Department stand by.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To issue a proclamation to the Jones River Village Historical Society acknowledging that On March 15, 2006 the Major John Bradford House was accepted by the Nation Park Service in inclusion in the National Historic Places.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the recommendation to hire Recreation Seasonal employees as presented.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ for the purpose of discussing Pending Litigation, Collective Bargaining, and Financial Assistance, 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 8:20 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.