

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
May 8, 2007

Vice Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on May 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Sandra D. MacFarlane, Jean M. Landis-Naumann and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Joseph D. Kelleher was absent and Mr. Gallagher joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Beaton announced the dates to note of upcoming events.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann announced that the Agricultural Committee would be meeting on Thursday to discuss the idea of having a one-day celebration in August

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the public session minutes of April 25, 2007, and further;

Seth Andreson, 11 Evergreen Street came forward to speak at Open Forum. He advised that members Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church were holding a community service day on May 19th and was seeking the Boards permission to assist the public at the Transfer Station in removing trash from cars for disposal in the compactors. He further stated that they did not intend to solicit or collect donations and that they just wanted to help the community. Mr. Gallagher asked Mr. Donovan whether the Town's insurance carrier (MIIA) would allow volunteers to do this on Town property. Mr. Beaton and Mrs. Landis-Naumann both agreed that it should be cleared through MIIA in the event someone gets hurt or a vehicle is damaged. Ms. MacFarlane suggested that they be asked to sign a waiver. Mr. Gallagher suggested that they approve the request subject to Mr. Donovan getting an authorization from MIIA. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To authorize Mr. Donovan to contact MIIA regarding the liability to allow the members of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church to hold a community service day on May 19th at the Transfer Station to assist in removing trash from cars for disposal in the compactors and if allowed by MIIA, Mr. Donovan can authorize the project. No solicitation of donations is authorized.

Craig Dalton, Chairman of the Historical Committee was present and asked if the Board was in contact with anyone regarding the Commissioning of the new USS Independence. Mr. Donovan stated that he was in contact with the Governor's office, two U.S. Senators, and the Secretary of the U.S. Navy in the effort to have Kingston made part of the Commissioning Ceremony.

Bill Gavigan, 71 Newcombs Mill Road came forward to ask the Board why the override question was not on the most recent Town Election and he was advised that after being voted at

the Annual Town Meeting, the earliest the ballot question could legally come forward was after the Annual Town Election.

Mr. Gavigan further asked members of the Board if they knew about the secret agreement between the Indian Pond Association and Thorndike Development, would they have still signed the MOU Agreement. Mr. Beaton stated that they did not learn of the agreement until after Town Meeting and felt it was a neighborhood looking out for itself just as each of the agreements signed by the Departments were done in the best interest of the Department.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the agreement signed by the Association was an agreement between two private parties and had no bearing on what the Town does. He advised that the efforts were similar to those of the residents, of which he was one, on Copper Beach Drive when the MBTA was being developed. Mr. Gallagher stated that he would have still supported signing the MOU.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that she was bothered by the agreement and had she known about it she would not have signed the MOU.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that she supported having the 40R zoning brought forward for Town Meeting to discuss and decide, and had not made up her mind until Town Meeting.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board should wait to reorganize until Mr. Kelleher was present and it was a consensus of the Board to wait.

Mr. Gallagher stated that controlling mosquitoes was a huge issue and wanted the public to be kept informed. He further requested that a memo be sent to the Board of Health requesting that the Selectmen be kept informed of any and all information concerning the monitoring of infestation, triple E, animals contracting the disease, and control spraying and that the Board of Health utilize all methods of informing the public including the Town's website, cable TV, newspaper and PACTV. The Board unanimously supported sending the memo to the Board of Health.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he wanted to remind the public of the Special Election on the override questions and encouraged people to vote on June 9th. Mr. Beaton asked if it would be appropriate for the Departments that would be affected to come to the next meeting to again discuss the ramifications to the Department should the override not pass. Mr. Donovan advised that it would be appropriate and would invite them into the next meeting.

The Board had a joint meeting with the members of the Housing Authority to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph Palombo. Housing Authority members; William O'Brien, Victoria Benassi, Robert Pinato, James Farrell and Executive Director Kathy DeMarsh were present. Donald Ducharme and Richard Scanlon came forward and stated their qualifications and answered questions from the members of the Housing Authority and the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Beaton thanked the candidate and took a roll-call vote; Mr. Pinato voted for Mr. Ducharme, Mr. Farrell, Ms. Benassi, Mr. O'Brien, Mrs. Landis-Naumann, and Ms. McFarlane voted for Mr.

Scanlon. Mr. Beaton and Mr. Gallagher abstained from voting. Mr. Scanlon received the majority of the votes to fill the vacancy.

Ronald Maribett from the Secure Energy Future Committee was present to discuss; a fleet audit, a municipal energy audit, the Water Department micro-hydroelectric power project for the Jones River and a request to the State to allow for the use of energy created by the wind turbine at the proposed 40R project.

Mr. Marribett advised the following;

- The wind monitoring at the Transfer Station showed that it had great potential and that the Board should pursue legislative assistance to allow the Town to utilize the resource at development in the area of the wind turbine.
- Fleet audit would look at conservation of fuel and environmental awareness for future acquisitions.
- Board's assistance in garnering participation by Departments as the Committee seeks information.
- Sending letters to the Town's Legislative delegation to endorse the proposal to use the energy created to benefit the municipality.

Mr. Beaton suggested that Town Planner Thomas Bott assist in identifying and applying for grants to study the environmental impact of the proposed micro-hydroelectric power project proposed for the Jones River.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked Mr. Donovan if any energy audits had been done. Mr. Donovan stated that they had, several years ago and some improvements had been implemented. She further suggested Secure Energy Future Committee meet jointly with the Solid Waste Study Committee to investigate what another Town had done with a process for generating energy on the spot.

Mr. Maribett stated that there was a collaborative in place and Mrs. Landis-Naumann asked Mr. Donovan to explain what they do. Mr. Donovan stated it was the South Shore Recycling Collaborative and that Paul Basler attended the meetings regularly. Mrs. Landis-Naumann suggested that Mr. Basler discuss the idea of generating energy on the spot on a regional basis and seek support of it.

Mr. Maribett advised that they could also investigate the use of sewer gas to power the sewer plant.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann made a motion to send a letter to the State Legislators to request that they work with the Board of Selectmen in the effort to allow the utilization of energy generated due to the Town's efforts. Mr. Gallagher seconded the motion and further suggested sending a letter to the Chairman of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Energy.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that the letter should request that energy created be utilized by the whole Town and not just the 40R district. She also asked about wind potential on the upland area of the Cranberry Water Shed Preserve.

Mr. Maribett stated that there was limited potential and that they would have to seek another grant from wind tower monitoring for other areas.

Ms. MacFarlane asked who would conduct the fleet audit. Mr. Maribett stated that a member of the Committee had the expertise to design a survey that would show where our money is going and to look at which vehicles are used for different purposes.

Ms. MacFarlane suggested sending a memo out to Departments to request cooperation with the survey.

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

VOTED: To send a letter to the State Legislators and the Energy Committee to request that they work with the Board of Selectmen in the effort to allow the utilization of energy generated due to the Town's efforts.

On the matter of the audit of the fleet and Town Buildings; upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To allow the Secure Energy Future Committee to conduct an energy audit of the fleet and Town buildings and to request the cooperation of elected officials and departments in gathering information; and further

VOTED: To request that Town Planner Thomas Bott pursue grants that would provide funding for alternative energy studies.

Ms. MacFarlane read the letter submitted by the Water Commissioners seeking to involve Boy Scouts and Silver Lake Regional School students in the educational aspect of the study of the establishment of a Micro-Hydroelectric Power Station on the Jones River. She further expressed her support of the students' involvement.

Mr. Donovan advised that Senate Bill 1975 regarding Verizon being granted a Statewide telecommunications and cable license would bypass the local license authority and allow the State to grant such licenses. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that she was not in favor of it.

Mr. Gallagher requested that Town Meeting Attendance and Wage and Personnel Performance Evaluation be removed from old Business. He further requested that the 40R Articles 16 & 17 that were not acted on at Town Meeting due to an error in the listing of the parcel numbers be added to the list.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that with the addition of Mr. Gardner to the Wage and Personnel Board she sees more positive changes and cooperation. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that there was a lot of work on the Board for two people to do and hoped that another qualified person would come forward and volunteer for the vacancy.

The Board reviewed the request of John Clough to be appointed as a Constable and upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4 to 0 to 0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To deny the request of John Clough to be appointed as a Constable, and further;

VOTED: To appoint Mary Anne Martin to the Commission on Disabilities.

The Board reviewed the site plan for 50 units of housing on the Kingston/Duxbury line.

The Board expressed its concern for the project being in two communities and suggested that it be redesigned to have the building in just one community.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the residents of this project would most likely avail itself of Kingston's services due to the proximity to Route 3 and 3A and with the passage of the 40R Zoning, the Town should put its foot down on 40B projects now.

Mr. Gallagher made a motion to advise all Departments of the Board's concerns and to send a letter to Mass Housing stating that the Town has addressed its affordable housing requirements through the passage of the 40R District. The motion was unanimously supported.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Edward King from the Rent Control Board with thanks.

Mr. Beaton announced the vacancy on the Board and requested volunteers to come forward if interested.

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

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ to discuss a Financial Assistance request.

Respectfully submitted:

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

¹ The public session adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.