

TOWN OF KINGSTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES  
December 21, 2010

Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on December 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Dennis N. Randall, Richard J. Arruda, Mark S. Beaton, Joseph F. Casna, Jr. and Town Administrator Jill R. Myers.

Mr. Randall expressed his appreciation to the Fire Department, who came to the aid of his wife during a medical emergency and transported her to the hospital.

Mr. Eldridge came forward and introduced John Kerley, the 106<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout in Kingston. Ms. MacFarlane presented him with his Eagle Scout Certificate.

Ms. MacFarlane announced the Open Forum.

Elaine Fiore came forward and wanted to correct a statement made about the organizations that were doing the recyclables which implied that they did not do as good a job as the Scouting organization. Ms. Fiore stated that her organization; the Rocky Nook Brewster Park Association had processed 19,539 cans and had done a very thorough job.

Fred Tonsberg came forward and requested that the Board vote to extend the date for the payment of fees or an approved payment plan from December 31, 2010 to April 2, 2011 so that the all alcoholic beverage licenses can be issued for the Indian Pond Country Club for January 1, 2011. He advised that he was currently actively negotiating a potential settlement of the various cases he has with the Town and would agree to extend the date for the trial from January until after the April 2, 2011 Town Meeting concluded to fully explore the settlement.

Mr. Beaton recused himself from participating due to a potential conflict because he is the manager of a restaurant with an alcoholic beverage license.

Upon motion made by Mr. Casna and seconded by Mr. Arruda, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To extend the date for the payment of fees or an approved payment plan from December 31, 2010 to after the April 2, 2011 Town Meeting, so that the all alcoholic beverage licenses can be issued for the Country Club for January 1, 2011.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were;  
FY12 Budget: Work is almost completed on the initial FY12 budget and Town Administrator's budget message for distribution.

Conflict of Interest: The Conflict of Interest Law requires an annual summary distribution to all current municipal employees. The Town Clerk's office distributed the revised Summary version as of November

24, 2010 both electronically and hard copy. In an effort to save time, trees and postage, we are attempting to accomplish this mandated distribution electronically, where possible. However, we are missing many email addresses. It would be appreciated if, all Department Heads/Supervisors and Chairs of elected/appointed officials, would assist us by either forwarding the electronic version to your members/employees or printing out the summary and receipt and distributing to members/employees. As a reminder, every 2 years, all current state, county and municipal employees must complete online training which means re-training in the fall of 2011. New public employees must complete training within 30 days of beginning public service, and every 2 years thereafter.

Kingston Community Wind and Solar Projects:

Power Purchase Agreements for Town and O'Donnell Projects: We are working to finalize the power purchase agreements. A part of the challenge is that the net metering regulations are new, and we are forging new territory with the DOR in accounting the receipts/revenues generated.

Town Counsel expects to have the draft articles for amendment to the Special Act/Enterprise Fund available for the BOS meeting of January 4, 2011.

Elm Street Bridge Project: Sketches were received showing the options for the bridge rail and highway guardrail for our selection. The Kingston Historical Commission had requested the information and will provide a recommendation to the BOS. Information is on file in our office. A public hearing date has not been scheduled.

Howland's Lane Bridge: The Bridge is open and in use as part of the detour route for the MBTA railway tie replacement project.

Regional Dispatching Project: Last year, Kingston had participated in the Plymouth County feasibility study for regional dispatching services. The study had some good information, but some data flaws. The participants in the study had met with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department to discuss resuming the study, as well as examining other options such as the new governmental entity/District - *South Shore Regional Emergency Communications Center (Hingham, Hull, Norwell, and Cohasset)*. Grant funding has been received by the Plymouth County Sheriff, and future grant funding preference will be provided for regional or bi-lateral services. A new law requiring Dispatchers to be certified Emergency Medical Response Dispatchers takes effect in FY12. Information is still being gathered and evaluated for moving beyond a feasibility study to examine operational scenarios. The Police and Fire Chiefs are examining operations, and Town Administrators/Managers are investigating governance options.

Town Clerk Mary Lou Murzyn was present and requested that the Board lift the hiring freeze to fill the Administrative Assistant position in the Clerk's office and to increase the hours from 28 to 35. Mr. Beaton stated that this was an opportunity to change the way we do business and lift the hiring freeze and increase the hours to allow for the employee to be shared by other departments. Mrs. Murzyn stated that the next six months was a critical time for her office with major elections. She stated that she really needed the person for the 35 hours but would work with what ever the Board wanted. Upon motion made by Mr. Casna and seconded by Mr. Beaton, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED:            To lift the hiring freeze to fill the Administrator Assistant position, and further;

VOTED: To increase the hours from 28 to 35 and to allow for cross training for assignment to other departments.

Ms. Myers said the position would be assigned to the Town Clerk as the home department and assignments to other departments would be coordinated in advance.

The Board reviewed the Town Election Warrant and Calendar and upon motion made by Mr. Randall and seconded by Mr. Arruda, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To confirm the Warrant and Calendar as presented by the Town Clerk.

The Board reviewed the Appointments and upon motion made by Mr. Beaton and seconded by Mr. Casna, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To appoint John Haas to the Economic Development Authority, and further;

VOTED To appoint Special Police Officers; Todd A. Bailey, Marks S. Brenner, Jr., Glenn C. Bushee, Darren J. Martin, Peter E. Pateline, Mark S. Shubert, Thomas E. Mori, Sean S. Percy and Police Matrons; Michelle Beck, Patricia Bernard, Gail Fallon, and Barbara DeWolfe.

The Board reviewed the application of St. Joseph's Parish for a one-day license to hold a fundraising wine tasting event at St. Joseph's. Upon motion made by Mr. Casna and seconded by Mr. Randall, following a discussion and a 4-0-1 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the one-day license.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Board of Selectmen