

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
February 19, 2008

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on February 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were, Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Jean Landis-Naumann and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Kelleher were absent.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. No one came forward to speak at Open Forum.

Pine duBois, Chairman of the Open Space Committee was present to request the Board's approval and execution of a Purchase and Sales Agreement for 55,900 square feet of land bordering the Jones River on River Street and formerly part of the estate of Marshall Joyce. She further stated that the purchase price is \$175,000 and has been approved for funding from the Community Preservation Committee and will be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. duBois stated that the Committee intended to apply to the state for Self-Help grant funding to assist with the purchase.

Ms. MacFarlane stated that it was a wonderful property on Jones River and asked if there would be a boat launch. Ms. duBois stated that the boat launch was at Mulliken's Landing but it would be a place to stop along the river with picnic tables. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that it was a good purchase for the Town.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To execute a Purchase and Sales Agreement for the property pending Town Meeting approval.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were; FY09 School Budget up 5.37% and the release of the House Budget which does not include casino licensing revenue.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 public and executive session meetings, and further;

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Paul Basler from the Memorial Day Parade Committee, and further;

VOTED: To appoint John M. Bateman as Permanent Full-Time Police Officer, and further;

VOTED: To transfer Richard Nastasia from the Highway Department to the position of Full-time Head Custodian for the Recreation Department, and further;

VOTED: To hire Bernard Wrightington as part-time Junior Custodian for the Town House and Library, and further;

VOTED: To appoint Kevin R. Donovan as the Hearing Officer for appeals under MGL, Chapter 31, the Civil Service Laws.

The Board reviewed the request of the Vineyard Christian Church to conduct a Community Service project at the Transfer Station, by helping people unload their trash from their cars. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To grant permission for the Community Service Project to be held on March 1, 2008 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.

The Board reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrants. Mr. Beaton stated that since the Treasurer was not running for re-election, it may be the time to attempt to change the position to either an appointed position or a combined position with the Collector or possibly a Financial Director. Ms. MacFarlane stated that she agreed that it was time to look the very important position. Mr. Beaton suggested an Article on the Warrant for a Financial Director. Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated she was in favor of the position whereby they could appoint an individual with the technical background and experience.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To include an Article in the Special Town Meeting Warrant for an appointed Financial Director and further;

VOTED: To set and close the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0-0 roll-call vote, it was—

VOTED: To enter into executive session¹ for the purpose of discussing Financial Assistance and Pending Litigation.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

¹ The public session adjourned at 7:38 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 7:45 p.m.