

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
September 28, 2010

Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on September 28, 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.

Richard Eldridge came to the podium and announced that the 107th Eagle Scout, Michael J. Notarangelo was present. Mr. Notarangelo described his Eagle Scout project which was to construct a stairway to the storage area at the Reed Community building. Ms. MacFarlane presented the certificate of recognition and Mr. Randall congratulated Mr. Notarangelo for his achievement.

Dan Pallotto, Senior Center Owner's Project Manager was present to give an update on the Senior Center Building Project.

The Chairman announced the Open Forum and no one present came forward to speak.

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

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the September 14, 2010 public session meeting.

Recreation Commissioners Paul Maloney, Armando Aran, and Ken Moalli were present to meet with the Board to jointly appoint an individual to serve on the Commission filling the vacancy caused by Linda Felix's resignation. Two candidates; Kathleen LaNatra and Michael Romano stated their qualifications and interest in filling the vacancy. Ms. MacFarlane called for a roll-call vote. Mr. Maloney and Mr. Casna voted for Mr. Romano and Mr. Moalli, Mr. Aran, Mr. Beaton, Mr. Randall, Mr. Arruda and Ms. MacFarlane voted for Ms. LaNatra giving her six votes to two for Mr. Romano.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Ms. Myers reported on the following; Budget preparations and planning, that three proposals were received for the Solar installation and one for the Wind Turbine and were currently under review, and a scheduled meeting on the School Zone on Route 27 with Rep. Calter and MDOT. She gave a status update on the properties purchased under the CPA Fund. Mrs. Myers advised that later on the agenda there was a request from the Conservation Commission to meet with relevant parties to discuss the use of the Hall Property. Mr. Randall suggested that the Recreation and Conservation Commissions form a sub-committee and report back to the Board when they arrive at a consensus for the use of the property. Mr. Beaton stated he did not support forming a Committee. Mr. Moali came forward to speak for the Recreation Commission. He said that the Town Meeting vote to purchase for recreation and conservation set out the plan for the use of the land and the Recreation Commission was aware of the need to delineate the boundaries of the wetlands.

Ms. MacFarlane asked who had jurisdiction over the land and Ms. Myers stated that the Board of Selectmen has control of all the Town's assets.

Mr. Moalli stated that there is a need for more parking at the Opachinski Complex and the Commissioners' have a plan for maintenance. Ms. MacFarlane suggested the CPA Fund could cover the cost for the wetland delineation. Mr. Randall suggested Conservation and Recreation should take charge in determining the use to insure that they did not over-burden the resource and the use would be balanced.

Ms. MacFarlane asked if the Board wanted to establish a Committee. Mr. Arruda stated that Conservation and Recreation could determine the use and a Committee would just delay the process. Mr. Beaton agreed with Mr. Arruda and Mr. Casna suggested that Recreation be given the authority to develop a plan and could work through the Conservation for the delineation.

Mr. Moalli stated that the KYSO had 1500 families comprised of many professional engineers who have provided countless hours of help and he expected that they would be involved in developing a plan.

Mr. Randall suggested that it should be a joint venture to expedite the development of the plan for the land.

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

VOTED: For the Recreation Commission to develop a plan to oversee the care and maintenance of the Hall Property.

Ms. MacFarlane announced that they would return to discuss the Town Administrator's report after the meeting with the Waterfront Committee.

Mark Guidoboni, Chairman of the Waterfront Committee was present to update the Board on the activities of the Committee. He read a report of the activities over the past year. A copy of the report is appended to these minutes.

Nate Murray, a member of the Committee joined Mr. Guidoboni at the podium and advised that the Jones River and Gray's Beach were assets that needed care. He stated that the quay; the paved wharf area, was falling apart and needed to be designed and restructured and the channel needed dredging. Mr. Guidoboni stated the cost of dredging would be an expense of the Federal, State and local government and the Committee was just getting started on searching for solutions and funding.

Ms. Myers returned to the discussion of her Administrator's report and advised that due to good planning last year with conservative revenue projections, the Town was in relatively good shape for planning FY12, unless the ballot questions are implemented to reduce State Aid. The entire report can be found on the Town's website.

Mr. Beaton reported that the Wind Turbine proposal that was received by the Town would provide \$150,000 per year for the lease of the land and a reduced rate per kilowatt of electricity purchase through the purchase power agreement.

Treasurer John LaBrache requested that the Board accept the donation of marketable securities, valued at \$200,000 from L. Knife and Sons, Inc. to be used toward the purchase of the Calista property. Mr. LaBrache advised that Rockland Trust would affect the sale for the Town and would transfer the funds

directly into the CPA Fund. Members of the Board expressed their sincere appreciation of the generous donation.

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

VOTED: To accept the donation with gratitude, and further;

VOTED: To authorize Mr. LaBrache to sell the securities.

The Board reviewed the Appointments and Resignations. There were two volunteers to fill one vacancy on the Historical Commission so each were given the opportunity to come to the podium and express their interest in the appointment. Tia Esposito gave details of her work at the Boston College High School Library and then withdrew her name from consideration. Arthur Mullaney advised that he was a retired History teacher and Guidance Counselor. Upon motion made by Mr. Casna and seconded by Mr. Arruda, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To appoint Arthur Mullaney to the Historical Commission.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Thomas Connors as Assistant Harbormaster, and further;

VOTED: To appoint Joan Ayotte to the Cultural Council.

Joanna Morrisey was present from the Soul Sisters Foundation to request permission to hold the Annual Turkey Trot Race on November 20, 2010, on Kingston Streets and to allow the placement of signs for the event on Town Property for a longer period of time than is allowed by the Sign Regulation.

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

VOTED: To approve the request to hold the Race as detailed above subject to obtaining the necessary State Permit and following the Police Department's plan for traffic and hiring detail officers.

The Board discussed the request of the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals to be designated as Special Municipal Employees. Mr. Casna stated that it was his understanding that the designation would allow members of the Board that may be Attorneys or Engineers to represent client before other Town Boards. For clarification, Mr. Beaton stated that the members would recuse themselves if a client came before the Board of Appeals. Upon motion made by Mr. Casna and seconded by Mr. Beaton, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To designate the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as Special Municipal Employees.

The Board discussed the mission of the Town Government Study Committee after recently attending a meeting with the Committee. Members of the Board discussed that it would be more appropriate for the Committee to focus on findings in the DOR Report which suggests ways to improve local government which includes; combined Treasurer/Collector position and the development of a Department of Public Works. Mr. Beaton stated when he attended the TGSC meeting, rather than an open ended charge, that the Committee use the DOR Report as a map and look at the recommendations in the report and tackle some, not all, of the recommendations. Ms. MacFarlane stated that the Committee needed focus looking at all Town Department and operations. Mr. Randall suggested tweaking the focus and not looking to change the charge.

Mr. Beaton suggested that the TGSC take a few of the suggestions from the DOR Report and bring them forward or the April Annual Town Meeting and asked that each member be given a hard copy of the Report.

Mr. Casna suggested that the Board be clear on what it is asking the Committee to do. Ms. MacFarlane added that the MA DOR provided the study free to the Town and it is important that the Committee look at it.

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

VOTED: To request the TGSC to read the DOR Report and to focus on the recommendations for the financial departments and bring forward a recommendation to the Board sooner rather than later.

The Board discussed the priorities for the FY12 budget planning. Mr. Randall stated that it was important to plan appropriately so that the Senior Center would be fully utilized. Mr. Arruda said that the plan for the Senior Center should include a plan for a custodian and maintenance and once the center is open they would need to do something with the space they occupied at the Reed.

Ms. Myers provided an over view of the Early Retirement option which included determining who was eligible and who would be interested. She stated that filling a position that would be vacated under this option would be determined by a formula and there would be an additional assessment of \$10,000 per year for ten years. Ms. Myers advised that the option would require the Board's endorsement and Town Meeting approval to offer it to eligible employees.

Upon motion made by Mr. Arruda and seconded by Mr. Casna, following a discussion and a 4-0-1 vote, it was—

VOTED: To endorse the plan to offer the Early Retirement Option to eligible employees.

Mr. Beaton abstained from voting.

The Board reviewed the notice from the MA State Lottery Commission concerning an application of Alley Kat Lanes for a KENO license. Mr. Beaton recused himself from participating because he manages a business with a KENO license. Upon motion made by Mr. Casna and seconded by Mr. Arruda, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: That the Board has no objection to the license application of Alley Kat Lanes for a KENO License.

The Board reviewed the State Primary Warrant and upon motion made by Mr. Randall and seconded by Mr. Casna, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To endorse the Warrant.

Mr. Beaton was not present for the vote.

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

VOTED: To enter into executive session ¹for the purpose of discussing two financial assistance applications.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

¹ The public session adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and the executive session adjourned at 9:22 p.m.