

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
February 5, 2008

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on February 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 207 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were, Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Joseph D. Kelleher, Paul M. Gallagher, Jean Landis-Naumann and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Mr. Beaton stated that the agenda item to discuss residents storing floats at the Ah Dee Nah would be on the table for the Board to discuss and would not be open to the public and if anyone wanted to speak to it they needed to do so during Open Forum.

Tim Barkely, 5 Marsh Road advised that he and some of the neighbors had wooden floats stored on Town property at the Ah Dee Nah parking lot and wanted to continue to do so with the Board's permission.

Rui Santos, 67 Pembroke Street and member of the Agricultural Committee was present to support the 50%-50% sand/salt mixture for ice control. He stated that he and the Agricultural Committee did not want to see the Town go back to all salt due to the impact from the run-off on the Jones River, cranberry bogs and the environment.

Water Commissioner Robert Kostka stated that his Board preferred the mix of salt and sand because tests conducted from 1984 to 2007 indicated consistent spikes in the sodium levels in the Town's wells. He further stated that money may be saved by using salt now but the impact on well replacement would be expensive. Mr. Kostka stated that the use of the sand/salt mixture was a courageous decision.

Pine DuBois stated that studies show that road salt has an impact on fish, birds, mammals, and wildlife. She suggested that other chemicals can be used that are more friendly to the environment and that the Town should engage a wise de-icing policy.

Doug Buitenhuis was present representing the Solid Waste Advisory Committee to discuss the recommendation of the Committee to continue with the current operation at the Transfer Station. He advised that the Committee had researched pay-as-you-throw and curbside collection. Mr. Buitenhuis advised;

- Curbside collection would be cost prohibitive at approximately twice the cost of the current operation
- Pay-as-you-throw forces people to recycle because residents would pay for everything disposed except recyclables.
- Pay-as-you-throw results in trash being disposed in the woods
- Transfer Station is recommended with changes to make it more user friendly.

Mr. Buitenhuis suggested changes to the website, policy and signage to inform the public of the items that may be recycled. He concluded by volunteering to serve on the Recycling Committee.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann advised that the Recycling Committee had a full Committee, were meeting regularly, and working on a lot of new initiatives to make the Transfer Station recycling user friendly.

Mr. Beaton added that the plans for the reconfiguration would also address the use of the Transfer Station.

Mr. Gallagher stated that he recommends that the Board accept the letter from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as its formal recommendation to stay with the current operation. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To accept the letter from the Solid Waste Advisory Committee as its formal recommendation to stay with the current operation.

Mr. Gallagher suggested requesting permission from Town Moderator Fran Hoeg to have a short presentation at Town Meeting from the Recycling Committee with a slide show of the top ways to save money with recycling. Mr. Donovan was requested to write a letter to the Moderator to seek permission to have the presentation.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were; FY 09 Budget and Financial Forecast and the Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To accept the public and executive session minutes of January 22, 2008 meeting.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To accept the donation of \$50.00 from Patricia Sullivan for the Fire Department.

The Board discussed the request from several residents to store floats on the Town property for the winter season. Mr. Beaton suggested endorsing a lease agreement outlining that the docks would be moved in March. Mr. Gallagher stated that in the spirit of being good neighbors a lease/license agreement, specific to the storage of the floats for a specific period of time set by the Harbormaster could be entered into whereas the Town would not be held liable for any damage. Mr. Beaton suggested a yearly contract to allow the floats to be stored on Town property. Mr. Gallagher questioned what the cost should be for the use. Mr. Beaton suggested no monetary compensation. Mr. Gallagher suggested five dollars per month.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To enter into a license agreement with the neighboring residents to store their floats at the Ah Dee Nah for the winter at a cost of \$5.00 per month.

Mr. Beaton stated that in the matter of the use of sand and road salt, any Board member that voted in the affirmative may move for reconsideration. There was no motion.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that she wanted to explore the new ideas offered for liquid salt and that there still was room for research of a better way to protect the environment.

Mr. Gallagher stated that liquid salt would be cost prohibitive and the use of sand on two inches of snow needed to be addressed. Ms. MacFarlane suggested that Mr. Basler look into magnesium chloride and other chemicals that would work best on the roads.

Mr. Kelleher stated that in storm conditions he wanted the Highway Superintendent to have the discretion to use the product to keep the roads safe.

Mrs. Landis-Naumann stated that the Finance Committee had issues and concerns for the cost of using the salt and sand mix due to the cost to clean up the sand. She stated that long term expense of polluting wells and agricultural areas should also be considered. Mrs. Landis-Naumann suggested being cognizant of the cost in looking for something to keep the roads safe and protecting the environment.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the request to hold the Best Buddies Road Race on Saturday, May 17, 2008 in Kingston as the route passes from the JFK Library in Boston to Hyannis Port.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 roll-call vote, it was—

VOTED: To enter into executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss bargaining for non-union personnel.

Respectfully Submitted:

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