

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
May 13, 2008

Chairman Paul M. Gallagher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were, Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane, Mark S. Beaton, Jean Landis-Naumann, Dennis N. Randall and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Lydia Mathias came forward to request the Board's approval and endorsement for the Second Annual Agriculture Celebration to be held on August 18, 2008 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Town Green. She also requested the Board's approval to close Green Street and to allow the use of the bathrooms at the Faunce School during the event.

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

VOTED: To approve the request as stated above.

Nancy Shea came forward and stated that she was a candidate for the vacancy on the Board of Assessors and was told that the matter would be postponed until the meeting of May 27 and she would be in Europe on that date. She advised that she was present to introduce herself to the Board and express her interest in filling the vacancy.

Martin Page came forward regarding the road conditions to the Opachinski Athletic Fields. He advised that parents are driving too fast and creating a lot of dust. Mr. Page also requested that the potholes be repaired, that the road be graded, and that speed limits be posted.

Mr. Gallagher stated that they should look for an alternative surfacing material and thanked Mr. Page for coming forward. Mr. Randall suggested adding a discussion on the road conditions to the next agenda.

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

VOTED: To address the road conditions on the Board's next agenda.

Jean Landis-Naumann came forward during Open Forum to announce that the Recycling Committee had received 3500 used recycling containers from Citizen's Band and that the Committee had hand out 1200 containers at the Transfer Station on the weekend prior to the Selectmen's meeting. She advised that the Committee's goal was to provide education on what could be recycled and how to dispose of the recyclables. She further advised that when the contract with SEMASS expires in 2012, the cost per ton to dispose of trash will increase to \$100 per ton. Ms. Landis-Naumann also reported that a video was being produced by PACTV on recycling and would be completed soon.

Barry Mathias came forward and suggested that a trailer be purchased to transport the front end loader rather than have the loader travel on the roads to the Transfer Station each day. He stated that the minimal cost of the trailer would be a good investment in that it would save years on the tire replacement on the loader.

Mr. Gallagher stated that the Board was scheduled to meet with the Board of Assessors to jointly vote to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessors. He stated that the appointment would be postponed and the rescheduling of the meeting would give the opportunity to advertise the vacancy for a longer period.

Mr. Randall asked what the deadline would be for applications. The Board discussed the dates and upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To reschedule the joint meeting to June 10th with the applications due by 4:30 p.m. on June 4th.

Mr. Gallagher asked if the Board wanted to consider a lighter schedule for the summer months when the agenda is slower. Mr. Beaton stated that some agenda items are time sensitive and suggested keeping the schedule. Mr. Randall stated that he agreed with Mr. Beaton and suggested that a meeting could be cancelled if there was no business.

Christine McSherry was present representing the Jett Foundation to seek the Board's permission to use the Town House parking lot to hold a fundraising event for the disposal of electronics for a small fee that would be shared with the Jett Foundation. Ms. McSherry stated that the Jett Foundation was established to raise funds for both research and advocacy of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a disease that her son is afflicted with. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the use of the Town House parking lot on June 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Randall suggested that the Board draft regulations/policy at a future meeting for the use of Town property by non-profit organizations.

The Board reviewed the request for a Change of Manager for Pizzeria Uno. Mr. Beaton recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote and left the meeting table.

Mr. Gallagher asked what experience the new Manager had and the response was that he was TIPS certified, had taken the Safe Server Program, and had been a Manager at various UNO locations since 2005. Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To approve the Pizzeria Uno Change of Manager to Scott Arnold.

Mr. Beaton returned to the meeting table.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Items discussed were; Old Colony Planning Council meeting, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers public officials' workshop, the announcement that Mr. Donovan is serving as Chairman of the Search Committee for the position of County Administrator, and the rebate program for Municipality using generators at peak demand times.

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

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the public and executive session meeting of April 29, 2008.

Mr. Randall asked that the minutes reflect when a roll-call vote is taken.

Mr. Gallagher asked that they obtain clarification regarding the \$600,000 received from the state for the 40R project as to when the three year time frame would start. He expressed concern that the 3 year time frame may not be enough due to the size of the project and the infrastructure work with the new slip ramp. Mr. Randall stated that they needed to find out with a degree of certainty if the time frame is exhausted and the funds have to be returned to the state, if the funds would come back to the Town once the project is underway. Mr. Gallagher suggested sending a letter to Representative Calter and Senator Murray to obtain the information.

Mr. Randall suggested obtaining a timeline from Thorndike Development. Mr. Gallagher stated that Thorndike has no control over the state in the permitting process.

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

VOTED: To send letters to Representative Calter and Senator Murray to obtain the information to clarify the commencement of the three year timeline.

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

VOTED: To hire summer employees for the recreation programs as recommended by Susan Woodworth.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To grant the Common Victualler License for China Wok located at the Independence Mall.

Mr. Beaton recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 4-0-0 vote, it was—

VOTED: To grant a one-day all alcoholic beverage license for Sacred Heart High School on June 7, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Beaton recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote.

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

VOTED: To accept the donation of a rubbish container from Environmental Management Consultants for placement at the Ah-Dee-Nah, and further;

VOTED: To accept the Disclosure of Financial Interest by Municipal Employee, David M. Rose, a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and exempt his interest in same.

The Chairman read the letter submitted by Jill Daly of the Soul Sister Foundation, Inc. in which she requests the Board to grant permission to erect signs on Town property advertising and promoting a fundraising even on May 24, 2008. Mr. Gallagher stated that the signs would be up for a short period of time. Mr. Randall suggested that they grant because it is one group that has come forward to ask for permission. He further suggested that they look at the signs that have been erected that are not in conformance with the ByLaw.

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

VOTED: To grant permission to erect the signs on the Town owned properties mentioned in the request and to require that the signs be removed promptly after the event.

Mr. Randall suggested placing the matter of illegal signs on the next agenda. Mr. Gallagher stated that the matter of the signs would be addressed by the proper authority.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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