TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
November 1, 2005

Vice Chairman Joseph D. Kelleher opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on November 1, 2005 at 7:30 pm in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Mark S. Beaton Sandra D. MacFarlane and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan. Olavo B. DeMacedo arrived at 7:52 pm.

The Vice Chairman announced the dates to note and Open Forum.

Elaine Fiore, Chairman Sewer Commission, came forward and spoke regarding the construction on Main Street. The night construction was completed in 17 nights and on October 31 started daytime construction, because of the availability of materials only during the daytime. Work started south bound on Main Street between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm. Work could start on side streets at 7:00 am but the later start is to allow school buses through the area. Work will be halted to allow emergency vehicles and buses through the area at any time during the day.

Mr. Kelleher invited Mr. Gleason, Chairman of the Permanent Building Committee to give the committees recommendation regarding the Old Town Hall and the Maple Avenue School. The committee had two recommendations for the Town Hall, first to have a long term lease with the tenant gutting the building and bringing it up to code. Second would be to sell the building for use as a single family home with the Town having first refusal if they ever decided to sell the home. The recommendation for the Maple Avenue School is that the building is beyond repair and should be raised including removal and filling of the foundation. The land should be graded and seeded. It could be used as a scout project.

Each selectman was allowed to question Mr. Gleason regarding the properties. Vice Chairman Kelleher advised they would take the recommendations under advisement and place this under old business for the next meeting.

Mr. Kelleher opened the public hearing for the joint request of NSTAR and Verizon for a new pole located on Wapping Road. Mr. Daryl Crossman of Verizon represented both Verizon and NSTAR for the hearing.

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

VOTED: To close the public hearing, and further;

VOTED: To accept the order for joint or identical pole locations as presented by Verizon and NSTAR.

Mr. Kelleher invited Fire Chief McKee to speak regarding permit and ambulance fees. He recommended fees be increased to $25 accept for reports which would remain at $5 per report. He recommended ambulance fees be increased to the Medicare rate plus 30%. This increase would cover expenses and not make a profit for the department.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-1-0 vote, it was –

VOTED: To deny the increase in ambulance fees and accept the increase for permit fees.

Mr. Kelleher did not support the motion.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's Report. Mr. DeMacedo noted the Chairman's request of his intentions begin to look at the fire department staffing. Mr. Donovan advised he could not clarify that it would have to be addressed when the Chairman was present.

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

VOTED: To accept the public and executive session minutes of October 18, 2005.

Upon motion made and seconded, following a discussion and a 3-0-1 vote, it was –

VOTED: To accept the public session minutes of October 24, 2005.

Ms. MacFarlane abstained from voting.

The Board interviewed Ms. Susan Chamberlain for the vacancy on the Conservation Commission. Mr. James Linnehan did not attend the meeting.

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

VOTED: To appoint Ms. Susan W. Chamberlain to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation on the Conservation Commission for the unexpired term of office until 2007.

Mr. Kelleher announced that he would recuse himself from the next item on the agenda; appointment of the Associate Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board interviewed two candidates for the Associate Member vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Michael Kelleher and Mauro Mazzilli were present. Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Mazzilli were invited to provide the Board with a summary of their qualifications and reason for interest in filling the vacancy.

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

VOTED: To appoint Michel J. Kelleher as Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the unexpired term of office until 2006.

Mr. Kelleher listed the opening for the Community Preservation Committee.

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

VOTED: To accept the resignation of Douglas J. Fleming as an elected member of the Recreation Commission, and schedule a joint meeting with the remaining Recreation Commissioners on November 29, 2005. Volunteers should complete a volunteer form or submit a letter of interest by November 22, 2005.

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

VOTED: To close the Town House the Friday after Thanksgiving and require all employees who wish the day off utilize a vacation or personal day

Mr. DeMacedo spoke regarding the Kingdom Playground Status. He has received a request from the Cedarville Business Association regarding the playground equipment. He would like to donate the equipment as a gift from the Town of Kingston. Having children use the equipment is better than leaving it dismantled. The Cedarville Business Association is willing to use their own funds and accept liability for removal, transportation and installation of the playground equipment.

Mr. Beaton suggest they differ a decision until the next meeting to see if someone would come forward with funding to assemble the Kingdom Playground at a Kingston location.

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

VOTED: To approve donation of the Kingdom Playground as presented but allow two weeks before donating the Kingdom Playground to allow anyone to come forward on the matter.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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