

TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES
September 25, 2007

Chairman Mark S. Beaton opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen held on September 25, 2007 at 7:00 pm in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston. Present were Vice Chairman Sandra D. MacFarlane Paul M. Gallagher, Joseph D. Kelleher, Jean Landis-Naumann and Town Administrator Kevin R. Donovan.

The Chairman announced the dates to note and the Open Forum. Elaine Fiore, Sewer Commissioner came forward and provided an update as to the status of the sewer project.

Mr. Gallagher praised the Sewer Department for the good job that was done and Ms. Fiore for coming forward with periodic updates. Mr. Kelleher asked Ms. Fiore to give an update on 1021 Kingston Place and the agreement with the Sewer Commissioners. Ms. Fiore stated that it was a legally binding contract and that it had been sent to the State and would provide for the expansion of the Sewer Plant. She stated that there may be a different agreement put in place but it would contain the same three things plus more. Mr. Gallagher asked Ms. Fiore to explain what Articles 8 and 9 were for the Special Town Meeting. Ms. Fiore advised that Article 8 was a housekeeping article seeking to authorize using funds of \$450,000 that was approved at the Annual Town Meeting from the sewer betterment account to fund engineering costs for extensions to the Town's sewer system rather than incur interest costs in borrowing the funds.

Mr. Beaton stated that the Sewer Commissioners had done a great job and reiterated that the agreements made with Thorndike Development for the 40R development goes with the property should it be developed by another party.

Mr. Gallagher announced that the flagpole/cellular antenna was in place at the Opachinski Fields and a flag would be flying there shortly. He also noted that the town had received the first annual rent of \$24,000 which would offset the field maintenance.

Mr. Beaton announced that the meeting with Mr. Conant would be rescheduled because the agreement was still being worked on by Mr. Conant's counsel and Town Counsel.

The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report. Mr. Donovan advised; he would be attending a Health Insurance Seminar hosted by Blue Cross Blue Shield on October 29th; that the Plymouth County Commissioners were meeting tonight and they would hopefully move to hire a professional consultant to review the Health Insurance offerings; the Department of Revenue was looking into the Medicare Part D funds, in excess of one million dollars that should be returned to the member communities and the Health Insurance Advisory Committee had met to review the State's offering and expressed concern that the October 1st deadline was too compact to make a decision and they wanted to keep the dialogue open.

Mr. Donovan further advised that the 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting schedule had been posted and there were two meeting that were scheduled on days of elections. He stated that the Board could decide at a later time whether to meet in the Selectmen's office. Mr. Donovan advised that the Budget Advisory Committee had met and voted to recommend level services amount on personnel with no new positions to be added, level funded expenses and to wait to set the Capital Plan amount until the Governor files his budget for the local aid and the Town's Free Cash is certified.

Mr. Gallagher acknowledged the thorough job done by Mr. Donovan regarding the Health Insurance matter. He asked Mr. Donovan if the Board should send a letter to the County Commissioners regarding its concerns

about Health Insurance and Mr. Donovan suggested awaiting the outcome of the Commissioners' meeting that night to see if they could get beyond the difficulties and move forward.

Mr. Beaton stated that since there were questions on the minutes of September 11, 2007, the Board would hold them for further review.

The Board reviewed the warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting and took the following actions;

Mr. Gallagher made a motion for favorable action on article 1, which was seconded by Mr. Kelleher for discussion. Mr. Gallagher advised that the land that was proposed to be swapped between the Town and the State to accommodate the proposed slip lane to Route 3 and would give the Town a parcel of high grade land contiguous with the Sewer Plant. Mr. Kelleher stated he wanted to wait for the discussion at Town Meeting and Mr. Gallagher with drew his motion and Mr. Kelleher withdrew his second.

<u>Article</u>	<u>Motion By</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
1	Mark Beaton	At Town Meeting
2	Paul Gallagher	Review at next BOS meeting
3	Joseph Kelleher	5-0 Support
4	Chief Heath	5-0 Support
5	Sandra McFarlane	4-0-1 Support (Mr. Kelleher abstained)
6	John LeBrache	5-0 Support
7	Finance Committee	5-0 Support
8	Sewer Commissioner	5-0 Support
9	Hold	

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

VOTED: To reschedule the October 23, 2007 Board of Selectmen meeting to 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2007 prior to the Special Town Meeting, and further;

VOTED: To rescind the appointment made in error of Martha E. Lane to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and further;

VOTED: To approve the request to increase the cost for the Zoning By-Laws from \$15.00 to \$25.00, and further;

VOTED: To reduce the membership of the Kingston Secure Energy Future Committee from nine to seven members, and further;

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer to file the necessary applications and execute agreements for loan assistance from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust, and further;

VOTED: To authorize the payment of an invoice in the amount of \$200.00, from the NOI funds for services rendered by Anderson & Kreiger.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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