

**TOWN OF KINGSTON, N.H.
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING - March 4, 1975**

Art. 1 - The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by the Moderator, Richard L. Russman, for the balloting for Town Officers, Officers of the Sanborn Regional School District, as well as balloting on Articles 30, 31, and 32. It was voted that the meeting be adjourned after the close of the ballot counting until 7 P.M., March 5, 1975, at the Swasey Gymnasium.

The Town Clerk broke the seal on all the boxes of ballots. The Moderator inspected and checked the Ballot Boxes and the Voting Booths. The Assistant Moderator was Leonard F. Sanborn, and the Ballot Clerks were: Mrs. Esther Greenwood, Mrs. Jean Spinella, Mrs. Phyllis Gallagher, Mrs. Celia Cheney and Donald Day. Harold H. Jillson was the police officer. Extra counters at night were: Bernard Robie, Mrs. Adele Russman, David Conant, Mrs. Paulette Wight and Dwight Killam, Jr.

The following results of the balloting were reported by the Moderator:

Total number on check list 1888. Total votes cast 1039.

* = Elected

Town Clerk for 3 years:	Bettie C. Ouellette	972*
Selectman for 3 years:	Henry R. J. Chabot	86
	Charles F. Hannagan	538*
	William S. Rent	387
Treasurer for 1 year:	Marilyn B. Bartlett	239
	Ellen Durling	110
	Deborah K. George	76
	Rochelle Lafayette Ingersoll	26
	Olive Moriarty	293*
	Gertrude W. Semple	262
Road Agent		
for 1 year:	Allen P. George	269
	Roger E. Nason, Sr.	745*
Chief of Police		
for 1 year:	Raymond E. Call	259
	Neil R. Parker, Sr.	764*

Police Officers for 1 year:	Harry E. Clarke, Jr.	672*
	Warren W. George	541
	Wayne E. Martin	640*
Constable for 1 year:	Donald E. Cook	388*
	Frank Kervin, Sr.	224
	Glenn Miller	369
Auditors:	Brian Collins	757*
	Glory Nason	754*
Trustee of Trust Funds		
for 3 years:	David F. Dutton	857*
Fireward for 3 years:	Oral W. Collins, Jr.	895*
Library Trustee		
for 3 years:	Brenda Gould	886*
All elected officers took the oath of office.		

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS:

School Board Member from Kingston for 3 years:		
	Charles W. Eastman, Jr.	594*
	Richard L. Ingalls	396
School Board Member-at-large for 3 years:		
	Ralph E. Roberts	759*
Moderator for 1 year:	Richard L. Russman	894*

Article 30: #1 Amend Article III, Section C, by deleting the last sentence and inserting: "Signs must be permanent and set back a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from the edge of pavement. Flashing, intermittent or revolving signs are not permitted. Signs may be mounted on places of business in instances where the fifteen foot setback requirements cannot be met, but such signs must not protrude into the rights-of-way. A permit for installation of such signs is required from the Board of Selectmen." YES 698 NO 267

#2. Amend Article IV by inserting: "C. Mobile homes will not be permitted in the Historic District." YES 614 NO 372

#3. Amend Article V by inserting: "C. Mobile Homes will not be permitted in the Single Family Residential District." YES 496 NO 484

#4. Amend Article VI by inserting: "C. Mobile homes will not be permitted in the Rural Residential District." YES 410 NO 572

Therefore, the first 3 amendments were adopted and the 4th was defeated.

Article 31: Amend Article IV by adding thereto, the following paragraphs:

"C. Any persons wishing to construct, alter, repair, move, demolish, or otherwise change the exterior appearance of a structure within the District(s) or construct a new structure within the District(s) or institute a new use of land or buildings within the District(s), must file an application and obtain a certificate of approval from the Historic District Commission before any other building permits, otherwise required by the Town are obtained. Forms may be obtained at the Town Office.

D. All Historic District Commission hearings shall be open to the general public and testimony may be received from any party.

E. Certificates of Approval or Notices of Denial shall be issued within 45 days of the filing of an application in accordance with R.S.A. 31:89 a-f.

F. Decisions of the Historic District Commission shall be made in accordance with the guidelines for decisions published by the Historic District Commission.

G. Decisions of the Historic District Commission shall be appealable to the Board of Adjustment as provided for in R.S.A. 31:89 h.

H. Enforcement shall be as provided for in R.S.A. 31:89 j and k."

YES 486 NO 491

Therefore, the article was defeated.

Article 32: Are you in favor of the adoption of the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law?

YES 361 NO 525

Therefore, the article was defeated.

The Ballots were wrapped and sealed and locked in vault at 12:02 A.M., March 5, 1975.

March 5, 1975 - Swasey Gymnasium

Meeting was called to order at 7 P.M. by the Moderator, Richard L. Russman, who welcomed everyone. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wendell Irvine, First Congregational Church. All voters were asked to sit in chairs, if possible, and the new voters were welcomed. The Moderator introduced the Town Clerk and three Selectmen. The results of the balloting from the previous day were read by the Moderator who appointed the following to the Finance Committee: Dr. Daniel Burbank, Robert Drew, Mrs. James Jackson and Theodore Vogel. He thanked those whose term had expired and briefly explained the Finance Committee.

Art. 2 - It was voted that the sum of \$311,429.00 be raised and appropriated to defray town charges for the ensuing year. Donald Clark, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, explained that the \$1,500.00 item listed in the 1975 Appropriations under Special Articles should have appeared in the regular insurance category. Much pro and con discussion was heard regarding the Southern Rockingham Regional Planning Commission figure, but the entire amount was passed.

Art. 3 - It was voted to authorize the Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current year and to issue in the name of the Town negotiable notes, the aforesaid notes to be paid during the current year from taxes collected during the year.

Art. 4 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$603.00 and the State will contribute \$4,015.70 for Class IV & V Highways under the provisions of T.R.A.

Art. 5 - It was voted to raise and appropriate \$1,536.00 for the installation of a 2000 gallon oil tank for the Town Hall.

Art. 6 - This article was defeated - regarding the purchase of a 10,000 gallon tank and pump, locking type, to be placed at the new Town Garage.

Art. 7 - This article was defeated on a standing vote YES 114 and NO 157. Tellers were Benedetto Romano, Robert Vincent, David Conant and Carl Hornig. This article was for \$1,500.00 for the surveying of the dam site on Main Street.

Art. 8 - A motion was made that the article be passed as read, whereupon an amendment was made, striking out the words "to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction"

and substituting: "to allow the Selectmen to negotiate for the disposal of the land." After much discussion, this amendment was defeated.

Then a new amendment was made, striking out these same words and substituting: "to authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the sale of land of the Bartlett Street property in the best interest of the town and the abutters, including subdivision, if necessary and that the purchasers remove the present structures. Following a long discussion, it was voted to cut off debate on the amendment, whereupon the amendment was passed. After this, a new amendment was made to strike out the second sentence entirely, and this amendment was voted affirmatively.

This brought the matter back to the original article as amended which was passed, now reading: "To authorize the Selectmen to negotiate the sale of land of the Bartlett Street property in the best interest of the town and the abutters, including subdivision, if necessary and that the purchasers remove the present structures.

Art. 9 - A motion was made to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purchase of a heating system for the new Town Garage. After much pro and con discussion, a voice vote was taken, which the Moderator declared Affirmative. The Moderator was challenged by Bruce Sloan who was joined by more than seven others; thus necessitating a check list vote.

The Town Clerk, Bettie C. Ouellette, was assisted by David Conant who passed out the Yes and No ballots, and Mrs. Ellen Durling who helped check off the voters. The final tally on the article was: YES 131 and NO 161. Thus the article was defeated and the Moderator announced that the chair stood corrected.

Art. 10 - This article regarding the \$8,000.00 for the construction of a Salt and Sand Shed was defeated on a standing vote: YES 84 and NO 160.

Art. 11 - It was voted to go on to Article 12 first and come back to Article 11. (This was a standing vote - by eye.)

Art. 12 - A motion was made to appropriate \$15,000.00 for the purpose of future reassessment for the whole town by a private company. Said amount to be held in the Revenue Shar-

ing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, to be used with additional appropriations after the completion of the Town Tax Map.

A long discussion ended in a motion to cut off debate which was passed, whereupon the article was defeated on a standing vote: YES 107 and NO 162.

Art. 11 - A motion was made and passed to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 to purchase a new highway truck equal to the 70 series Chevrolet and to transfer the plow frame from the '68 highway truck to the new truck. Said '68 truck to be used as a trade in, and said amount to be taken from the Revenue Sharing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Art. 13 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,564.00 and authorize the withdrawal of the \$15,436.00 now in the Capital Reserve Fund to be used to purchase a pumper hose truck to replace the 1938 Diamond T.

Art. 14 - It was voted to allow the Fire Wards to place unexpended funds from each years appropriation into a Capital Reserve Fund to replace fire equipment as needed.

Art. 15 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the Seacoast Regional Office of Child and Family Services of N.H. Said sum to be used for current operating expenses to enable the Seacoast Regional Office to continue providing services to residents of the Town of Kingston whether or not said residents are able to pay.

Art. 16 - It was voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for a Fire Protected Four Drawer File that locks for the Town Clerk's office to supply needed space for the protection of important records.

Art. 17 - It was voted to raise and appropriate a 5.9% raise for the Chief of Police, Road Agent, and Assist. Road Agent, raising the salary to \$9,500 for the Chief of Police, Road Agent, \$8,500.00 for the Assist. Road Agent, to include (2) two weeks paid vacation.

Art. 18 - It was voted to table this article relative to an appropriation for Retirement contribution funds for the Police Chief.

Art. 19 - It was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,800.00 for the replacement of the 1973 Ford Cruiser, this price being with the trade-in allowance.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting until next Wednesday night, March 12th, at 7 P.M. at the Swasey Gymnasium.

Meeting closed at 10:40 P.M.

Bettie C. Ouellette
Kingston Town Clerk

MINUTES OF CONTINUED TOWN MEETING At Swasey Gym - March 12, 1975

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Moderator who introduced the new Selectman, Charles F. Hannagan. He also corrected the newspaper that he had appointed Mrs. James Jackson to the Finance Committee and not James Jackson.

The Moderator also announced that the Board of Selectmen has appointed William S. Rent to the Planning Board. To clarify any misunderstandings from last week's meeting, he stated that the motion on Article 11 had an addition to it when it came onto the floor.

Art. 20 - A motion was made and passed to pass over the Article relative to a copy machine for the Police Department (The Chief stated that a machine had been donated to the Dept.)

Art. 21 - It was voted to give the Town-owned Clock located in the old Universalist Church to the Kingston Village Improvement and Historical Society, present owners of the Universalist Church.

Art. 22 - A motion was made and **Not** passed to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,794.00 to purchase six (6) VAPOR-MID SYSTEMS from the Vaporpak Co. of Exeter, N.H. An amendment made during the discussion to table the Article was **Not** passed.

Art. 23 - Article relative to Town Mosquito Control Committee has been ruled illegal and the Moderator ruled it out of order. It was voted (as amended) to have the Selectmen appoint an Ad-hoc Committee to study Mosquito Control measures for Kingston - one member of this committee to be a member of the Conservation Commission.

Art. 24 - It was voted to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to be used by the Kingston Historic District Commission.

Art. 25 - It was voted, as amended, to give the Selectmen authority to sell Town land at Great Pond Park to abutting owners at the price commensurate with type and location of land. Purchaser of such lots to use same to increase lot size of abutting lots and so record these lots as not being separate lots, and that all costs involved in surveying, marking, transferring and recording to be borne by the purchaser. No lot involving access to water rights shall be sold.

Art. 26 - It was voted to join the Strafford-Rockingham Regional Planning Council and authorize the town's representation to the Southern Rockingham Regional Planning District Commission to act as delegates to that Council.

Art. 27 - It was voted to authorize the Conservation Commission to establish a Conservation Fund by placing in said fund any unused portion of moneys appropriated annually by the Town for the Commission, together with gifts, donations or earnings received by the Commission. Expenditures from the fund shall be for the purposes of the Conservation Commission as provided in RSA 36-A:5. This was a standing vote YES 74 No 61. Tellers were Benedetto Romano, C. Steven Briggs, Andrew Wight, David Conant. It was suggested to the Moderator that women also be appointed tellers in the future.

Art. 28 - It was voted to raise and appropriate \$500.00 to be used by the Kingston Revolutionary Bi-Centennial Committee for such expenses as may be incurred in the planning of the commemoration of the American Revolution.

Art. 29 - After much pro and con discussion, a motion was made and passed, after being amended, to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Kingston Children's Center to help defray the cost of providing day care to those working parents and their children who have a need for this community service. (Original motion asked for Revenue Sharing money and passage of this article was against the advice of the Town Counsel who had written a letter to the Selectmen regarding this article). There was one amendment made on this article and then it was withdrawn.

Art. 30, 31, 32 - Results on written ballot March 4th.

Art. 33 - It was voted to appropriate \$1,000.00 for the Library to be used for construction of shelves upstairs and

downstairs. Said amount to be withdrawn from the Revenue Sharing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972.

Art. 34 - It was voted as amended to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of five members to study the Kingston Town Dump and make recommendations concerning whether the Town should allow other towns to deposit refuse at the Kingston Dump and related problems as to waste disposal. Further, committee to look into recycling possibilities in the dump area.

Art. 35 - It was voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell Tax Deeded property at Public Auction.

Art. 36 - It was voted to accept the Auditors' Report and the Town Report as presented.

Art. 37 - Neil Parker made a motion that Article 18 be brought from the table, but it was not passed. The Moderator was asked "can you take up any article for reconsideration?" and the answer was "No". Billy Gates made a motion that Article 19 from last year's meeting relative to a Building Inspector, be taken from the table, but it was not carried.

Michael Priore thanked Donald H. Clark in behalf of the Town of Kingston, for his six years of work as Selectman and the people gave him a rising vote of thanks.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Bettie C. Ouellette, Kingston Town Clerk

SPECIAL ELECTION

On September 16, 1975, a Special Election for United States Senator was held, with the polls opening at 10 A.M. and closing at 7 P.M. The ballots were counted and the following results were obtained:

Total number of Names on Regular Check Lists	1830
Total number of Regular State Ballots Cast	1130
Total number of Absentee Ballots cast	49
Louis C. Wyman, R	598
John A. Durkin, D	551
Carmen C. Chimento, A	22

Bettie C. Ouellette
Town Clerk