

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of December 19, 2016
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectman George Korn.

Non-public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn, Chairman Heitz polled the Board for a unanimous voted to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II-b. The Board adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 6:58 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Heitz, it was voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session for an indefinite period.

The Board signed appointment papers for Christopher Iacozzi of Atkinson to fill a full-time opening and for Nikki Lytle of Somersworth to fill one of four part-time openings on the police force.

Chief Donald Briggs noted that he will equip the new officers from the Outside Detail fund, as previously discussed and agreed.

Discussion of Proposed Assisted Living Facility

George Chadwick of Bedford Design was present to discuss with the Board a possible easement onto town property for the protective well radius for a proposed assisted living facility on Main Street. Because water systems serving more than 25 people or more than 15 residential units are considered by the state to be non-transient public water systems, a protective well radius may not be encroached on by utilities, stormwater systems, structures or pavement. Due to the design of the project, the proposed protective well radius location encroaches onto town property, encompassing approximately 26,000 square feet of that parcel.

Chairman Heitz noted that the property under discussion has been mentioned as a potential site for a new fire station. A portion of it also has been committed as a walking trail and outdoor classroom. He also noted that a good portion of the property is wetlands and that granting an easement to so large a portion of the upland area - which then would never be able to be developed in any way - severely restricts the value of the entire parcel for the town.

He advised that the Board would entertain an offer that would provide funds to explore an alternative site for these purposes, but suggested that the matter has been left unaddressed until quite far into the design process considering its apparent importance.

Mr. Chadwick advised that he will discuss the matter with the developers, and will work on the plan to see if he can slide the development area up, reconfigure the parking area or re-design the drainage system to minimize or eliminate the need for encroachment.

Administrative Matters

The Board approved an abatement recommended by the town's assessor.

Chairman Heitz signed an application to use the Swasey Gymnasium for the March, 2017 town and school election.

The Board declined to approve an extension for closing on a town property that was auctioned in November. The successful bidder will be advised.

The Board denied approval of a state application for an inspection station license. The property in question has been determined by the Planning Board to not be in full compliance with ordinances.

The Board reviewed a letter from a School Choice organization requesting a proclamation for School Choice Week. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed a letter from Camp Lincoln regarding the ongoing relationship between the camp and the town's summer program.

It was agreed that the Board will meet on December 27th at 10:00 am with a representative of the Department of Environmental Services, relative to well test results in the area around the Fire Station.

Review of the minutes of the December 2, 2016 meeting was postponed until Selectman Broderick is present.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine Grant
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