

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting of August 19, 2022  
Town Hall Break Room  
Draft MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by the Chairman.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Richard Wilson; Kevin St. James, Vice Chair; Electra Alessio, Chuck Hart, Select Board Members.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

**MOTION:** by Selectwoman Alessio, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Compensation of public employees and (l) legal

**SECOND:** by Selectman St. James

**Meeting adjourned to non-public session 8:31 AM.**

**MOTION:** by Chairman Wilson, to return to public session at 8:40 AM

**SECOND:** by Selectman St. James

**All in favor**

**Discussed in non-public session: Compensation of public employees; legal correspondence**

**Motion made to seal minutes of non-public sessions?**

Motion made by Selectman Wilson, seconded by Selectman St. James, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would...

XX Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

     Render a proposed action ineffective

     Pertains to preparation or carrying out of actions regarding terrorism

**Roll Call Vote to Seal Minutes:**

Richard Wilson	Y	Charles Hart	Y
Kevin St. James	Y	Electra Alessio	Y

**Motion: PASSED**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Acceptance of FEMA Emergency Management Performance Grant**

Fire Chief Graham Pellerin was present to discuss the status of this grant process. The next step will be to have the grant agreement signed by the Board.

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James, to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented in the amount of \$64,000 for the purchase and installation of generators for Kingston's Emergency Operations Center. The Board acknowledges that the total project costs will be \$128,000, for which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$64,000).

**SECOND:** by Selectwoman Alessio

**All in favor**

The grant agreement was signed by the Board.

### **Fill vacancy on Select Board**

Seven candidates have submitted letters of interest in serving on the Board to fill out the term of Phil Coombs (until March 2023):

Craig Barlow  
Chris Bashaw  
Glenn Coppelman  
Stacy Dion  
Ellen Faulconer  
Keith Johnson  
Kent Walker

The Board discussed all seven candidates, and each Board member named their top choices. There was a discussion of the merits of the top picks and what they could bring to the Board for this interim term.

**MOTION:** by Selectman Hart, to offer the Select Board seat until the March 2023 election to Chris Bashaw

**SECOND:** by Selectwoman Alessio

**All in favor**

### **One-time Highway Block Grant Payment**

The Board has been made aware that a special one-time highway payment, in accordance with Senate Bill 401-Payment for Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways - has been received. This payment is separate from the regular quarterly payments received through the Highway Block Grant. The amount received by the Town is \$144,859.78.

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James, to accept \$144,859.78 as a one-time payment through the Highway Grant Aid apportionment, as unanticipated funds. The Board further authorized expenditure of the money through the Highway block grant budget line (4319-01).

**SECOND:** by Selectman Hart

**All in favor**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tammy Bakie suggested that there should be a group lunch on a regular basis for Town employees, especially now that there will be three new Town Hall employees. It was agreed that this will be a good idea, and that employees in the other departments should be included when possible. Lunch will be planned on the first Wednesday after the new Finance Director begins work, and again following the regular Department Heads meeting in September. That meeting will be set for 11 am, with lunch to follow.

### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Compensation of public employees

**SECOND:** by Selectwoman Alessio

**Meeting adjourned to non-public session 9:15 AM.**

**MOTION:** by Chairman Wilson, to return to public session at 9:42 AM

**SECOND:** by Selectman St. James

**All in favor**

**Discussed in non-public session: Compensation of public employees**

**Motion made to seal minutes of non-public sessions?**

Motion made by Selectman Wilson, seconded by Selectman St. James, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would...

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**Roll Call Vote to Seal Minutes:**

Richard Wilson	Y	Charles Hart	Y
Kevin St. James	Y	Electra Alessio	Y

**Motion: PASSED**

**Adjourn:**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 AM**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ayer, Administrative Assistant