

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of February 13, 2023
FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Chairman.

PRESENT: Chair Richard Wilson; Vice Chair Kevin St. James; Electra Alessio, Chris Bashaw, Charles Hart, Select Board Members

MOTION: by Selectman St. James, to adjourn public session and enter non-public session at 6:00 pm, to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, might harm the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

SECOND: by Selectman Hart

All in favor

MOTION: by Selectman St. James, to adjourn non-public session and return to public session at 6:29 pm.

SECOND: by Selectman Bashaw

All in favor

Motion made to seal minutes of non-public sessions.

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

X 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	Chris Bashaw	Y
Kevin St. James	Y	Electra Alessio	Y
Charles Hart	Y		

Motion: PASSED

Discussed in non-public session: Property/legal issue

APPOINTMENTS

Fire Chief Graham Pellerin- Hazard Mitigation Plan

There was a brief discussion of work being done to repair the shower area of the Fire Station following a water leak. Mr. Pellerin said that four walls are being replaced to repair damage and mitigate mold. Primex has been consulted and confirmed that they are doing what needs to be done. The work will be paid for from funds the general contractor held back from the plumbing contractor, and insurance.

Chief Pellerin then addressed the Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was last updated in 2019 and is due to be re-adopted. A FEMA grant of \$9,000 will pay for the work of the employees and officials that will need to meet and rewrite the 173-page document.

Select Board will need to sign the paperwork and also accept the funds. It was decided to add this to the February 27 meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT 1:

Dan Doyle, 156 Main Street, was present to inform the Board that there was an issue with his water delivery on Friday. The pallets of water that were to be delivered by Monadnock Water (and paid for by the Town per order of NHDES due to PFAS levels found in a recent water sampling event) never arrived, and he was told by the company that they ran out of water and his delivery would be a week later. He had instead bought water on his own and had the receipt to submit to the Town but felt that the Board needed to be made aware of the situation. He said that his wife had stayed home all day specifically to receive the water.

The Chairman said he had been made aware of this and had told Mr. Doyle to purchase water and bring in the receipts. He said he will be following up with Monadnock. Mr. Doyle said that in general, supplying pallets of water is not going to work out for his household and farm animals. He said the town should be ashamed of how they have responded to this matter, and he will be seeking counsel.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Selectwoman Alessio reported on the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee meeting, saying that there have been improvements in the collection system. She said they will be updating rules and regulations for things that have not gone to plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Special Event permit application- Draft House

Selectman Bashaw said that he had brought this application to the Planning Board for their input. He said they had some concerns about this because it's a repeated event, and the Special Event permit could be used to circumvent the site plan review process. The Board discussed the request, which is for one acoustic musician on the restaurant's patio for two hours once every two weeks. The Chair said that if this is approved, it could be seen how it goes and if the owners apply for more next year, then a site plan review might be needed. He added that he would add a caveat that the Board would reserve the right to revisit the approval if complaints are received. Selectman St. James said he approved of the fact that the owners came forward and applied, as the former owner never did.

MOTION: by Selectman Bashaw, to approve the Special Event permit to Draft House for acoustic music on their outdoor patio on the dates and times requested.

SECOND: by Selectman St. James

All in favor

Ginger Way

Selectman Bashaw said that the Planning Board had also looked into the background of Ginger Way. He said the property owner had approached the Chief of Police, worried that emergency responders would not know where to go, as there are three residences there. The Police Chief has the authority to assign 9-11 numbers, and did so; instead of

giving them numbers off Rockrimmon Road, because there were no numbers to designate, he put them in as 2, 4 and 6 Ginger Way.

Selectman Bashaw said that the problem is that the road was never formally adopted by the Select Board. It would not be a Town road, it would be a private road, but it still needs to be adopted. Mr. Coombs suggested that a copy of the minutes should go in the property folder. Chief Pellerin said that if the buildings are all on one lot, they should be named with A, B and C. Selectman Bashaw said that if there was a subdivision and the addresses were recorded at the Registry of Deeds, they may need to keep them as they are.

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD BUSINESS:

Quote for Credit Card Reader - for Permitting Office

The Town Clerk had been asked to get quotes for purchasing a second credit card reader. The only one currently is in the Clerk/Collector's office. The Board reviewed the quote; the cost for a suitable reader would be \$325, with a \$60 annual fee for replacements.

MOTION: by Selectman Hart, to purchase a credit card reader from Interware Development for \$325 and agree to the \$60 annual fee.

SECOND: by Selectman St. James
All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT 2:

DPW Director Coombs said he would like the water test results from Town buildings to be shared with him.

Mr. Coombs also said that large bottles of water are being removed from the Town Hall for use elsewhere, and he would like department heads to be informed that the water bottles are not to be moved from where they were delivered. He added that the water company supplying the Town's bottled water for "bubblers" is different than the one supplying gallon jugs of water to residents.

Chairman Wilson said that he knew of a trash bin that had been stolen; Mr. Coombs said that each barrel has a serial number and that his department works with the Waste Management drivers to relocate missing bins.

CORRESPONDENCE, APPLICATIONS, PURCHASE ORDERS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: By Selectwoman Alessio, to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2023 as submitted.

SECOND: by Selectman Hart
All in favor

MOTION: by Selectman St. James, to adjourn public session and enter non-public session at 7:07 pm, to discuss legal matters.

SECOND: by Selectman Bashaw

All in favor

MOTION: by Selectman St. James, to adjourn non-public session and return to public session at 7:32 pm.

SECOND: by Selectman Bashaw

All in favor

Discussed in non-public session: Legal advice

Purchasing Policy

Selectman Bashaw said that he had looked over the Purchasing Policy, and while some contracts, such as for certain professional services, do not need to go out for bids, there should always be a vote to make that decision.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Susan H. Ayer, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board