

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Special Meeting of October 12, 2022  
FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by the Vice Chairman.

**PRESENT:** Chair Richard Wilson; Vice Chair Kevin St. James; Chris Bashaw, Select Board Member

**ABSENT:** Electra Alessio, Charles Hart, Select Board Members

**LIAISON REPORTS:**

Selectman Bashaw said that the Planning Board is working on ordinance changes; he said that some members are in favor of a carte blanche prohibition against gas stations in town. He said he feels that could have legal ramifications as there is a case still in litigation. There is still no decision on this case (Summit Distributing).

There was a discussion of the recent Historic District Commission Meeting on the matter of a veterans housing project at 186 Main Street.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

**Solid Waste and Recycling**

DPW Director Phil Coombs was present to continue the discussion of cost of second trash barrels to residents. The Town Clerk and Highway Administrative Assistant had been asked if it is feasible to set up a payment plan for residents that want a second barrel, rather than charging the total \$687 cost upfront. They had reported that this will cause a lot of extra work and confusion. Selectman Bashaw said he had heard from residents who asked if those who live in larger, higher assessed homes might pay less as they pay more in taxes. This was not considered an option.

Mr. Coombs said that the new barrels are to be delivered by November 1; residents will not be able to apply for a second one until November 16, in order to allow time to find out if they actually need one. In addition, the resident will be required to do a trash waste audit. (Stacy Dion of the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee has offered to do a trash audit as a demonstration.) Waste Management does not want to give out unnecessary second bins; Mr. Coombs said that in other towns they are given a 64-gallon bin and that's it. Kingston will be using 96-gallon bins.

Smaller bins are to be offered by request, on a first come-first served basis. There are a limited number of these available and there will not be any more after the 150 on hand are gone.

A second recycling bin will also cost more with the new contract. It will be \$75 plus an annual fee for the extra pick-up, similar to the one charged for trash bins.

Solutions to excess trash were discussed; to avoid people resorting to illegal dumping, roll-off dumpsters may be placed at the Highway Department where certain recycling items, and trash as well, may be dropped off for a small fee. Mr. Coombs said that this may be offered at Christmas time, for example, when people have a lot of extra trash.

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James, to approve a one-time fee of \$687 for a second trash barrel, which will also require approval of the Select Board.

**SECOND:** by Selectman Bashaw

**All in favor**

Mr. Coombs said that he had also been getting questions about disposal of old trash cans; he said these can't be recycled and people are encouraged to repurpose them. There may be a collection day for them at some point, with a roll off dumpster at the DPW.

### **Police vehicles**

Police Chief Joel Johnson said that he currently has two cars on order; the one ordered for 2022 was due in November and the 2023 order is due in February, but he has been told it will be well over a year before he receives either one. He said this is a problem. Chief Johnson suggested a solution that involves shuffling the cars already in use, including repurposing a detective car and his Chief's car, and purchasing a Tahoe that is available at a local dealer. It was agreed that Chief Johnson can go to look at the car and if it works out, bring back the purchase and sale agreement and put in a purchase order.

### **Water Sampling Bids**

Five bids were received in response to the Request for Proposals posted for a contractor to perform private well testing for PFAS and PFOAS. These were opened and reviewed:

Stantec	\$24,900
Frontier	\$35,000
Sanborn Head	\$57,100
Eastern Analytical	\$27,500
Chem Serve	\$19,740

Bids were compared for content and number of wells included.

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James, to award the water sampling contract to Eastern Analytical Inc. for \$27,525, with the option for them to continue with testing up to three years.

**SECOND:** by Selectman Bashaw

**All in favor**

### **Date of Deliberative Session**

**MOTION:** by Selectman Bashaw, to set the 2023 Deliberative Session on February 4, 2023.

**SECOND:** by Selectman St. James

**All in favor**

**Department of Public Works**

Mr. Coombs reported on several Public Works Department matters. He said he is revamping how bids are taken for sealcoating, and that he would like to get the work done on three roads before the end of the year.

There was also a discussion of the road striping done this year, which it was agreed was not done well. Mr. Coombs said there is no recourse other than to not hire that company again.

Mr. Coombs said there was a "Snow Fighter" seminar held at the DPW with 5 other towns participating. One topic covered was the use of magnesium chloride additive to road salt, which increases the temperature range and coverage.

**Recreation**

After the Board had voted to ask the Recreation Director to rescind his federal grant application for the Steppingstones playground, it had been learned the grant was already awarded. In this case, it was agreed to keep the grant but to apply it only to the Recreation area of the property.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

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

**SECOND:** by Selectman Bashaw

**Meeting adjourned to non-public session at 10:08 AM**

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James, to return to public session at 10:30 AM

**SECOND:** by Selectman Bashaw

**All in favor**

**Discussed in non-public session: Compensation of a public employee**

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

Motion made by Selectman Wilson, seconded by Selectman Hart, 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	Absent
Kevin St. James	Y	Electra Alessio	Absent
Chris Bashaw	Y		

**Motion: PASSED**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM**

Respectfully submitted:

Susan H. Ayer, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board