

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of October 24, 2022
FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by the Chairman.

PRESENT: Chair Richard Wilson; Electra Alessio, Chris Bashaw, Charles Hart, Select Board Members

ABSENT: Vice Chair Kevin St. James

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments on the agenda. Two department heads present to speak to the Board were heard under Public Comment:

Police Chief Joel Johnson, Fees for detail work

Chief Johnson said that current detail rates for the police department are \$76, of which \$10 is for use of a cruiser. He said that expenses have gone up and he would like to increase the cruiser fee to \$20, making the total \$86. This will be decided at a future meeting; in discussion there was a question on whether or not a public hearing is needed to raise this fee.

DPW Director Phil Coombs, Solid Waste collection matters

Mr. Coombs said that the new trash barrels are being delivered by Waste Management, and that this is bringing to light some inaccuracies in the tax cards, which were used to create the delivery list. He said that some people have been accessing trash pickup services that shouldn't have, and now expect to be given a barrel. He said the tax cards on some of these properties should be updated to show they are residential, or else the owners need to make other trash pickup arrangements.

Asked about recycling services, Mr. Coombs said that since money can be made on recycled materials, if a business currently has a recycle bin, this will not change. He also said that recycle bins will be treated differently than trash barrels for this reason; there will be no charge for a second recycle bin beyond the cost of the bin itself.

Mr. Coombs said that accessory dwelling units are also problematic as on the tax cards the properties are classified as single-family homes, so only one barrel is being delivered. Chairman Wilson suggested talking to the Town's assessor about reclassifying properties where needed.

Mr. Coombs said that the serial numbers for the trash bins are being tracked. He said that other towns have attached a fine for anyone found to have a barrel they were not assigned; he has talked to the Police Chief, who said that as the barrels belong to Waste Management, they would be considered stolen property.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Selectman Bashaw said that he had updated the Planning Board after receiving an opinion from counsel regarding one project. Other Boards and Committees will be meeting next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of Town Land

Two public hearings have been held on the sale of 9 Hooke Ave., a .06-acre non-buildable parcel. The 7-day waiting period required by the RSA has been honored, and only one bid has been received. Joseph Dusvitch of 11 Hooke Avenue has submitted an offer to pay \$1,000 plus the cost of recording the deed and any other expenses the town has incurred.

MOTION: by Selectwoman Alessio, to accept the bid of \$1,000 with the understanding that fees for updating the deed and having it recorded will also be paid by the buyer.

SECOND: by Selectman Hart

All in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BOARD BUSINESS:

State inspection station application - Dave's Repair

The application by Dave's Repair to be a state automobile inspection station has been reviewed by the Planning Board.

MOTION: by Selectwoman Alessio, authorize the Chair to sign the application for submittal to the state.

SECOND: by Selectman Hart

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT 2: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE, APPLICATIONS, PURCHASE ORDERS:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: By Selectwoman Alessio, to approve the meeting minutes of October 17, 2022, as submitted.

SECOND: by Selectman Hart

All in favor

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Selectman Hart led the Board in a review of the 2023 proposed budget numbers, which had been provided by the Finance Director. Selectman Hart noted that the numbers are still a "work in process".

Discussion took place on where certain library expenses should appear, as they are both for Library and Town Buildings. Selectwoman Alessio suggested a meeting the Library Director. There was also a question of whether heat and electricity should be

within each department or be put under Buildings. Mr. Coombs said the rationale for keeping them as a line in each department's budget is so they will have some ownership of keeping expenses down.

The proposed budget for sanitation will be a 19% increase over last year. Chairman Wilson said that a lot of credit goes to the DPW Director, as this could have been higher. Mr. Coombs said the credit belongs to the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee, who put in a lot of work considering many options. He said this is the "best bad deal" the town could get.

As a final announcement, the Chairman said that dumping of leaves in a public roadway is illegal per RSA 265:102. He said there has been a lot of debate on Facebook on the topic, but it is illegal as it can cause a road hazard.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Susan H. Ayer, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board