

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of May 4, 2015
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectman Peter Broderick.

Recreation Department Updates

Paul Butler and Katy Stedman, co-Directors of the Recreation Department, were present to discuss the summer camp and a proposed after school program for next fall.

Interviews for summer camp counselors are to be held next week. Mr. Butler provided a listing of policy proposals for operation of the camp that have been developed by the Recreation Commission. It was agreed that tuition fees will need to be increased for next year and that non-resident rates should be more substantially higher than resident rates to ensure that Kingston taxpayers aren't subsidizing child care expenses for non-residents. Additionally, a multi-child discount granted to Kingston families should not also be granted to non-resident families. Both Mr. Butler and Ms. Stedman agreed, and the changes will become effective for the 2016 summer camp.

Mr. Butler then distributed an outline of a proposal for an after school program for middle school students. The proposal calls for a 1-day per week 3-hour program to start. It would be held at the Community Recreation Building and would involve activities, snacks, free time for play and a designated time for homework. There would be one paid overseer and possibly two volunteers, depending on the number of children who attend. Mr. Butler works at the school so he would be able to monitor how students are doing academically and tailor the program to particular students' needs. It's thought that maybe some high school groups will be willing to help with the program as a community service. The Selectmen agreed that they won't object to a program so long as fees are structured to make the program self-supporting. If the program expands, the fees will need to be adjusted accordingly. Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire, who manages town buildings, advised that he has no objection so long as there isn't any conflict with agreements that the Selectmen already have made with senior citizens concerning use of the building. He suggested that there may need to be an overall use policy. He and Selectmen agreed that the building probably won't be made available for use of private or non-municipal groups in general, due to past experience with groups who created cleaning and maintenance issues and due to the fact that a town employee would need to be present to open, close and oversee any activities. Mr. Butler and Mr. St. Hilaire agreed that they will review the School District's facilities use program to help in development of a process for the recreation building. Selectman Broderick suggested that the after school program be advertised at the middle school and on line to try to get a sense of how much interest there may be for it.

Senters Grove Drainage Issues Discussed

Steve and Linda White were present at the Board's request to discuss drainage issues on Senters Grove Road. The Whites recently built a new house and abutters believe that some drainage issues have been exacerbated by the change in terrain. Mr. White explained that he's aware of the issues and has contracted to have a retainage area constructed on his own property into which much of the run-off will be collected. He invited Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire and Chairman Heitz to visit the property when his contractor is on site to review the structure he's proposing. It involves a large (25' x 50') gravel basin with a pervious overlay and

honeycomb grating structure for stabilization. The area of disturbance is less than what the state is concerned with for permitting purposes. The structure should both collect large amounts of runoff from the road and other properties, and serve as a filter for runoff before it hits either the water table or the shoreline.

Chairman Heitz thanked the Whites for coming in and for addressing the issue so proactively.

Discussion of South Station Garage Doors

Fire Chief Bill Seaman, Deputy Chief Marty Conlon and Captain Rich St. Hilaire were present to discuss with the Board proposed replacement of the present overhead doors at South Station with larger doors that will allow for housing of the new Fire Truck as well as of Engine 2 and the ambulances. Chief Seaman noted that there is 3" clearance off either side of the ambulance mirrors at present, and that the present doors are 10' wide. The proposal is to increase the size of at least one of the doors to 11', although they've obtained quotes for replacement of one, two and/or three doors. The Chief advised that there's no immediate need for a decision since the new firetruck won't be here for some months, but it's the department's hope that all three doors can be replaced.

Chief Seaman also reported that with the Charter School moving off of School District property in June, the District may at some point decide to abandon all of the buildings on the Swasey campus, at which time the shared fire suppression system may need to be adapted. At present, even with the Charter School gone and the old science building not in use, the Swasey Gymnasium still needs to be sprinkled so the piping system for the suppression system isn't yet an issue.

Non-public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II-c. The Board adjourned at 8:50 pm. The Board returned to public session at 8:59 pm.

It was noted that Concannon Road is a Class V public roadway that may not legally be blocked against use of the public.

Administrative Issues

The Board approved recommended 2014 tax abatements submitted by the town's assessing firm.

A Land Use Change Tax warrant was signed for property on Marshall Road.

Regulations relative to Vector Control, Solid Waste Handling and Littering were reviewed preparatory to sending them to Town Counsel for use in an on-going Land Use Violation case.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz it was voted to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2015 as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm. The next meeting will be held on May 18, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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