

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of March 7, 2011
MINUTES**

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

Acceptance of Fire Department Grant Award

Fire Chief Bill Seaman advised the Board that his department has been awarded a grant for the purchase of two cardiac monitors/defibrillators and six automated external defibrillators. The grant, from FEMA's Firefighter Assistance Program, will provide \$64,802.00, 95% of the total \$71,370.00 cost. The Town's share of \$3,568.00 will be paid from the department's equipment line. The items had been included in the Capital Improvements Program plan, but now will be removed.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Hart, it was unanimously voted to accept a FEMA grant in the amount of \$64,802.00 and to authorize the purchase of two cardiac monitors/defibrillators and six automated external defibrillators at a total cost of \$71,370.00, with the town's 5% share of the purchase to be paid from the Fire Department's equipment line.

Chief Seaman explained that the department is comparing the items available from 3 different vendors and will request purchase orders once it's determined where the purchases will be made.

First Congregational Church Water Supply Discussion

Fire Chief Bill Seaman advised the Board that he had been in discussion with the School District concerning a request of the First Congregational Church to tie into the system providing water to the town and school, for the purpose of supplying their sprinkler system. The tank and pump for the system are the property of school district, while the main is owned by the town. It will be necessary for both the school and town to sign off on the plan for the church to tie in. Chief Seaman's only concerns are that the tank will need to be filled more often at increased expense to the town, and that having the extra demand on the system may preclude the Fire Station from being able to tie in.

Discussion of Dog Park Operation

Police Chief Donald Briggs, Barbara Whitcomb, and several other regular users of the Dog Park were present to discuss recent incidents at the park. Occasions where children have been present among unknown dogs; where dogs have gotten over-excited and needed to be segregated; and where unfamiliar dog owners from outside of the area had failed to use the park facilities correctly were discussed. The Chief will hold a meeting in the near future with as many park users as can be present, to discuss how signs can be posted, registrations and identification can be required, and increased police patrols can be instituted to make the park safer and minimize the town's exposure to potential liability.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire discussed with the Board an application that had been received for the Sanborn Youth Football Program to use Comeau Field at the Fairgrounds from August through November for youth football and cheerleading programs. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that

he's very concerned at the condition of the fields following use by the players. He would like them to design their practices in particular so that the same areas of the field are not always impacted. He also noted a concern by the police about parking along the roadway adjacent to the fields, and asked if some provision could be made for the teams to contribute to field upkeep and expenses. Scheduling for the fields needs to be done through the Recreation Director, so she will be contacted and requested to set up a meeting at which all concerns can be addressed.

Mr. St. Hilaire expects to have information for the next meeting on different options to repair the Police Department roof.

Mr. St. Hilaire updated the Board on his progress in selecting the next Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Supervisor.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that he will be attending the next Governor's Council meeting and foresees no problem in award of the FEMA grant funds for the Great Pond Park and Ball Road culvert projects. Wetlands Permit applications for the projects are ready for submittal to the Department of Environmental Services, and a meeting is scheduled for next week with a property owner whose man-made dam will have to be removed in order for the project to go forward.

Mr. St. Hilaire will be contacting Excel Construction to see if they will provide specs for a new highway garage as discussed at the February 7th meeting.

Building Permit Approved

An application for construction of a two-stall horse paddock in the single family residential zone, held in abeyance pending receipt of an opinion from counsel, was approved for issuance by Selectmen Hart and Broderick. The Planning Board will be amending the Ordinance to provide that agricultural uses are excluded from the single family residential zone.

Resident to be Requested to Attend Meeting

A resident who had been requested to attend the meeting will be contacted once more and requested to attend and discuss the present use of her property at 48 Exeter Road relative to formerly approved site plans and recent inspection reports.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Broderick, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant