

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of March 8, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Chairman Charles Hart. Also in attendance were Selectmen Mark Heitz and Peter Broderick.

Fire Department Discussion

Fire Chief Bill Seaman advised the Board that an incident occurring on February 28th involving Engine 2 resulted in damage to the truck's scene lights, LED light, and body. The insurance adjuster has approved \$6,229.75 toward repairs and an estimate has been obtained for \$6,273.75. Once Selectmen have approved the repairs, Primex will be contacted to authorize the work.

Selectman Heitz suggested that department policy include having personnel guide engine drivers through narrow areas. Chief Seaman agreed.

The Board agreed to authorize the necessary repairs to Engine 2.

Highway Department Discussion

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised the Board that the reports submitted following the windstorm have been accepted and that the state-wide damage level is such that the Governor and President will be declaring emergency reimbursement for the costs involved.

Mr. St. Hilaire also advised that flooding at the westerly end of North Road following the storm has been reviewed by the Office of Emergency Management and may be eligible for 406 (After Event) assistance to upgrade the culvert. He estimates that engineering and construction could entail a cost of \$50,000.00.

Mr. St. Hilaire reported that there was only minor damage to town buildings, although he estimates a \$10,000 cost to repair the roof at the firing range, damage to a Fire Department door, damage to the Highway lean-to, and some minor leaks.

Resident Report of Drainage Problems

David Marshall of 39 Coopers Grove Road reported that his property has experienced flooding problems since the construction of a house and septic system on a neighboring lot. The new home is raised approximately 6' over the previous grade, in keeping with the raised septic system required. With that change, runoff from the lot has increased and a garage that Mr. Marshall recently built is now the low point on the street. He has been advised that, because no Certificate of Occupancy has yet been issued for the new house, the town may have some responsibility to try and have that person correct the situation. Regulations require that construction not adversely impact neighboring drainage systems. Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire will review the area to determine if there is a way to divert runoff from Mr. Marshall's property, but he noted that the problem hasn't been caused by any action on the part of the town and that he feels the town's exposure to liability is very low. He also advised that Mr. Marshall may only experience problems during a 5-year storm event such as the recent 3-day storm and not at other times.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Heitz it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant