

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of March 22, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Mark Heitz. Also in attendance was Selectmen Peter Broderick.

Appointments to Town Boards

The Board signed appointment papers as follows:

Virginia Morse was appointed to a 3-year term on the Historic District Commission
Stanley Shalett was appointed to a 3-year term on the Historic District Commission
Richard Gerrish was appointed to a 1-year term on the Family Mediation Board of Directors
Roclyn Porter was appointed to a 1-year term on the Family Mediation Board of Directors

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2010 meeting as printed.

Homeowner Correspondence Reviewed

The Board reviewed a letter received from Barbara Burbank relative to an in-home business approved for property at 42 Church Street. Because of the change in use from residential to residential/commercial, and because there is no existing approved septic design plan, DES Rules require that a septic design be prepared for the property. A letter from the Health Officer to Ms. Burbank was reviewed and approved. Ms. Burbank may be able to appeal directly to DES if she wishes.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised the Board that the Fire Department had received 87 responses to their request for damage estimates relating to the flooding incident of March 14th -15th. More than \$501,000 in estimated damages were reported in those responses. If the federal government approves individual assistance payments, homeowners will need to apply directly to FEMA or to the State Emergency Management Office. Mr. St. Hilaire also reported that he had estimated \$63,000 in road damage, \$17,000 in protective services outlay, and \$5,000 in building and equipment damage, for which the town should receive reimbursement.

Mr. St. Hilaire also advised of a resident on Riverwood Road who had blocked a culvert with concrete and sandbags. He stated that highway crews had cleared the culvert three times recently, and will have to remove the concrete with a jackhammer. The drainage system had been affected by installation of a pool and raised septic system on the property in question and the property has been experiencing increased flooding, but the homeowners will need to dig a trench line on their own property to alleviate the flooding rather than blocking one of the town's culverts.

Emergency Shelter Operation Discussed

The Board discussed a draft letter to be sent to area towns relative to cost-sharing the expenses of operating the area-wide emergency shelter. Ten area Boards of Selectmen will be advised and requested to provide input. At some point, the Emergency Management offices of each town will meet

to establish a system for manning and paying the costs of operating the shelter. Kingston's Emergency Management Director, Norm Hurley, will review the letter prior to the Board signing it.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant