

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of May 3, 2010
MINUTES**

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

Police Chief Donald Briggs requested that the Board move to adjourn to Non-public session under the provisions of N. H. RSA 91-A:3, II-b.

Non-public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Hart, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of N. H. RSA 91-A:3, II-b. The Board adjourned at 7:01 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 7:16 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Chairman Heitz and second of Selectman Broderick it was unanimously voted that Christopher Labrecque of Milton will be hired to serve as a police officer, to start on May 24th. Mr. Labrecque is at present serving on the Farmington Police Department.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised the Board that he will meet with a representative of FEMA on May 17th to review a preliminary damage and clean-up estimate of \$100,000 from the February windstorm. Because the subsequent rain and flooding events haven't yet been declared disasters by the President, no application has been submitted for those losses.

Discussion was held about a sign board that Mr. St. Hilaire would like to erect in order to provide residents with information during emergencies. He explained that the sign would be controlled from a computer and powered by a generator in the case of power outages. It would allow for notification of shelter locations, road closures, etc., to keep residents informed when other means of communication are unavailable. In non-emergency times, other public service announcements could be posted.

The town's applications for Hazard Mitigation funding for culvert and bridge replacements on Great Pond and Ball Roads are still pending. Although the town scored very well, the funding hasn't yet been approved by Congress. Letters to the town's federal congressional delegation, requesting that the Senators and Representatives do what they can to bring a vote on the funds forward, were signed and will be sent.

Mr. St. Hilaire would like to move forward on an application for another project for replacement culverts on Main Street. The application packets will be available on May 15th from the State Homeland Security Office. The engineering firm that prepared the Great Pond and Ball Roads application has been requested to estimate the cost of preparing an application for this project as well.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that he and Town Engineer Dennis Quintal had reviewed the North Road culvert, and that Mr. Quintal believes that it would take five 4' x 4' box culverts to handle maximum flow. An alternative solution would be to build a bridge structure. Any work will require Department of Environmental Services permits, and the cost likely will be \$50,000 - \$60,000 to do the construction to their standards. Mr. St. Hilaire will meet with DES and will get some quotes for engineering the project. He stated that he may need to forego paving projects again this year in order to get some of the necessary bridge and culvert work done.

Discussion was held about the proposed new highway garage that had been planned for this year. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that he doesn't see how the drainage projects - which require a 25% match from the Town - can be paid for and still leave enough money to pay for a building this year. He also questions the timing involved if the construction projects get underway in late summer. He explained that his plan had been to purchase and erect a new 80' x 80' steel frame building, which would be placed against the back of the existing 40' x 80' building. A 20' x 80' section will be reserved for offices, rest rooms, a break room and showers. The town could do as much of the site work as possible, and could possibly do the foundation work. Chairman Heitz asked that Mr. St. Hilaire

work up estimates for the different scenarios for completing construction and report back to the Board. Mr. St. Hilaire noted that whatever work is done should include replacement of the existing underground fuel dispensing pipes with the double-walled piping required by the state. The fuel pumps also should be replaced, which will add approximately \$15,000 to the total project cost.

Mr. St. Hilaire then advised that the small 1999 dump truck is in for repairs, but is almost totally rusted out and will need to be replaced before it's inspected in April. Replacement of his own vehicle can be put off for another year. A 2008 F-550 V8 Diesel and plow with under 4,000 miles, marked down from its original list price of \$73,540 to \$48,950, is still for sale. He'll be bringing that vehicle to town in order to give the Board a chance to inspect it. Chairman Heitz advised that there are good deals on new vehicles as well, and asked that Mr. St. Hilaire look at some local dealers.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2010 meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant