

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of June 7, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order in the Selectmen's Office of the Town Hall at 7:01 pm by Chairman Mark Heitz. Also in attendance was Board member Peter Broderick.

Resident Inquiry into Timber Cut on Private Property

Cheryl Gannon of Jericho Drive inquired about a timbering operation taking place on Mill Road, on property that Ms. Gannon has been accustomed to walk. Ms. Gannon was assured that the property owners have obtained the necessary permits and are perfectly within their rights to harvest the timber on the property.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised the Board that the Town Hall cupola requires repairs for which a crane may be necessary. He is getting prices as well as an idea of the scope of work to be done, and will inform the Board when he has the information.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised of his intent to replace a Main Street culvert, and to install 240' of 12" PVC piping on New Boston Road to improve drainage. He will schedule the work when he has the rental excavator available later this spring.

Mr. St. Hilaire reported that he still is working with FEMA for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the February windstorm. Brush collected will be chipped by ProBark, as was the case following the 2008 ice storm. Selectman Broderick asked if the \$100,000 windstorm reimbursement, along with some of the Infrastructure Improvement fund, could be used to fund the new highway garage this year. Mr. St. Hilaire will consider the possibility and discuss it with the Board at a later date.

A problem with tires on the loader, which Mr. Hilaire thinks is a result of paint being chipped from the wheel surfaces during shipping and creating difficulty in forming a bead, has been addressed by sanding and painting of the surfaces.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that the 1999 dump truck's transmission is shot and that the truck is rusted out. A new transmission would cost \$2400 - \$3000 and wouldn't address the body problems. He'd prefer to purchase a new truck, preferably in the F-550 class and non-diesel.

Fire Department Updates

Fire Chief Bill Seaman reported that annual pump testing had been done the previous week and that various work was identified as being needed. Some of the valves have leaks that prevent the pumps from forming the vacuum needed to draw water. He would like to get Engine 1 (the main supply pumper) in as soon as possible for repairs. He noted that the inspectors have been seeing similar problems state wide and attribute it to the flooding and attempts to pump water from unfamiliar sites where gravel, silts, etc., can be sucked into the units and cause damage. Chief Seaman advised that the department will try to repair some of the other pumps in-house with repair kits available for purchase.

Chief Seaman advised that School Board Chairman Kurt Baitz has asked the Fire Department if they will burn the Gilmore Cottage as a training exercise if the School District is unsuccessful in finding a

buyer for the property that will remove it from its present Main Street location. Selectman Broderick stated that he will bring the matter up at the next Historic District Commission meeting on June 8th and let Chief Seaman know what their opinion is. If a burn is done, it won't be until October.

Chief Seaman then advised that he's looking into a billing service that works with homeowner insurance companies to cover the expense of department service calls. Chief Seaman estimates that revenue of \$12,000 to \$14,000 annually could be realized. The charging of fees will require a local Ordinance, so he will let the Board know what he finds out.

Meeting with Worker Compensation Carrier Discussed

Chairman Heitz noted that there will be a meeting on June 14th with representatives of Primex, the town's worker comp carrier, at which individual claims will be discussed, as well as the coverage for call personnel of the emergency services departments.

Review of Previous Meetings' Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2010 meeting as printed.

Tax Deeded Properties Accepted

Selectmen accepted and signed three Tax Collector Deeds presented by Tax Collector Bettie Ouellette for unpaid 2007 taxes.

Correspondence Review

A letter regarding the keeping of horses on Pillsbury Pasture Road was read and a reply was signed.

An inquiry, along with photographs, about illegal dumping on the former Fairgrounds property was reviewed. It was noted that the area has been blocked off by the highway department and will be cleaned up as time permits.

A copy of a letter from a Route 125 property owner to his abutting neighbor, relative to trees threatening to fall, will be filed. The town has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant