

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of August 9, 2010
MINUTES
As amended by action of 8/23/2010**

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 was Board member Charles Hart.

Resident Noise Concerns Discussed

Paul and Vivian Cole, of 34 Depot Road, were present to discuss their concerns about early morning operations being conducted on the property abutting their house, at Northland Forest Products. The Coles' landlord, Ray Labelle, also was present. Mr. Labelle advised that the problem has been ongoing for many years and that he now is concerned that he may lose his tenants due to the disruption that the early morning noise causes in their lives. The business begins operations sometimes as early as 1:00 am. Additionally, the 50' natural buffer that is to be maintained between commercial and residential properties has been greatly reduced on the Northland site due to expansion of their parking area. Chairman Heitz noted that the Board had sent a letter to the director of the company within the previous two weeks, and that he will be requesting the Police Department to patrol the area and log incidences of violation to the business site plan, which calls for hours of operation to be limited to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. If additional action becomes necessary due to the business's refusal to comply with their site plan, the Planning Board will be requested to schedule a hearing for consideration of site plan revocation. Chairman Heitz advised the Coles to phone the police at whatever time in the morning they hear activity on the Northland site, so that the Police Department can maintain a log in case the matter is pursued.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire discussed with the Board the existing library well, which hasn't been working adequately and may need to be replaced with a new, 12' point driven well. The well point is located in a closet in the basement of the library so isn't easily accessible, but Mr. St. Hilaire suspects that the screen in the present well is clogged and that the whole thing will need to be replaced.

Mr. St. Hilaire then advised that he has received a bid of \$2,500 each for septic designs for the Fire Station, Highway Garage and Recreation Center. He noted that the plot plans to be generated by the septic design process will be useful for upcoming bid proposals as well as for other purposes.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that there still has been no notice relative to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant applications submitted in 2009; Congress still has not released the funds. The applications for the Great Pond Channel and Mill Road crossing projects will be submitted this month. Chairman Heitz asked if the crossing under Route 125 will be able to handle the increased flow that dredging of the channel will create; Mr. St. Hilaire advised that the question will be addressed when the channel project actually is engineered.

Recreation Department Discussion

Recreation Director Donna Duddy requested permission of the Board to rent an inflatable water slide for her playground program for a day. Because the town's insurance carrier has advised against it, the Board denied the request. They advised Ms. Duddy to get a price on a single-day policy rider that would allow the rental and to report back to them on the cost.

Health Officer Discussion

Health Officer Larry Middlemiss advised that he had received a letter from the attorney of a resident who hopes to develop a lot that was determined at the time of subdivision to be in the Wetlands Conservation District, where residential construction is not allowed. The attorney is asking on behalf of the owner for review of a proposed septic system design. Selectmen advised Mr. Middlemiss to inform the attorney that there have been no ordinance changes that affect the status of the lot or the requirements of the Wetlands Conservation District and that the lot designation remains unbuildable.

Recreation Building Discussion

Recreation Commission Chairman Roger Clark discussed with the Board progress on the former YWCA building at 24 Main Street. The new well is providing 15 gallons per minute, and Mr. Clark has assembled a crew of volunteers and several monetary donations. He would like to move forward with Phase I of construction, involving exterior insulation and siding; replacement of windows and doors; and interior insulation and sheetrocking. Mr. Clark hopes to engage the services of Trabucco Construction to provide Construction Management for the entire project. Richard St. Hilaire, who is the Buildings Supervisor, advised that an overall site plan of the property needs to be developed prior to any work beyond Phase I being undertaken. Chairman Heitz agreed, advising that the project needs to proceed in such a way that no work needs to be torn out in order to allow subsequent work. Mr. Clark advised that he will have Mr. Trabucco oversee the work to be done by the volunteers to be sure it coincides with the overall plan.

Correspondence / Review of Documents

Selectmen reviewed a letter of complaint from a resident advising of excessive noise from the High School's generator. Selectmen will refer the matter to the School Board for discussion.

Selectmen reviewed a letter advising of a situation from several years ago and questioning the procedures followed by the Police Department at that time. The person involved will be asked to attend the next meeting to clarify his concerns.

A Planning Board request for a liaison from the Selectmen to serve with the Capital Improvements Committee was reviewed. The Planning Board will be advised that Chairman Heitz will be that liaison.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted to accept the minutes of the July 26th meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant