

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 13, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order in the Selectmen's Office of the Town Hall at 7:02 pm by Chairman Mark Heitz. Also in attendance were Board members Peter Broderick and Charles Hart.

Public Works Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised the Board that, while he had hoped to have grant documents associated with the town's FEMA Hazard Mitigation application ready for acceptance, an adjustment in the allocation of project funds - specifically in the area of administration - needed to be made before the final documents can be prepared. He hopes to have the State Homeland Security & Emergency Management office available at a meeting in the near future to present the grant acceptance for signature. Discussion was held as to whether the as-yet unspent 2010 Highway Block Grant funds from the State will be used as the 25% match for the Hazard Mitigation projects. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that New Boston Road is in need of repair and it may be advisable to use the 2010 Block Grant funds for that project, earmarking the 2011 funds for the Hazard Mitigation match. He will provide the Board with cost figures for the New Boston Road project at their September 20th meeting. Chairman Heitz asked if Mr. St. Hilaire foresees any large road projects in 2011. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that the North Road culvert replacement will be coming up soon, although there has been a holdup in obtaining the necessary easements from abutting property owners.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that outside insulation and siding is scheduled to be completed on the Main Street recreation building during the upcoming week.

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-e. The Board adjourned at 7:25 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:05 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart, second of Selectman Broderick and unanimous vote of the Board, the minutes of the non-public session were sealed indefinitely.

Police Department Updates

Police Chief Donald Briggs discussed with the Board his progress in raising the funds and volunteer labor to construct a 14' x 30' addition to the Police Station. He had received the Board's authorization in October of 2009 to pursue the \$67,000 addition at no cost to the Town, however construction material costs now are estimated to have raised the project cost to \$80,000.00. Chairman Heitz expressed the opinion that, if the Chief is able to secure the \$80,000 addition at a cost to the Town of only \$13,000, it would make sense to find the necessary funds and go ahead with the project. Board members Broderick and Hart agreed.

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-a. The Board adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:48 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick, second of Selectman Hart and unanimous vote of the Board, the minutes of the non-public session were sealed indefinitely.

Fire Department Discussion

Fire Chief Bill Seaman and Fire Wards Kent Walker, Kevin Schea and John Merrill requested that the Board prepare a letter of support for the School Board's request that the Department arrange a controlled training burn of the Gilmore Cottage on the Main Street school district property. Attempts to sell the structure and have it removed to an alternate location have been unsuccessful and the School Board has determined that the building has no value as an education facility and is in such disrepair that renovation would not be cost effective. The Board agreed that a letter of support for the controlled burn will be prepared.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to accept the minutes of the August 23, 2010 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

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Correspondence / Review of Documents

The Board signed appointment papers appointing Anthony Spinhirn and Elizabeth Mello to the Recreation Commission.

It was noted that the N. H. Bureau of Emergency Communications will be mapping individual locations throughout the town in preparation for a complete Enhanced 911 mapping project. Notices of the project will be posted on the town's cable public access channel and in several locations in town.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant