

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 20, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order in the Selectmen's Office of the Town Hall at 7:04 pm by Chairman Mark Heitz. Also in attendance were Board members Peter Broderick and Charles Hart.

Code Enforcement Issues

The Board reviewed and signed a notice to the owner of property located at 11 Dulcies Point Road, relative to the need to secure the property against unauthorized entry.

The Board reviewed a memo from Building Inspector Robert Steward concerning a town-owned property at 19 Sixth Street, on which is located a structure that Mr. Steward feels presents a hazard. Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised the Board that the structure has been used for illegal activities and is in extremely poor condition. Selectman Broderick will view the property with the Road Agent during the upcoming week. A decision on the Building Inspector's memo will be made following the inspection.

The Board agreed to confer with Town Counsel relative to future steps to be taken in the matter of a tax-deeded property located on Towle Road.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire requested approval of a replacement purchase order for a new F-550 pickup. The original purchase order, to Portsmouth Ford, was verbally withdrawn within 4 hours of its submittal to them. Mr. St. Hilaire had in the interim spoken with Grappone Ford and received a quote on a similar truck that has a heavier duty chassis as well as external transmission ports for the necessary hydraulics. The price will be approximately \$1,000 more, but the external ports will mean that the hydraulic connections won't need to be crammed in so that every repair involves removing them to get to the engine. The heavier duty chassis also will be helpful when the plow has been installed. Chairman Heitz requested that Mr. St. Hilaire offer Portsmouth Ford the opportunity to match the specs of the Grappone truck and, if that's not possible, to get a written statement from Portsmouth Ford acknowledging that they're aware the original purchase order is null and voided.

A purchase order for rent of an excavator for a week, in order to install three drainage culverts along a 300' section of New Boston Road, was discussed and signed.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that insulation and sheet rocking of the recreation building on Main Street will be delayed while the alarm system is installed and rough wiring for eventual cable or closed circuit hookups is strung. He noted that the alarm system cost will be an additional \$4,200.00, and that the final cost for renovations may run as high as \$100,000.00.

Mr. St. Hilaire then advised that the cost to reconstruct New Boston Road east of Route 125 will be an estimated \$180,900. Chairman Heitz asked if the project can still be done this year. Mr. St. Hilaire stated that if they need to wait until spring to do the top coat because it gets too cold, they will. He said that he doesn't foresee any projects that will use the 2011 Highway Block Grant funds, so those should be available to serve as the 25% match to the Hazard Mitigation projects on Great Pond and Ball Roads. He also noted that, although he may need to purchase \$10-12,000 in sand and 55 tons of salt to cover the remainder of the year, he has sufficient money in his budget to cover the New Boston Road expenditure. The Selectmen agreed to authorize the New Boston Road project for 2010.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Broderick, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting as printed.

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Correspondence / Review of Documents

The Board reviewed a notice from the N. H. Retirement System advising of a 2% increase in employer contributions toward employee retirement payments.

Chairman Heitz signed an Agreement between the Town, Unitol and FairPoint Communications that will allow the display of American flags from utility poles during summer months. The flags will be donated by John Pizar of Main Street.

A letter to the Fire Department advising of the Board's support for the Department to work with the School Board to arrange a controlled training burn of Gilmore Cottage on the Sanborn Regional School District property on Main Street was signed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant