

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of February 24, 2022
Final MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by the Chairman.

PRESENT: Chairman Phillip Coombs; Richard Wilson, Vice Chair; Electra Alessio, Donald W. Briggs, Kevin St. James, Select Board Members.

Highway Agent Rich St. Hilaire was present and discussed briefly his retirement plans. He said his target date for retirement is July 1. The position will be posted as soon as possible. Mr. St. Hilaire said he will be available to help out on a part time basis going forward, as his health allows.

APPOINTMENTS

Mike Ebbett, Block 5 Technology re: phone system

Fire Chief Graham Pellerin introduced Mr. Ebbett, saying that (when planning the phone system for the new fire station) the decision had been made to integrate all Town departments on the same phone system, so that calls can be transferred to anyone, regardless of what Town building they are in. He said that other advantages will include the ability to share information such as “out of the office” messages with all, and to enhance the ability to work remotely. Two bids have been received; one from Block 5. It was noted that this expense will be covered by ARPA funding.

Mr. Ebbett explained the way the system recommended by Block 5 would work, and some of the features it would include. He demonstrated how calls can be made from a cell phone that would come through as a work extension, protecting cell phone information. The phone system would be integrated with the computer, and usable from any phone.

Pricing and options were discussed. A list will be prepared of which employees would need the more sophisticated phone and where the less expensive model would be sufficient.

Mr. Ebbett will look at the existing door entry phone/camera box to see if it would work with the phones he is recommending.

BOARD BUSINESS:

3 New Boston Road

Selectman Wilson informed the Board that Mr. Dworman has not paid permit and impact fees to bring this property up to residential standards, and neither has he moved out. Further steps will be taken.

Recycling Committee

Chairman Coombs reported on last night's meeting of the Recycling Committee. He said that there is not time to make major changes before the current trash and recycling contract with Waste Management expires; an immense amount of research is needed. He said that Pete LaChappelle of WM was present at the meeting. There was a discussion of whether to see if the current contract can be extended, or whether this needs to go out for proposals. It was decided that a Request for Proposals needs to be posted in order to review all options.

CORRESPONDENCE, APPLICATIONS, PURCHASE ORDERS:

- Letter of commitment to participate in the Plaistow Spring Household Hazardous Waste Day was signed.
- One Intent to Cut timber form was signed for Map R-19, Lots 30 and 31.
- A note was received from Finn Blomberg giving a progress report on his Eagle Scout project at the Recreation property.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

MOTION: By Selectman Briggs, to approve the meeting minutes of February 14, 2022, Select Board public and non-public, as well as the Board of Health, as written.

SECOND: by Selectwoman Alessio

All in favor

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

MOTION: by Selectman St. James, to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel

SECOND: by Selectwoman Alessio

All in favor

Meeting adjourned to non-public session at 9:40 AM

MOTION: by Selectman Wilson, to return to public session at 12:14 PM

SECOND: by Selectwoman Alessio

All in favor

Motion made to seal these minutes: by Selectwoman Alessio, seconded by Selectman Wilson, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would...

XX Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

Roll Call Vote to Seal Minutes:

Phillip Coombs	Y	Richard Wilson	Y
Kevin St. James	Y	Electra Alessio	Y
Donald Briggs	Y		

Motion: PASSED

Discussed in non-public session: Employee evaluations

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ayer, Administrative Assistant