

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting of August 5, 2022
Town Hall Break Room
FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 PM by the Chairman.

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Wilson; Kevin St. James, Vice Chair; Electra Alessio, Chuck Hart, Select Board Members.

Stephen Zemba, Sanborn Head re: DES response

Mr. Zemba joined the meeting via Zoom in order to discuss the response he has drafted to the DES correspondence regarding testing and reporting for PFAS contaminants. He said that the DES requested a response within 45 days, and he encourages the Town to respond in a timely manner.

There was a discussion of the information available from 2019, when the last testing was done, and what he recommends for sampling going forward. He said that the Town continues to supply bottled water to affected households, but with the changing standards there may be more. He also said that the state would like more point of entry filtration systems, rather than just supplying water, which they see as a temporary measure.

Mr. Zemba said that a plan needs to be submitted to the state within 30 days; he said Sanborn Head will obtain electronic data from Stantec, the company that formerly did the testing and reporting, and update the color-coded map. He said that testing will need to be done all over again, and that Sanborn Head can do this. He will prepare a cost estimate for the Board to review.

The draft letter was reviewed, and two corrections were suggested to the language. All agreed to authorize the Chair to sign the letter once printed with corrections.

Mr. Zemba left the meeting at this time.

DPW Director re: Main Street bridge grant

Phil Coombs, DPW Director, said he had met with CMA engineers regarding this Hazard Mitigation grant. It is payable through the ARPA funding. Mr. Coombs said that this was available before, but once the ratio was lowered so that the Town would only have to match 10% of the cost, it became feasible.

Mr. Coombs explained that he asked to meet with the Board in order to explain the cost risk involved. He said the fees are higher than what he first was told. The hydrological study will cost \$12,000, the wetlands permit \$12,000, and now a design is required as well, which will cost \$50,000. He said the design is paid if the grant is received, but if not, the Town is responsible for the cost. However, he said that there are other potential

sources of funding. Mr. Coombs said that the wetlands permit is good for 5 years, and the design is good for 10 years, so there would be time to find funding if need be.

Mr. Coombs said that the grants have started to be awarded, and that the sooner it is submitted the sooner it can be awarded.

MOTION: by Chairman Wilson that Mr. Coombs should proceed with the application for the Hazard Mitigation grant.

SECOND: by Selectman St. James

All in favor

Mr. Coombs said that if the grant is received, the actual work, when the area will need to be closed, will take a maximum of one month.

Mr. Coombs will make a list of potential funding sources.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned at 1:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ayer, Administrative Assistant