

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of March 5, 2012
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Peter Broderick and Selectmen Charles Hart and Mark Heitz. The meeting was not televised.

Police Department Discussion

Police Chief Donald Briggs introduced Colin Wheeler of Lee to the Board. Chief Briggs advised that Mr. Wheeler is a full-time certified officer who has been serving in Farmington. His contract there expired in January. A background check prepared by Sergeant LePage was reviewed, along with the proposed contract for employment. The Board approved Mr. Wheeler's appointment as a patrolman with a 3-year contract and welcomed him to the Kingston Police Department. Mr. Wheeler will begin working in Kingston on March 19th.

It was agreed that boulders will be placed around the fire pond located at the corner of Chase and Church Streets, to keep vehicles from sliding into the water.

A contract for towing services was approved and signed by the Board.

Fire Department Discussion

Fire Chief Bill Seaman introduced Scott Newnan of Chester to the Board. He advised that Mr. Newnan has been working as a Correctional Officer and on a part time basis as a firefighter. He was selected from the 36 candidates who responded to the department's advertisement. He is certified as Firefighter II and Intermediate EMT, and holds a Commercial Drivers License. The Chief expects that Mr. Noonan will work days for the first month to acquaint himself with the town's roads and department operating procedures. The Board welcomed Mr. Newnan to the Kingston Fire Department.

The Chief then advised the Board that the 2006 ambulance has undergone replacement of the EGR valve and valve cooler. The valve had been replaced in January but the vehicle broke down six weeks later. The chief had had the new valve and the valve cooler cleaned at that time, but the ambulance broke down again only two days later. The cost for the second EGR replacement and the cooler replacement exceeded \$3,000.00, but Ford has agreed to pay half the price, and McFarland Ford will forego the bill for the cleaning that didn't work. Chief Seaman advised that he's spoken with other owners of Ford Power Stroke vehicles and that this type of problem with the EGR valves is common. It was agreed that Ford will be contacted to determine if they will abate the bill due to the obvious design flaw that should have been the subject of a safety recall.

Library Road Discussion

The board approved a suggestion from the Library Trustees that the roadway leading into the new library be called Library Lane.

Notice of Violations Signed

A formal Notice of Violations was signed for a Main Street property that has failed to comply with earlier notices.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 meeting. Selectman Hart abstained due to his not having been present at the meeting.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2012 non-public session. Selectman Hart abstained due to his not having been present at the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:25 and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Grant,
Administrative Assistant