

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of August 10, 2015
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 Mark Heitz and Selectmen George Korn and Peter Broderick.

Highway Department Capital Improvements Plan Discussion

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire was present to discuss with the Board his suggestions for capital improvements for the Buildings Maintenance and Highway Departments. He requested that the Board support installation of a sprinkler system and backup generator for the Highway Garage, at a cost of \$250,000.00. Discussion was held as to the value of the buildings and machinery, the relative cost of sprinkling, the level of damage that can be done by a sprinkler malfunction, and the insured status of the town's equipment and buildings. Mr. St. Hilaire will present a Warrant Article to the voters at the 2016 Town Meeting, although the Selectmen agreed that they likely will not support the expenditure.

Administrative Issues

Selectman Korn discussed with the Board whether a 2006 Cruiser offered for sale in 2014 might now be made available to the Town of Danville for the amount of the minimum bid set for 2015's auction. The high bid in 2014 was only \$807.00 and was declined by the town. The Board agreed that if Danville will meet the minimum bid amount and is aware of the level of repairs required to make the vehicle road-worthy, they have no objection to selling it.

The Board approved a request by the Conservation Commission to have the town logo redrawn as a vector file, at a cost of \$45.00 to \$65.00. The file format will allow the logo to be enlarged without distortion so it can be used for awards, screen prints, etc.

Chairman Heitz advised that a question concerning the restrictions on travel trailers located on building lots had come before the Planning Board at their August 4, 2015 meeting. The property owner in question has been advised of the restrictions and has removed multiple travel trailers from a North Road property, but wanted the Planning Board's opinion as to whether the Ordinance actually refers to properties such as his and whether the Ordinance applies mainly to trailers that are occupied. It's the Planning Board's opinion that the Ordinance refers to "no more than one travel trailer parked on a building lot" and that any more than one - whether occupied or not - constitutes a violation.

The Board reviewed a letter received from a Sands Lane resident relating to private property items left by his neighbors on the town's beach front property near the Main Street boat ramp. A question arose as to whether the resident who wrote the letter has yet relocated a garage that encroaches onto town property. Development plans submitted by that resident indicated that the encroachment would be addressed as part of his overall construction plan. The Board will retain the letter on file.

The Board agreed to contact a local auctioneer to investigate disposal of three properties acquired by tax deed several years ago. The properties will be offered for sale as is, with no covenants.

Acceptance of Mooseplate Grant from the NH Department of Cultural Resources

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was unanimously voted to enter into a contract with the State of New Hampshire, acting by and through the Department of Cultural Resources, providing for the performance by the Town of certain services as documented within the grant application for the award of a \$10,000.00 Mooseplate grant, and authorizing and directing the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mark A. Heitz, to enter into the said grant agreement with the State of New Hampshire and to take any and all such actions that may be deemed necessary, desirable or appropriate in order to execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver any documents, agreements or other instruments on behalf of the Town in order to accomplish same.

Chairman Heitz signed the grant agreement and required W-9 needed for acceptance of the grant funds, which will include up to \$10,000.00 to be used toward Nichols Heritage Center roof repairs.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to accept the Minutes of the July 27, 2015 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm and the Board retired to address personnel matters. The Board will meet next on August 24, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**

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