

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of November 2, 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 Peter Broderick and George Korn.

Discussion with North Road Property Owners

Peter and Tammy Bakie were present to discuss with the Board the status of their 26 North Road property relative to Current Use Assessment. Approximately 5 acres of the 42-acre parcel has been cleared and is regularly used for the storage and limited occupancy of travel/camper trailers and some appurtenant structures. That portion of the property no longer qualifies for Current Use Assessment and will be at full value for the 2016 tax year. A 10% Land Use Change Tax will be assessed based on the market value of the acreage.

The Bakies presented for consideration a proposed Agreement whereby, because they dispute the fact that the five acres no longer qualifies for Current Use, the Board will guarantee that their use of the five acres for storage and/or temporary occupancy of camper/travel trailers will not in the future be questioned by the town. The present Land Use Ordinance calls for permitting of any such trailer occupied on a site for more than three days, and limits occupancy to no more than 90 days in a year-long period. The Board has determined the Ordinance to be unenforceable due to a definition discrepancy between that section and the Flood Plain Ordinance adopted by the town. However, the Board noted that the concept of grandfathering that keeps the town from imposing future Ordinance changes on a pre-existing use cannot be the subject of a pre-agreement. A property either is or is not grandfathered based on the existing conditions at the time a determination is needed.

It was decided that the proposed agreement will be forwarded to counsel for review and advice.

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 October 19, 2015 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

FEMA Storm Event Reimbursement Funds Accepted

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was unanimously voted to accept reimbursement of \$31,854.68 in expenses incurred for a March, 2015 snowstorm.

Administrative Issues

The Board signed affidavits relating to properties that would be eligible to be deeded by the Tax Collector, but whose owners are following a payment plan to clear back taxes owed.

The Board approved an Elderly Exemption application for the 2016 tax year.

A Secondhand Dealers permit for 2016 was signed for a 49 Route 125 pawn shop.

Presentation of Proposed Department Budgets

Selectman Broderick, as the Board's liaison with the Budget Committee, reviewed department budget proposals that he's been working on with the town's department heads.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The Board will meet next on November 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**