

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of November 30, 2015
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn.

Non-public Session

MOTION: At the request of Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire, and upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, Chairman Heitz polled the Board for a unanimous vote to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II-b. The Board adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 7:05 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session for an indefinite period.

Discussion of Highway Department Issues

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised that repairs to the bridge over the Country Pond Outlet should be done during the next week, at a cost to Kingston of less than \$20,000.00. The bridge was red-listed by the state earlier this year.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that the FEMA grant for a culvert replacement on North Road is scheduled to be approved by the Governor's Council on December 16th, whereupon the town's engineers will begin planning the project.

It was noted that the agreement for an engineering survey of the Nichols Building has been approved and returned to SFC Engineering.

Heritage Commission Discussion

Ernie Landry of the Heritage Commission was present to discuss with the Board a suggested procedure relating to issuance of demolition permits. It's the hope of the commission that whenever a permit for demolition of an historically significant structure is applied for, notice can be sent to the commission affording it the opportunity to discuss the demolition with the owners and perhaps document features of the property before it's destroyed. Determination as to whether a structure is historically significant will be based on a 1983 survey of historically significant properties. It was agreed that the Board has no objection to adding notification of the committee to the existing process, but will not support holding up the timeline of the process in any way. It was stressed that the commission will have to understand that cooperation of the owners will be strictly voluntary. Mr. Landry will be discussing the matter at the Commission meeting scheduled for December 3, 2015. Commission members may wish to propose a Warrant Article to adopt a new regulation relating to the matter.

Mr. Landry then discussed with the Board the delay in completion of the bandstand renovation project. Because the project is partially funded by an Historic Preservation grant, it needs to be overseen by a licensed preservationist. Due to an accident earlier in the year that left the preservationist temporarily unable to work, a six month extension on the two-year timeline needs to be applied for. The time estimate now is that all work other than for the roof will be done by the end of December, with the remaining work done by late spring of 2016. The Board advised that there have been several inquiries from residents and suggested it may be advisable to put an article in the paper about the reasons for delay in completion of the work.

Conservation Commission Discussion

Evy Nathan and Kenneth Twombly of the Conservation Commission were present to discuss with the Board recent incidences of trespass, misuse, and dumping at the Old Frye Farm Town Forest. The Commission had installed surveillance cameras throughout the forest and provided pictures from which vehicle make and model, license plate information and activity information can be ascertained. Ms.

Nathan advised that the Police Department has said that the matter is unenforceable and that gates should be installed to ensure that motorized vehicles can't enter into the area from the Class VI roadway that provides the access point in Kingston. Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire suggested that the Commission increase their budget proposal for 2016 to cover the cost of hardware for two gates. He and his highway staff will assemble and install the gates.

Discussion of Solar Array at Former Landfill Site to Supply Town Buildings

Michael Chaput of Bosch Thermotechnology and Craig Harrigan of 64 Solar, LLC were present to preliminarily propose installation of a solar array at the former landfill site on Route 125 that will provide power to town buildings. The proposal is for a minimum 20-year contract with no up-front costs to the town or maintenance costs over the course of the contract. It's estimated that savings of .03 per kwh will be realized, leading to several thousand dollars of savings annually. It was agreed that the town's engineers, who worked on capping the landfill and who currently monitor the site and ground water, will be involved in engineering to ensure that the array - which is designed to remain above-ground with no penetration of the soil - will not damage the cap. The proposal is similar to a proposal from Hanwha earlier this year, however this project will be significantly smaller - requiring only a half acre of property - and will supply only town buildings and not involve the School District.

A more comprehensive proposal will be prepared and discussed with the Board in the near future. There is a time restriction based on availability of federal grant incentives that makes it necessary to have the array in operation no later than October of 2016.

Administrative Items

Chairman Heitz signed a Memorandum of Understanding relating to future responsibility for the Nichols Building on Main Street. Library Trustees are in support of the Selectmen having custody of the former library building for its use as a museum facility under management of the Kingston Historical Museum Committee. Because the building was a gift of the Nichols family more than 100 years ago, it's agreed that the building will continue to have the name Nichols in its title.

A letter of thanks to local scout troop 93 for their many instances of working with the Conservation Commission to improve town conservation properties and the trails system through town forests was signed. The letter will be presented to the Scouts at a Commission-sponsored event later in the month.

The Board reviewed motions filed with the court relating to the matter of Kingston v. Digregorio, and noted that Mr. Digregorio has filed a complaint - by telephone - relative to another property on which alleged commercial activities are taking place without approvals. Selectman Broderick will review that complaint.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was voted to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**