

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of March 19, 2012  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the main meeting room of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Peter Broderick and Selectman Mark Heitz.

**Library Trustees Discussion**

Library Trustee Lesley Hume discussed with the Board the recent Planning Board motion to name the road adjacent to the new Library site "Nichols Way". She noted that the Trustees had been in discussion about the road name for several months and had settled on "Library Lane" as a name. They had cleared that name with the Police Chief in his capacity as the Emergency 911 Coordinator, and had presented it to the Selectmen for their approval. The Trustees feel that the Planning Board's suggested name has the potential to create confusion due to its similarity with the old library building's name of Nichols Library. Ms. Hume noted various architectural features in the new building designed to honor the contribution of the Nichols family and their invaluable gift to the town through donation of the original library building. They intend to speak with the Planning Board, hopefully at their March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Chairman Broderick advised that the decision on naming of the road rests with the Selectmen, but they had wanted to run it by the Planning Board because that Board generally approves road names as a component of the subdivision process. Selectman Heitz explained that he and the Planning Board feel that naming of the road after the Nichols family will be a forthright recognition of that family's contribution to the town and, since the Planning Board has made a motion on the road name at the request of the Selectmen, he feels it should be brought before them again prior to a final decision being made. He asked if Chief Briggs has expressed concern that Nichols Way will cause confusion for the 911 Emergency System. Ms. Hume advised that, at the time she discussed the matter with Chief Briggs, Nichols Way was not under consideration so she's not aware what his opinion might be on the matter. She noted that the Trustees wish they had been invited to attend the first Planning Board meeting at which the matter was discussed, but certainly will be present at the next one. She will contact the Board's administrative assistant to request inclusion on the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda under new business.

Ms. Hume then advised that the Trustees have been soliciting suggestions for naming of the building and are leaning toward "Kingston Community Library", feeling that the name captures the hope that the building will be a community center as well as a resource for traditional library services. She noted that, particularly since the Library is possible only because of the generosity of the community, the name will help to express the value of that generosity. Chairman Broderick expressed his preference for the name "Kingston Public Library". Selectman Heitz noted that he feels either name is acceptable and will convey the sense that the Library is a town based effort.

Ms. Hume noted that the building project is on schedule, with plans to begin moving furniture in by the end of April. Exterior work and landscaping likely will continue through May, and dedication events are scheduled for the latter half of May. She expressed the gratitude of the Trustees to all those who've donated their time, talent, funds and material to the project and noted that the project is well within budget, allowing for some of the items that they thought might not be able to be covered - such as asphalt and final road construction documents - to be paid for from project funds.

Chairman Broderick advised that he'd been approached by two residents concerning reports that fundraising and political efforts had exceeded \$60,000.00 in cost. Ms. Hume and Jane Christie, Treasurer for the Trustees, advised that their fundraising mailings haven't cost anywhere near that amount. Professional quality preparation of brochures has been donated and those costs that have been incurred - such as printing and postage costs - have been paid from donated resources rather than from tax dollars. Ms. Hume thanked Chairman Broderick for

advising them that the issue has come up. Ms. Christie, using an upcoming brochure to be mailed to 2700 households as an example, advised that the total cost to prepare and mail the brochure will be approximately \$700. She noted that the brochure will outline an opportunity for contributors to purchase a paver for the library walkway, at a cost of \$50, \$75, or \$100, on which a dedication or memorial message can be engraved. They expect that the fundraiser will help to raise substantially more than the cost of the brochures and that the funds will more than pay for the walkway.

Library Trustee Elaine Van Dyke then outlined the 4-day series of dedication events planned for May. A private event for donors and volunteers will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>, to which the artisans and craftsmen who've worked on the building will be invited. A children's tour will be held on the morning of May 18<sup>th</sup>, with a tour for town employees and volunteers in the afternoon, and a "Kingston's Got Talent" event in the evening. A scavenger hunt event for local Girl Scouts will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, ending at the new library, where the official dedication ceremony will be held. Raising of a flag that's been flown over the capitol, a ribbon cutting ceremony with distinguished guests, music, an open house and tour, and a barbecue will be included in the program. And on May 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a late morning coffee and social hour, after which the Library will be open for business in its new location. Ms. Van Dyke noted that the Friends of the Library all have been working diligently, along with her and fellow Trustee Kathy Houghton, to plan and arrange the details for the events that will celebrate the opening of the new facility, and expressed her appreciation of their efforts.

Ms. Van Dyke then asked what process should be followed to get the Selectmen's permission to offer a champagne toast at the private event being held on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Because the donors and volunteers all have worked so hard to bring the project to a successful conclusion, the Trustees want to offer a congratulatory toast. The Selectmen will review the Ordinance, but believe there is provision for a permit under special circumstances. The Board also will check the town's insurance coverage to see what supplemental coverage may be necessary.

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Chairman Broderick, it was voted to accept on behalf of the Library Trustees donated items including books and DVD's having a value of \$60.00.

#### **Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Chairman Broderick, it was voted to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting as printed.

#### **Adjournment**

Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Chairman Broderick the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Grant,  
Administrative Assistant