Kingston, New Hampshire Board of Selectmen Meeting of October 3, 2016 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 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 of Proposed Assisted Living Facility

Fire Chief Bill Seaman was present to discuss with the Board a proposed assisted living facility on Main Street. He has been researching similar facilities in the state, and advised that the proposed 112-bed facility may raise the call volume for the town by 21 general emergency and 88 ambulance responses annually. Of those expected calls, 2/3rds may be between the hours of 6:00 am and 6:00 pm, but the other third likely will be for after 6:00 pm, when there is only call coverage for the Fire and Ambulance services. Each of those calls would result in a cost to the department budget of a minimum \$108.00. There is an added revenue component depending on the number of transports having independent or secondary insurance coverage. Chief Seaman intends to participate in the planning process for the facility and may propose some assistance from the developers in expanding the department to meet the needs that will arise. There will be an Impact Fee that will be assessed, but he's hopeful that the developers recognize the impact that will suddenly be placed on the town's resources and be willing to discuss solutions. Another concern is the fact that an 11-acre parcel of town property will be virtually landlocked once the facility goes in because there can be no access from Route 125. He's hopeful that the facility may allow an access way to that parcel. He advised that he's very supportive of the proposal overall and thinks that the facility will be a good addition for Kingston, but he wants the Board to be thinking about the additional stress to his department that will result.

Selectman Broderick noted that the town has had numerous developments in the past several years that cater to older residents, including Ash Drive, Lamplighter Estates, Kings Landing and Diamond Oaks. The composition of the overall population does result in increased demand for some services over others. Chairman Heitz asked if the type of facility being proposed ever provides its own medical personnel or on-site ambulance services. Chief Seaman advised that they likely will have medically trained personnel to assist with medications and minor first aid needs, but any transports will be through 9-1-1. All other facilities of this type in the state are located in towns that provide 24/7 emergency services. Selectman Korn noted that a portion of the initial Impact Fee will be designated for Fire Department use, and that thereafter tax revenue will be generated from the facility, but any assistance the developers are willing to provide to ensure the town's facilities can meet increasing needs will be helpful.

Discussion with Potential Video Broadcaster

Johnathan Merry-Carreiro was present to discuss with the Board his interest in serving as a video broadcast technician for the town. As part of an equipment upgrade that the town's broadcast facility is undergoing, training will be available toward the end of November, but Mr. Merry-Carreiro has been working for the School District and for private groups in filming and broadcasting, and also has taken several Modern Media classes through the school. Mr. Merry-Carreiro was given an application for employment and requested for submit it, and the Board thanked him for attending and speaking with them.

<u>Discussion with Professional Auctioneers Concerning Tax Deeded Properties</u>

The Board discussed with auctioneers from St. Jean Auctioneers of Exeter the disposal of four tax-deeded properties that have been off the tax rolls for extended periods. It was agreed that an auction will be held on November 4, 2016 on site of all four properties. A minimum bid amount for each will apply, a \$5,000.00 deposit will be required at the sale, and all sales will be "as is" with no guarantees of title.

Proposed Eagle Scout Community Service Project Discussed

Zach Sullivan provided a presentation to the Board of his proposal for an agility course for canines to be installed at the dog park. The course components will fit inside the existing fenced in area of the park, and can be removed and stored as needed. Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire has already been approached about the project and has no objection. It's anticipated that the project will get underway in 2018, after fundraising efforts are complete. The Board congratulated Mr. Sullivan on his scouting accomplishments and wished him well in the present endeavor.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, the non-public session minutes of September 12, 2016 were unanimously accepted as printed.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Administrative Items

The Board signed an application to use the Swasey Gym parking lot for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection for a six-town coalition in October of 2017.

The Warrant for the November 8th Presidential Election was signed and will be posted.

The Board reviewed a letter concerning a dead tree on Simes Road. Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire is inspecting the tree and will remove it if it's in the town's right of way.

A letter from a Circuit Drive resident asking if the town intends to merge a now vacant parcel of land with her property was read. The town has no such intention and the resident will be so advised.

It was agreed that the 2017 Deliberative Session will be held on February 4, 2017 beginning at 9:00 am.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Grant Administrative Assistant