

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of November 14, 2016
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 of School District Seminary Property

Debra Powers, Electra Alessio, Stacey Smoyer, Ernest Landry and Glenn Coppelman were present to discuss whether the Board will support their approaching the School Board to see if there's any interest in the School District allowing the Town to acquire title to the Seminary property, including Chase Field. A Plan NH Charette - Envision Kingston II - was held during the past summer and the final report has the Seminary property - repurposed for mixed commercial, public and residential uses - as a centerpiece of a revitalization project for the downtown area. Selectmen discussed the need to gauge voter support by including articles on both the School District Meeting Warrant and the Town Meeting Warrant. Affirmative votes on those articles might authorize the School and Town to begin negotiations. Ms. Powers and Ms. Alessio stressed that one of their overriding goals is to preserve the Seminary Building, which has fallen into substantial disrepair. Selectmen Korn and Broderick both advised that they would support an approach to the School Board for the stated purpose. Chairman Heitz cautioned that the town will need to approve both the cost of acquiring the property and, thereafter, the ongoing expense of maintaining and managing it. The committee intends to approach the School Board at their December 7, 2016 meeting. Ms. Powers will speak in advance to Superintendent Dr. Blake to see what he believes will be required as far as voter authorization.

Heritage Commission Letter of Intent Authorized

Ernest Landry of the Heritage Commission advised that the Certified Local Government program of the State Division of Historical Resources is requesting Letters of Intent for a grant program that will provide 60% of funding for qualified projects. The Commission would like to develop an Historical Resources chapter for the town's Master Plan at an estimated overall cost of \$15,000.00. The Board approved Ms. Powers sending a Letter of Intent. Mr. Coppelman, who serves as Planning Board Chairman, believes that Rockingham Planning Commission may be able to assist with the project and/or with funding of the town's portion of the expense.

Fire Department Discussion

Fire Chief Bill Seaman was present with Kent Walker to discuss with the Board progress of the Fire Department Building Committee toward finding a suitable location for a new facility. The field has been narrowed to five potential sites, including the present location at 148 Main Street and the Wadleigh Point Road section of the 24 Main Street site. The Committee has developed a broad list of what components will need to be included in the building design, and at present a two-story, 14,000 s.f. structure appears to be necessary. The Department now would like to have the Board's authorization to use Impact Fees assessed on new development to hire an architect who can render a design for the building as it would fit onto three of the sites. A quote of \$13,450.00 for the work has been received. Chief Seaman and Mr. Walker think the designs will allow committee members and voters to conceptualize the building on the particular sites under consideration.

The Impact Fees Ordinance will be reviewed to determine if voter approval is necessary for expenditure.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Confirmation of Auction Sales from November 12, 2016

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was unanimously voted to confirm sale of the property at 19 Maple Street for a bid price of \$61,000.00 plus a \$6,100.00 buyer's premium.

MOTION: Upon Motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was unanimously voted to confirm sale of the property at 3 West Shore Park Road for a bid price of \$175,000.00 plus a \$17,500.00 buyer's premium.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was unanimously voted to confirm sale of the property at 187 Main Street for a bid price of \$40,000.00 plus a \$4,000.00 buyer's premium.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was unanimously voted to confirm sale of the property at 32 Hunt Road for a bid price of \$61,000.00 plus a \$6,100.00 buyer's premium.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine Grant
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