

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of November 28, 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 Selectman Peter Broderick.

**Discussion Relating to Recording of Tally Votes on Warrant Articles**

Mary Fidler, Carol Croteau and Rick Edelman were present to request of the Board its support in recording of tally votes for the Budget Committee and Selectmen on Town Meeting warrant articles. They believe that the additional information will assist voters in determining the level of support for particular articles. The Municipal Budget Law (RSA 32 provides for a vote count for the Budget Committee on money warrant articles and for the Selectmen on all warrant articles once directed by Town Meeting vote or at the option of the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Heitz advised that the Board's policy is to allow voters to make decisions whenever possible, so suggested that a petitioned warrant article be submitted to determine whether voters wish to enact the tally vote option. The Board stressed that, if enacted, the results of Budget Committee votes will have to be made available to the Selectmen immediately following their Public Hearing so that the posted warrant can include that information.

**Discussion of Conservation Property Use**

Conservation Commission Chair Evelyn Nathan was present with Commission member Marghi Bean and Charles Malmsten of the Southern NH Trailblazers snowmobile club. Ms. Nathan advised that the access way to the Acorn Drive conservation land, blocked by the Highway Department at her request to keep out ATV users, is also blocking access to snowmobiles, which are allowed to use the property. Chairman Heitz pointed out that any blockade sufficient to keep ATV's out will also keep snowmobiles out. He also noted that the major difference in the amount of damage done by the two types of vehicles is only due to the nature of snowmobiles having snow between them and the trail, which presumably is frozen, whereas ATV's can be used year-round and don't always have a protective layer of snow. He noted that many ATV users are able to use trails with a minimum of damage to the trailways, while others do substantial damage.

Ms. Nathan then advised that Police Chief Donald Briggs had been approached by a resident about allowing access to the Acorn Drive land to that resident's handicapped father, who is accustomed to riding out onto the property in a 4-wheel drive ORV. Chairman Heitz advised that the easement documents are clear about the only motorized vehicles allowed other than snowmobiles are those used for the maintenance of the property or for emergency access. Ms. Nathan had tried several times to contact the resident and had requested her presence at the meeting with the Board, but her calls weren't returned and the resident wasn't present for the meeting, so maybe the issue isn't as pressing as it had at first seemed.

Selectman Broderick suggested that, if the resident in question is confined to a wheelchair, provision may be possible for the access way to allow enough room both for pedestrians and for wheelchairs.

**Heritage Commission Request for Support of Bandstand Project Time Extension**

Ernest Landry of the Heritage Commission was present to request that the Board submit a letter to the LCHIP program requesting another time extension to allow completion of the bandstand restoration project. Some interior work and painting of the structure are yet to be

done and can't be completed by the December 31, 2016 deadline of the most recent extension. Mr. Landry will prepare the letter and present it to the Board for signature.

#### **Administrative Items**

The Board approved an employee request for carry over of accrued vacation time.

The Board approved an amendment to the Town's Finance Policy to restrict additional payroll deduction programs other than those directly requested by employees.

The agreement for 2017 insurance coverage with Health Trust was signed.

Emails from a resident under court order to comply with town ordinances were reviewed. Because access to the property in question, necessary to measure whether compliance has been attained, has been denied, Selectman Broderick will discuss the next step with Town Counsel and report back to the Board.

Materials provided by a lighting company for refitting of lighting fixtures for increased efficiency were reviewed. No action was taken.

Selectman Broderick advised that the high school student who will be broadcasting on behalf of the town would be undergoing training the following day.

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

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Chairman Heitz and second of Selectman Broderick it was voted to approved the minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting as printed.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Catherine Grant  
Administrative Assistant**