

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of June 12, 2017
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office of Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn.

Public Hearing re: Granting of Easement

Chairman Heitz called to order a Public Hearing for the purpose of meeting requirements of NH RSA 41:14-a relating to the sale of property. The hearing was posted on May 25, 2017 at the Town Hall and Post Office, and on the town's website. This hearing was the second of two required by the statute. He advised that, as stated at the former hearing, the town intends to grant easement rights to a portion of Tax Map R34, Lot 68, in return for \$50,000.00. The 67,000 sq. ft. easement area will enable a proposed assisted living facility project on an adjoining lot, to locate the well and a portion of the protective well radius to be sited on the town's property.

Chairman Heitz opened the hearing to questions and comments from the public.

Andrew Berridge of 4 Chase Street, noting that he also was speaking for several of his neighbors, expressed concern that shallow wells in the area will be adversely affected by the draw of water for the new project. Using plans provided by the developer's engineers, the Selectmen measured out the distance from the proposed well to the Chase Street area, noting that it's greater than 1,000 feet. George Chadwick of Bedford Design advised that the well that will serve the assisted living facility will be drilled to bedrock and that such wells typically do not affect shallow wells as they're drawing from different sources. He also noted that hydrologic studies have been done at the behest of the Planning Board and of the Water Division of the NH Department of Environmental Services. He and Chairman Heitz asserted that, while there are no guarantees, they are comfortable that there will be no adverse effects on area wells. Planning Board Chairman Glen Coppelman invited Mr. Berridge or any of his neighbors to attend the Planning Board meeting of June 20, 2017, to express any concerns they have about the project.

Mr. Coppelman then advised that he was present on behalf of the Planning Board to voice the opinion of the Board that granting of the well and radius easement is of benefit to the project since it allows for the building to be moved further from Main Street and from the wetland buffer. The Planning Board had been asked to provide comments in order to meet the provisions of NH RSA 41:14-a.

There being no further comments or questions forthcoming, Chairman Heitz closed the hearing at 7:13 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was unanimously voted to proceed with granting of the easement as outlined.

Approval of Contract for Services in Providing Historical Resources Chapter for Master Plan

Ernie Landry of the Heritage Commission was present with copies of a proposed contract for services with Mae Williams of Meredith, NH. Ms. Williams has been selected by the Planning Board to develop a Historical Resources Chapter for Kingston's Master Plan, under a grant provided by the NH Division of Historical Resources. The total project amount will be paid by the \$15,000.00 grant along with approximately \$2,000.00 in matching funds and \$8,000.00 in in-kind services to be provided by the town.

Properties Scheduled for Deeding Reviewed

The Board reviewed the tax payment history of five properties that the Tax Collector has determined have had outstanding tax liens for more than two years.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to advise the Tax Collector to issue Tax Deeds on the five properties having outstanding tax liens for more than two years.

Administrative Issues

An application for a cub scout annual meeting to be held in July was approved by the Board

The three applications for the open Assessing/Permitting Clerk position were reviewed; interviews of two of the applicants will be scheduled for the next Board meeting.

A letter from the owners of the Carriage Towne Plaza was reviewed. A Notice of Violation relative to signage added to the shopping center site without Planning Board approval and in violation of the sign ordinance is being disputed. A letter will be prepared for Board signature at the next meeting.

Information from the Kingston Dog Park Association relative to park operations and insurance coverage was provided to the Board. The information will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

A reply from Town Counsel to an inquiry about the town's driveway regulations was reviewed.

The Board signed a letter to the Department of Transportation Right of Way Bureau. The Selectmen are in support of a proposed curb cut across from the Marshall Road entrance on Route 125, at an intersection proposed to be regulated by street lights.

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 May 22, 2017 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was voted to accept the minutes of June 5, 2017 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**