

Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of November 13, 2017  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the meeting room of the Kingston Town Hall.

PRESENT: Mark Heitz, Chairman; Peter Broderick, Selectman

**Non-public session**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Selectman Broderick, seconded by Chairman Heitz, the Board convened a non-public session at 6:35 PM under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Vote to enter non-public session was unanimous.

**PRESENT:** Mark Heitz, Chairman; Peter Broderick, Selectman.

**MOTION:** Motion to leave non-public session and reconvene in public session was made by Chairman Mark Heitz, seconded by Selectman Broderick and voted unanimously. Public session reconvened at 7:10 PM.  
(Selectman George Korn joined the meeting at this time.)

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the non-public session for an indefinite period.

**Heritage Commission Update**

Debra Powers and Ernest Landry of the Heritage Commission were present to discuss means of maintaining public historical buildings and assets.

In a memo to the Select Board, George Korn outlined results of meetings between a Town negotiating team of Mr. Korn, Electra Alessio and Lynn Gainty with the Sanborn Regional School District regarding purchase and sales of the Sanborn Seminary and associated properties. The goal is to put forward a warrant article in March of 2018. One appraisal of the Seminary has come in and another is to be completed by December 31. The Town will pay for half of the second appraisal (cost to Town \$4800).

Three draft warrant articles proposed by the group were outlined and discussed. The purpose of the articles would be to create a list of qualifying assets, create a capital reserve fund for historical assets, and place adequate money in the fund.

The bandstand project, recently completed, was discussed. It was agreed that in future, contracts with preservationists should be price-fixed and the work better monitored, but the Commission is happy with the results. There was some discussion of a plaque to be placed noting LCHIP sponsorship. The Commission is also considering regulations for usage of the bandstand, perhaps to coordinate with the days the museum is open. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the bandstand will be Saturday, May 19, 2018. Letters will be sent to state and local officials who may want to attend, and a musical group will play.

For proposed work on the Nichols building, the Heritage Commission will work with the Road Agent and obtain three estimates. The roof is completed at a final cost of \$40,000, of which \$10,000 was obtained from the state. The stone work that had been planned for 2017 will need to be put off until 2018. Scope of work to be done on the basement is being researched, as well as the cost of restoring the windows, both stained glass and plain. The temporary sign will be kept until a permanent one is made.

Ms. Powers asked if it would be appropriate for Envision Kingston, as a Town subcommittee, to have a Facebook page. She said that in talking to young people at Kingston Days, it was clear that they do not read newspapers but rather get their information from the internet. There was a lengthy discussion about information shared on Facebook, including misinformation appearing at times, specifically on the Town Facebook page. Ms. Powers said the Heritage Commission and Envision Kingston want feedback, both good and bad, and felt an open dialogue would be healthy. Mr. Korn expressed reservations, saying that falsehoods shared online would be deleterious. It was agreed that the Heritage Commission would look into a closed, information-only page, and add a link to the Kingston Facebook page directing people with questions on Heritage activity to it.

There was a brief discussion on the barn remaining at the Grace Daly house and ways to dress it up on the Main Street side, and also about the work on deciding on a logo for signs that will be placed in various locations.

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

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick, second of Selectman Korn, it was voted unanimously to accept the non-public meeting minutes of November 6, 2017, as written.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick, second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted to accept the non-public meeting minutes of October 16, 2017, as written. Selectmen Korn abstained.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick, second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted to accept the public meeting minutes of October 16, 2017, as written. Selectmen Korn abstained.

#### **Administrative Issues**

Correspondence was reviewed by the Board, including notification of the Comcast franchise fee payment for July-September, 2017 in the amount of \$33,082, and a letter from NH DOT regarding Magnusson property development.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Ayer