

Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of January 29, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Selectmen's office at the Kingston Town Hall.

PRESENT: Peter Broderick, Selectman; George Korn, Selectman

ABSENT: Mark Heitz, Chairman

Library Trustees re: 2018 Warrant

Library Trustees Jef Flanders-McDougall, Stephen Sousa, Jane Christie, Richard St. Hilaire, Ellen Faulconer and Electra Alessio, along with Librarian Rebekka Mateyk, were present to discuss Warrant #19 which calls for a vote on creating a full-time librarian position. Noting that the Selectmen had voted against recommending the article, Ms. Faulconer said she felt the Budget meeting had gotten off track and focused on the need for technical help rather than a librarian. She asked what had prompted the Selectmen to vote against the article. Ms. Mateyk said that the Town is building a lot of housing for older residents, and library services for them will be needed.

Selectman Broderick said that he had been focused on the need for technical support, and also on the budget increase. But he said in retrospect he feels he should have focused more on the need for an adult services librarian.

Selectman Korn asked about the breakdown on the needs at the library, between technical help and library services. Ms. Mateyk said that it is about a 60-40 split, and that the library will need to upgrade its systems and go to a a14-digit library card in order to connect to IP addresses. She said more and more library resources are on electronic databases, and the library staff needs to be nimble in order to adapt and be prepared to help patrons. Ms. Faulconer said that the library would fall behind without knowledgeable staff, and Ms. Alessio agreed, adding that most research is done electronically, and the library needs staff for this.

Selectman Broderick suggested that perhaps the person could be borrowed to help with the cable television problems.

Selectman Korn said that the Warrant cannot be changed at this meeting, but that he was willing to consider reversing the recommendation at or after the Deliberative Session.

Non-Public Session

Road Agent Richard St.-Hilaire asked to be heard in non-public session in order to discuss a personnel issue.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn, seconded by Selectman Broderick, it was voted unanimously to adjourn to Non-Public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II(a). The Board adjourned at 6:43 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 6:50 pm.

Cable Television recordings of meetings

Selectman Broderick took time to review progress and problems in getting the Cable equipment up and running in order to videotape and broadcast Town Hall meetings. He

explained that currently there are still some issues with the equipment, but they are being addressed. Once the problems are resolved, it is planned to broadcast Selectmen and Planning Board meetings, and other boards and committees as requested.

Heritage Commission - Signs, Warrant Article

Ernest Landry, Debra Powers and Glenn Coppelman were present to discuss funding of Town of Kingston signs. The Town has agreed to pay half of the cost. The Heritage Commission estimates the cost at \$4,880 and will be soliciting price quotes. Selectman Korn suggested that the signs should be made of modern materials, not wood.

MOTION by Selectman Korn that the Town earmark no more than \$2,600 as the Town's half of payment toward signs to be placed in the community, as designed by the Heritage Commission.

SECOND: Selectman Broderick.

There was a discussion of the budget for the project.

Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire cautioned that NHDOT does not allow signs in the right-of-way on state roads. He will get information on the state requirements to the Heritage Commission.

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Ms. Powers asked the Selectmen about their non-support of the Heritage Commission's Warrant article, #20 for 2018, that requests \$30,000 for the Heritage Fund. She asked if reducing the amount would make the article more palatable.

There was a discussion about the warrant article versus a building fund, and how to be successful in getting the attention and funding needed for Envision Kingston as well as infrastructure projects. It was agreed that the Nichols building funding will first be used for a study and the front steps, not yet for window replacement.

Administrative Issues/Correspondence

The following matters were reviewed by the Board:

- Xfinity annual notices to customers
- Correspondence regarding assessment of Granite Fields Condominiums
- A Veteran's tax credit application
- PA-42 Residence in Commercial Zone Assessment forms for 2018

PFOA Contamination and Testing: Update

Catherine MacDougall of 9 Rockrimmon Road was present to inquire about the status of the testing of water samples in the area of the Fire Station, and about how the state and private testing agencies are working together as the monitoring and testing go forward.

Ms. MacDougall said that the state sent out Water Techs, who she felt were very good, and who installed a carbon filtration system. Then Stantec came in to do testing.

Road Agent Rich St Hilaire explained that there are two things going on at once; the state monitored the situation for the first year, and then told the Town it will need to pick up the contract and to continue filter maintenance and testing.

Ms. MacDougal wanted to know if residents with the state-installed systems who are being tested will be informed of the results. Clerk Susan Ayer said that she had had a conversation with Dave Allwine of Stantec, who informed her that the second round of testing had been completed on January 26, and Stantec was in the process of preparing

a report for NH DES and also the Town. Mr. Allwine had told her that residents will also receive a report. Mr. Allwine had shared the test results for 9 Rockrimmon: 74 parts per trillion of PFOA were found before the filters, which is just over the standard of 70 ppt. Samples taken in between the two filters ("mid") and after them both ("post") were both found to have no detectable PFOA.

There was a discussion of the causes of the contamination, thought to be fire-retardant foam no longer in use, and cancer rates studies that Selectman Broderick said had shown no rise. The next step will be to excavate the parking lot of the Fire Station, in the spring when the ground thaws. At that time soil samples will be tested and remediation steps will be taken if necessary.

Asked how long the monitoring will continue, Selectman Broderick said that filter maintenance and testing will continue until levels of PFOA go down, at which time the matter will be revisited.

Friends of Kingston Open Space (FOKOS)

Rick Russman and Ernie Landry of FOKOS were present to ask for input of the Selectmen regarding a large tract of land they would like to explore as a possible conservation easement project. The land is located on Exeter Road, with 38 acres in Kingston and 67 acres in East Kingston.

Discussion included the information that the property has a very good water source, and a full pump test showed that the well could produce 120,000 gallons of water per day without affecting neighboring wells. The owner had received Planning Board approval to use the land as a water source for bottled water, and has been marketed that way. The land has been for sale for some time.

It was agreed that while there is a long way to go and questions to be answered, the land is worth looking into.

MOTION: Selectman Broderick made a motion to authorize Rick Russman and Ernie Landry to approach East Kingston to explore options for the land on Exeter Road.

SECOND: Selectman Korn

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Well Easement Agreement with Senior Housing , Map R34 Lot 68

Attorney Pat Panciocco of Panciocco Law, LLC, was present to discuss the status of the well easement agreement her client, Senior Housing, is in the process of completing with the Town. She said that before the permitting will be complete, the state requires that a pump test be done on the well to prove there will be sufficient and clean water to serve the residents of the housing development.

In order to access the well site, Attorney Panciocco said that an access road needs to be cleared. The test will be a 72 hour pump test which Mr. Coppelman said should include monitoring of the neighboring properties' wells.

The Selectmen, with the help of Mr. Coppelman, identified all of the surrounding properties that may need to be notified: Map 34, Lots 37, 38, 39, 65, 70, 71, 71A and 75A.

The Attorney had sent a letter to be signed by the Select Board Chair, granting temporary permission to access the well site from Lot 71B. With Chairman Heitz absent this evening, Selectmen Broderick and Korn made the following decision:

MOTION: To approve the clearing of a right-of-way via lot 71B to access the well site and perform a test for water quantity and quantity at Map R34, Lot 68, with the following conditions:

- That the insurance certificate be rewritten to include the Town of Kingston as additional insured, and
- That the letter to be signed will include agreement to monitor neighboring wells.

SECOND: Selectman Korn

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Selectman Broderick asked Attorney Panciocco to find out where the water will be pumped to during the test.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn, second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of January 22, 2018, as written.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ayer