

Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of February 12, 2018
MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Mark Heitz, Chairman; Peter Broderick, Selectman

ABSENT: George Korn, Selectman

Non-Public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick, **SECONDED** by Chairman Heitz, it was voted unanimously to adjourn to Non-Public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II(c). The Board adjourned at 6:35 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 7:00 pm, and reconvened in the upstairs meeting room.

Library Fees for Non-Residents

Kimberley O'Regan, a resident of Fremont, was present to talk about the Kingston Library's policy of charging non-residents \$40 per year to use the library. Ms. O'Regan said that she went to high school in Kingston, and while she presently has no children in the school, the taxes she pays in Fremont support the school in Kingston. She said the Kingston Library is closer to where she lives than the Fremont Library, and she would like to be able to take out books there without paying such a high fee.

Chairman Heitz said that the Library operates independently of the Town, and is overseen by the Library Trustees. As such, it is not the purview of the Selectmen to set fees. He went on to say that school taxes go to the school, not the town, and the library is supported by taxes paid by residents of Kingston. The idea behind charging a fee to non-residents is that they pay something toward use of the library as well.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick, **SECOND** of Chairman Heitz, it was voted unanimously to accept the meeting minutes of February 5, 2018, as written.

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Administrative Issues/Correspondence

The following matters were addressed by the Board:

- Chairman Heitz asked for an update on the request to tap maple trees on the Plains. Further information received included that up to 19 trees might be tapped, depending on size and health of the trees, and that the request has been given to Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire to review.

- Following up on the question raised at the February 5 meeting regarding the Trustees of the Trust Fund retaining a non-resident member as Bookkeeper only, the Selectmen received a memo from Finance Officer Cindy Kenerson informing them that the Bookkeeper could be retained as a part-time employee or as an independent contractor. The Selectmen authorized the Trustees of the Trust Funds to retain the former Trustee as an independent contractor, to act as Bookkeeper only.
- A discretionary easement application for a barn at 156 Main Street was reviewed. Owner Dan Doyle was present to discuss the application. Discussion included the historical significance of the property, being the Josiah Bartlett house, and that the barn on the easement is the original barn from the 1700's. The easement would provide a break in tax assessment, but also guarantee the barn won't be dismantled. The Selectmen approved the application as Assessing officials.
- An application for a Veterans Exemption was reviewed and signed.
- The Selectmen reviewed an email forwarded by Administrative Assistant Cathy Grant from the Community Development Finance Authority outlining various block grants and application information. Chairman Heitz asked that these be brought to the attention of various department heads to see if any would be beneficial to the town.
- A letter from Cornerstone Energy/Eversource was received which asks for permission to include all of Rowley Road, including the town-owned portion, in a field survey. The company also asked for the opportunity to discuss long-term access rights over the Town's portion of the road. A representative of Eversource will be invited to a future meeting, along with Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire.

(Taping of meeting concluded; Selectmen continued in order to sign purchase orders and other documents before them.)

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Ayer