

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of May 7, 2012
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.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire was present to advise that the Ball Road and Great Pond Road projects will be starting on June 4th and that portions of those roads will be under construction throughout the summer, with final paving not taking place until October. The projects include replacement of four existing culverts with ones of larger capacity, to reduce the adverse impact of flood events. Funding for the projects is through the FEMA Hazard Mitigation program, with the town's share coming from Block Grant Funds or from the Infrastructure Improvement Fund. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that the former state highway shed on Main Street will serve as the staging area for the projects. Chairman Heitz suggested that the highway shed on Mill Road also might be of use since the DOT isn't making use of it at this time. A culvert on Mill Road also is scheduled to be replaced this summer, probably prior to replacement of the final culvert on Ball Road. A road straightening project on Ball Road will accompany that final culvert replacement.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that he will be attending a Recreation Commission meeting on May 8th and will discuss with the Director and Commissioners the ongoing renovations at the new Recreation Building. Bathroom and kitchen facilities are yet to be completed.

Mr. St. Hilaire advised that he and Chairman Heitz had visited the new Epping Highway Garage and will be getting the information from their Road Agent about who their contractor was and what the final \$178,000.00 cost included. It's hoped that Kingston's new garage will be constructed this summer or fall.

Discussion was held about the alarm system at the new library. It was agreed that the cost to monitor the system will be paid from the Buildings Maintenance line from which other town buildings' monitoring costs are paid.

Scout's Community Service Project Discussed

Michael George of Boy Scout Troop 18 from Plaistow discussed with the Board his intent to undertake an Eagle Scout project involving laying of recycled asphalt material in the parking lot of the Kingston VFW on Route 125. He explained that his grandfather had been a member of the club following his service in Korea and that both of his parents are club officers at present. He and his parents intend to launch a fundraising effort involving a direct mailing, sponsoring of a comedy show, and sale of paper poppies at area commercial businesses. They'll be collecting donations under the umbrella of the Veterans Foundation of New Hampshire, a 501.C.3 organization, in order to make donations eligible for charitable exemption status. The Board and Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire offered any assistance they can provide and wished Mr. George luck to successfully complete his project.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was voted to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2012 meeting as printed.

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Selectmen reviewed a recommendation from the assessor to deny an application for abatement for a commercial development on Route 125. It was decided to comply with the recommendation, noting that the owners have an option to apply to the State for review.

It was agreed that Ellen Faulconer will be asked to accept appointment as the town's representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. Selectman Broderick will speak with her on May 9th.

It was agreed that Selectman Broderick will attend a Health Officer training event on June 8th.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant