

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of May 21, 2012
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM in the Main Meeting Room of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectman Peter Broderick.

Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Selectman's Position

Chairman Heitz announced that the Board's vacancy left by resignation of Charles Hart is to be filled by 41-year resident, George Korn, PhD. Dr. Korn has owned and operated Safeway Transportation, a company started by him and his wife Joyce, for more than twenty years. He also founded the Seacoast Learning Collaborative. Dr. Korn will serve until the March, 2013 election, at which time the position will be filled by vote. Town Clerk Melissa Fowler administered the oath of office and Chairman Heitz formally welcomed Selectman Korn to the Board.

Acceptance of Homeland Security First Responder Grant

Police Chief Donald Briggs advised that he has secured a \$12,546.63 grant award from the First Responder Grant program administered by the State Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The grant will allow purchase of six portable radios for officers of the department.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Heitz it was unanimously voted to gratefully accept a grant in the amount of \$12,546.63 from the Office of Homeland Security's First Responder Grant Program and to authorize the purchase of six portable radio units for use of the officers of the Police Department.

Chief Briggs then advised that he has been actively monitoring surplus equipment programs run by the federal and state governments. He explained that there is an abundance of surplus military equipment being made available to local law enforcement agencies, and that he would like the Board's authorization to continue to monitor the applicable sites and acquire equipment and material that may become available for use of the Town. Chairman Heitz, noting that the surplus property program is useful in providing items that the town otherwise would be unable to acquire, at no expense to local taxpayers, expressed his agreement that Chief Briggs should continue in his efforts.

Building Permit Application Discussed

Building Inspector Robert Steward was present to request guidance from the Board in the matter of a building permit application submitted for a property located on a discontinued section of Rockrimmon Road. The 12+ acre parcel fronts on Opal Drive in Danville, and its westernmost boundary line is the town line between Kingston and Danville. Covenants and Restrictions to ensure that potential owners of the property are aware that emergency services, trash pickup and school bus pickup services will not be available to the property from the town of Kingston are to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and will be referenced in all subsequent transfer documents for the property. Chairman Heitz advised that he thinks the property may have been the subject of a discussion concerning premature and scattered development at some time in the recent past, and will speak with the Planning Board about that issue prior to approving issuance of a building permit.

Letter of Commendation Read Aloud

Chairman Heitz read aloud an email received from a resident commending the level of service he'd been provided by the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office during a recent visit to Town Hall. Board members expressed their congratulations to Town Clerk Melissa Fowler and advised that a copy of the email will be placed in her personnel file.

Area Selectmen's Meeting Discussed

The Board advised that a meeting of area Selectmen, State Representatives and State Senators will be held on May 24th at the Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the impact that cuts in state services sometimes have on local budgets. Of particular concern is the timing of local budget approvals that are affected after the fact by state action. Selectman Broderick noted that the public is welcome to attend the meeting in a non-participatory capacity. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Church on the Plains Fundraiser Discussed

Selectman Broderick, noting that the Board seldom supports the causes of private groups seeking donations, read aloud a letter received from the Kingston Improvements Historical Society requesting financial support for their efforts to maintain the building and construct a handicap accessible ramp entry. Selectman Broderick noted that this appeal is for a worthy cause to help preserve an important Kingston historical structure and encouraged participation by residents. The group is a registered non-profit and contributions are tax deductible.

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 May 7, 2014 meeting as printed. Selectman Korn abstained from the vote due to his not having been present at the meeting.

It was noted that the Board now will begin its bi-weekly meeting schedule, to continue throughout the summer months.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant