

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of July 30 2012
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the main meeting room of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn.

Discussion of Church Street Rights of Way

Kenneth Weyler was present with research he had prepared concerning two rights of way running from Church Street to Greenwood Pond. A proposal has been under consideration to transfer one owned by the Town of Kingston to abutting landowners First Congregational Church and Gideon Hall Society, in favor of another owned by Sanborn Seminary Trust. The Board agreed in theory with the proposal and Mr. Weyler, on behalf of the Gideon Hall Society, agreed to have a plan drawn up and the documents for transfer prepared. Voter approval for the transfers was obtained at the 2012 Town Meeting.

Library Trustees Discussion of Grant Application for Nichols Building Renovations

Jane Christie and Anthony Whitcomb, Library Trustees, were present to propose to the Board an application for LCHIP funding - via a matching grant - to undertake some renovations to the Nichols Building, which is proposed to serve in future as an historical museum and reading room. The improvements proposed will include work on the foundation and roof as well as on the electrical system and possibly on the windows. They requested that the Board commit to the matching funds that will be needed, up to \$50,000.00, as well as to the hiring of a professional to provide an estimate of cost for the work proposed to be included in the grant application. There is a deadline of September 7th for submittal of applications, so the time period in which to develop a submittal is limited and the process for awarding of the grants is expected to be highly competitive. Road Agent and Buildings Supervisor Richard St. Hilaire advised that, regardless of the use that the building will be put to, the roof, foundation, electrical and window work eventually will need to be addressed, so he supports the Trustees' attempts to get outside funding to put toward the work. He noted that it appears the particular source of funding for which they'll be applying ends at the end of this year.

Chairman Heitz noted that whatever use the building is put to, it likely will be less intensive than when the building was the public library, so he would tend to be less inclined to do extensive electrical upgrades. He also noted that qualified contractors likely will be happy to provide estimates of expense at no cost as long as they're allowed to bid on the actual project when the time comes. The Board agreed to commit to the match if the grant is awarded, and asked Mr. St. Hilaire to contact contractors in the area to obtain cost estimates for the proposed work.

Selectman Korn thanked Ms. Christie and Mr. Whitcomb for their proposal and for their efforts in developing an application.

A brief discussion of a letter received from the Trustees regarding a proposed electronic sign that they intend to mount on the Church Street side of the Library was held. There will be a public hearing held on August 13th at 7:30 to discuss the proposed sign. Mr. Whitcomb noted that he wasn't prepared to discuss the proposal in depth during the present meeting.

Administrative Issues Addressed

The Board replied to a letter from the Plaistow Town Manager inquiring about Kingston's intent regarding a parcel of land extending over the town line. The property is used as the Police Department's practice range. Kingston intends to retain ownership for that purpose.

The Board signed the 2012-13 contract for services with Rockingham Planning Commission.

An Intent to Cut for the state's Currier Wildlife Area was signed; the Forestry Agent has acknowledged that the state is aware of the project.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting as printed.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 non-public session as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant