

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 24, 2012
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn.

Non-public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to adjourn to non-public session at the request of Fire Chief Bill Seaman under the provisions of N. H. RSA 91-A:3, II-b. The Board retired at 6:36 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 6:59 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was unanimously voted to approve the hire of Brian Gallant of Kingston to serve on the Kingston Fire Department as a full time firefighter/EMT-I, effective October 11, 2012.

Senator Ayotte's Aide for Resident Availability Session

Simon Thomson of Senator Kelly Ayotte's Manchester office introduced himself, explained that he was present to meet with any residents who might have concerns with which Senator Ayotte can assist, and advised that he would be available in the Town Hall for a brief time.

Exeter Hospital ALS Contract with Kingston Ambulance Discussed

Chief Seaman discussed with the Board a change in the contract with Exeter Hospital for their paramedic response service, advising that new Medicare rules require that payments be made to the transporting agency - which will be Kingston Ambulance - and that Kingston hereafter will have to reimburse Exeter Hospital for paramedic services provided. Chairman Heitz asked if Kingston will have to pay the Hospital whether or not we've received payment from Medicare. Chief Seaman isn't sure if payment can be delayed until Kingston receives reimbursement, but noted that the percentage of transports covered by Medicare and requiring ALS response is relatively low and that it's rare that a bill submitted to Medicare isn't honored. He agreed to speak with Comstar - the town's billing agent - to see if he can find more information on the percentage of Medicare transports and the incidence of non-payment by Medicare for such transports. Determination of whether the ALS service is used in a particular case is made by the dispatcher based on medical protocols. Chief Seaman advised that the ALS service is crucial to the Ambulance and that it's hoped that the service will continue into the future.

Fire Department Budget Items Discussion

The Board reviewed with Chief Seaman a breakdown of planned computer system purchases in 2013. The line has been reduced \$1,000.00 from the initial proposal.

Adjustments also were made by the Department to their payroll expense lines, pending a decision on what action will be taken in 2012 relative to pay rates.

Letter of Resignation Accepted

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Ralph Murphy, who no longer is able to serve on the Historic District Commission. The Board signed a letter of appreciation to Mr. Murphy for his service, noting that it's hoped Mr. Murphy will be able to serve again if circumstances allow at any point in the future.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the September 17, 2012 meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant