

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of October 15, 2012
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn. A scheduled non-public session with Recreation Director Donna Duddy was postponed because Ms. Duddy wasn't present.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire discussed with the Board progress in completing renovations of the 24 Main Street Community Recreation Building. He explained that work has been delayed due to donation in May of funds that, matched by additional funds from the town, will allow for installation of a commercial grade kitchen. By the time appliance bids were obtained and a new design had been developed, it was too close to the opening date for summer camp to proceed with the renovation. It's his intent to use town employees for carpentry work, and a licensed plumber and electrician for the remainder, and for work to begin this fall.

Mr. St. Hilaire also advised that he's having Finance Officer Cindy Kenerson look into the insurance coverage for the Nichols Building, to see if there's anything to prevent the town from draining the sprinkler system and shutting it down for the winter months. Because the building won't be heated to the level it was when under use as a library, he's concerned that cold spots may cause a system pipe to freeze and burst.

At 7:00 pm, the Board moved to the Main Meeting Room and the remainder of the meeting was televised on public access channel 21.

Proposal for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Discussed

Mark George of Northside Carting was present to advise that he had revisited the proposal submitted at the September 17th Selectmen's meeting and the options and price contained in that proposal are the best offer his company will be able to make. The Board asked what arrangement will be made to advise residents of the changes - most particularly the fact that recycling collection may change to a bi-weekly schedule rather than weekly. A mailer detailing the changes that will take place will be sent to each residence if the contract is accepted. The proposal is for a five-year contract with a 2.5% increase for each year. The company has sufficient trucks to ensure timely pick-up, and delays due to breakdowns will not be an issue. Recognized holidays are the same as those under the present contract. It was agreed that the Board will notify the company by November 15th of their decision.

Selectman Heitz advised that the Board will be undertaking to increase the level of recycling participation throughout town. He noted that the town's level of recycling is 19% of the total waste stream at present, which is low compared to other area towns. Any waste that is collected as recyclables isn't charged the disposal tipping fee, so there are substantial savings realized if the level of participation can be raised.

Recognition of School District Efforts to Conserve Energy Approved

A proposed press release submitted by Selectman Korn for consideration was read aloud. The press release recognizes the School District for their efforts to conserve energy by installing solar panels at the high school and by taking over control of the high school HVAC system. Savings realized by these efforts are expected by the School Board to reach as much as \$225,000.00. A total of \$500,000.00 is projected to be available to offset the 2013 tax rates of Newton and Kingston.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz, it was unanimously voted to request publication of the proposed press release recognizing and commending the School District for their efforts.

Review of Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the September 24, 2012 meeting as printed.

Conservation Commission Requests Reviewed

Selectmen reviewed requests from the Conservation Commission relating to a proposed project to clean up the area around Mill Pond, plans to install an informational bulletin board in the town hall, and repair of a foot bridge on the Tucker Trail.

Candidate for State Representative Harlan Cheney Introduction

Atkinson resident Harlan Cheney was present to introduce himself as a candidate for state representative for District 34, outlining his personal and professional histories and noting that his family has been located in the area for many generations. Mr. Cheney also outlined his goals for the state should he be elected on November 6th.

Library Budget Review

The Board reviewed the Library budget proposal in preparation for presentation of the Selectmen's budget to the Municipal Budget Committee. Trustees Chair Lesley Hume also reported that the Historic Museum Committee will be presenting a budget proposal to cover foreseen expenses, including possibly a new employee. Chairman Heitz noted that the proposal may need to be submitted as a Warrant Article as it represents an entirely new line in the budget.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant