

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of December 12, 2011
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 Peter Broderick and Selectmen Charles Hart and Mark Heitz.

Non-Public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Heitz, Chairman Broderick polled the Board and received a unanimous vote to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of N. H. RSA 91-A:3, II-b. The Board entered non-public session at 6:32 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 7:02 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Heitz, Chairman Broderick polled the Board and received a unanimous vote to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Chairman Broderick, the Board voted to offer conditional employment to Michael Prescott of East Kingston, who will begin employment on December 26th as a Patrolman with the Kingston Police Department.

Ambulance Status as Preferred Provider to be Terminated

Fire Ward John Merrill was present to discuss a change in the present status of the Ambulance service as a preferred provider with Anthem. New legislation allows insurance companies to pay directly to the Ambulance Service in the full amount of the billing, without applying their discounted, preferred provider rate. Mr. Merrill advised that revenues may increase as much as 30%. Selectman Heitz advised that the Board already has reviewed the legislation and that Finance Officer Cindy Kenerson is aware that the change needs to be made. Mr. Merrill will discuss the issue with her on December 13th so that the necessary paperwork can be submitted.

Mr. Merrill then advised that Engine 3 at Station 2 is scheduled for replacement, at a cost of from \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00. There is a balance of approximately \$100,000.00 in the department's Equipment Replacement fund. The Fire Wards are discussing possible lease-purchase arrangements, with terms of from five to seven years, to avoid impacting property tax rates too greatly in a single year. He advised that interest rates on such agreements are at historic lows of between 2% and 3%.

Appointment to Recreation Commission

The Board signed an appointment for Bobbi McClellan to serve on the Recreation Commission, with a term to expire in March, 2014.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Chairman Broderick it was voted to accept the Minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting as printed. Selectman Hart abstained from the vote due to his not having been present for the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant