

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of November 19, 2012
MINUTES**

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

The Board's first scheduled appointment had cancelled.

Administrative Issues

Selectman Broderick presented a report of the November 18th Budget Committee meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Library Trustees advising that they will delay a decision on their proposed sign until the spring.

A permit was approved for the Veterans Club to hold 50/50 Raffles and Benefit Roll-offs at their Church Street location.

The Board reviewed recommendations for abatement submitted by the town's assessing firm.

A permit was approved for a Wreaths Across America ceremony to be held by the VFW Auxiliary at the memorial in front of the Town Hall at noon on December 15th.

Acceptance of Personal Property on Behalf of the Library Trustees

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to accept on behalf of the Library Trustees donations of personal property and services having an estimated value of \$1,188.00.

Discussion of 2013 Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Contract

Mark George of Northside Carting was present to sit in on the Board's review of 2013 solid waste collection and disposal proposals. A proposal from Northside Carting for a \$272,248.00 annual collection cost with a \$71.50/ton tipping fee, a four-day-per-week collection schedule, and unlimited per week household waste and recycling had been received several weeks ago, unsolicited. The town's current hauler - Waste Management - has been in discussion for several months with Chairman Heitz, who has been attempting to increase the level of participation in the recycling program in order to reduce disposal costs. Waste Management has submitted a proposal whereby 96-gallon recycling carts will be provided to residences at no charge to the town, hopefully increasing the tonnage diverted from the waste stream to recycling, and a four-day-per-week collection schedule will be implemented. They also will undertake a program to educate residents about the benefits of recycling. The proposal they've submitted is for \$279,848.00 annual collection cost with a \$69.30/ton tipping fee.

The Board agreed that the costs of the two proposals appear to be comparable and, given that the town has had a long term successful relationship with Waste Management, they will continue with them. Selectman Korn expressed his appreciation to Mr. George for his proposal and his follow up, commending him for attempting to consolidate and expand his business's routing area. Mr. George advised that he understands the Board's position, although he believes Waste Management would not have reduced their proposal had the Town not been considering another company.

Chairman Heitz advised that he will request that Waste Management draw up a new contract, subject to adjustment if at any point improved levels of recycling result in the need to revisit the terms.

Discussion of Pending Farm Protection Easement on Little River Road

Brian Hart of the Southeast Land Trust of N. H. and Rick Russman of FOKOS were present to discuss progress in finalizing a Farm and Ranchland Protection Easement on a Little River Road farm, partial funding of which was approved by voters in 2010. Mr. Hart outlined some of the particulars of the easement, explaining that the document will need to be sent to Washington for approval and that the town should thereafter have Town Counsel review it prior to final acceptance, which it's hoped will occur by the end of March.

Highway Department Updates

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire advised that there may be as much as \$92,500.00 available from the state's Hazard Mitigation program to put toward the North Road culvert replacement project if the Board chooses to pursue it. Original project costs at the time the application was submitted in 2010 were estimated to be \$193,000.00, but Mr. St. Hilaire thinks now that costs can be reduced to \$150,000.00 to \$175,000.00. Available funds at the time didn't allow for a 75% grant, however other projects in the state have come in below budget, leaving some funding available for this one. The Board agreed that, since the existing culvert is inadequate for flood events and is likely to need replacement in the near future in any case, they will support going ahead now when some outside funding may be available. It's hoped that the project will be underway by next summer.

Mr. St. Hilaire also reported that the FEMA inspection and close-out of the culvert projects on Ball Road and Great Pond Road have been conducted and that the inspections went very well.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was voted to accept the minutes of the November 5, 2012 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant