

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of March 4, 2013  
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.

**State Representative Regina Birdsell with Legislative Updates**

State District 13 Representative Regina Birdsell was present to discuss with the Board their concerns and to update them on pending legislation. A proposed bill that would have given voters the opportunity to decide whether to retain the Library Trustees system or bring library management under the Board of Selectmen hadn't been successful in committee, and discussion was held regarding how support for a bill can be gathered prior to the hearings stage. Selectman Broderick noted that the matter will be discussed at an area selectmen's meeting to be held later this month, advising that this is the first time he's been involved in the legislative process and hadn't been aware of the necessity to demonstrate support from other town's Boards of Selectmen and residents. Representative Birdsell advised that votes will be coming up on the Voter Identification and Domicile statutes, and discussed some of the different opinions that will be represented relating to those issues. Discussion also was held on a proposed amendment to the Adequate Education funding statute that would remove the 5.5% increase cap and increase funding to 29 towns - including Kingston - that are prevented by the cap from receiving the full formula amount of state funding for education. Ms. Birdsell noted that her largest concern is the \$29M in extra funding that would need to be raised. The Board thanked Ms. Birdsell for coming in.

**Appointment of Michael LePage to Position of Police Sergeant**

The Board signed the appointment of Michael LePage to the position of Police Sergeant. Mr. LePage has been serving as Sergeant on a probationary basis and now will be permanently appointed.

**Kingston Days Discussion**

Kingston Days committee members Kathi Kelly and Charles Snow were present to discuss with the Board some ideas the committee has for this year's Kingston Days celebration. There is a proposal to hold a Pokémon Magic Tournament as well as cribbage and poker tournaments in the Town Hall and Ms. Kelly asked if the Selectman will approve keeping the building open for some hours during Kingston Days. Chairman Heitz asked that the Board be advised once the schedule is determined. Mr. Snow assured the Board that he'll make sure the building is returned to the condition it began in once the tournaments are over.

Discussion also was held on a proposal for a commemorative bench that the committee would like to dedicate during this year's celebration to a long-time committee member. It was agreed that a location for the bench will be determined once it's been acquired.

A proposal for use of an inflatable bouncy house or obstacle course was discussed. The Finance Office will speak with the town's insurance carrier to determine what binders may be necessary to cover liability for use of those items.

Discussion was held as to how trash collection and disposal will be managed during the Kingston Days event. Selectman Broderick noted that he's been working on trash detail for many years and that age now is becoming a factor. It was agreed that a town employee and vehicle can be dedicated to the work for this year's event. Chairman Heitz also suggested that a deposit be collected from each vendor so that if they leave items that require disposal, the deposit can be retained to cover that expense. He also advised that he hopes to get a representative from Waste Management to attend Kingston Days to provide information to residents on changes to the town's recycling and solid waste programs.

Ms. Kelly noted that the committee would like to schedule the fireworks for Friday rather than Saturday evening this year. The Board agreed.

The Board expressed their appreciation of Ms. Kelly and Mr. Snow discussing the committee's plans with them.

#### **Discussion of Red Cross Proposal to Store Emergency Supplies**

Fire Chief Bill Seaman advised the Board that the Red Cross has provided a proposed Memorandum of Understanding relative to storage of a 12' x 6' trailer containing emergency supplies at the Fire Station. The supplies will be available either to Red Cross personnel or to Fire and Ambulance personnel in the event of an emergency when a shelter is opened. Chairman Heitz asked if acceptance of the trailer will lead to the Red Cross having any say over when a shelter is opened. Chief Seaman said that there is nothing about that in the M.O.A. Town employees will be able to move the trailer or use the supplies as necessary during emergency events.

Some discussion was held concerning an apparent leak in the cistern for the school/town fire suppression system. Approximately 3,000 gallons of water is being lost every two to three weeks.

Chief Seaman noted that he's in discussion with the Fire Marshal concerning sizing of the generator for the fire suppression system.

#### **Non-public Session**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick Chairman Heitz polled the Board for a unanimous vote to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of N. H. RSA 91-A:3 II-c. The Board adjourned to non-public session at 7:53 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:17 pm.

#### **Review of Planning Board Proposals for Development**

The Board reviewed and discussed preliminary Planning Board proposals for which the Planning Board is requesting feedback.

#### **Acceptance of Prior Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2013 meeting as printed.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Grant  
Administrative Assistant