

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of May 6, 2013
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Office of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectman Peter Broderick.

Resident Inquiry Regarding Enforcement Letter

John and Brenda Galloway and their son Andrew were present to discuss a letter sent by the Board to them at the request of the Planning Board. A number of vehicles and equipment registered in Massachusetts with a business name for which no record exists in Kingston have been observed on the Galloway site on Roadstone Road. The letter requested that the Galloways advise as to the ownership of the vehicles and whether an amended site plan review needs to be undertaken.

Selectman Broderick explained that the Planning Board's concern is whether a new business is operating on the site for which no site plan has been approved. Mr. Galloway explained that the vehicles belong to a customer of theirs that they've allowed to park on their site when they have work in the area, rather than moving the equipment back to Massachusetts every day. The vehicles and equipment are only on the Galloway site sporadically, and some of the vehicles actually are owned by Galloway Trucking. The only vehicles on the site that still are owned by the other company are one dump truck and one trailer.

Chairman Heitz asked if a compressor, seeder and two flat beds shown in photographs taken by the town belong to Galloway. He was told that they do. Both Chairman Heitz and Selectman Broderick asked if the vehicles (and all other vehicles on the site) can be parked on paved surfaces to avoid potential leaking of fluids into the ground water. The Galloways agreed to that request.

Mrs. Galloway asked why if an inspector is visiting their property for the purpose of documenting violations he doesn't just go to the on-site business office to make himself known and ask for an explanation. Chairman Heitz advised that, in this case, an adjoining property was being inspected and the vehicles on the Galloway site were noticed incidentally. He noted that he happened to have been with the inspector on the day they went out to view the other property, where vehicles are being parked on porous surfaces, and it was noted that the vehicles on Galloway's site also are being parked in unpaved areas.

It was agreed that Mrs. Galloway will contact the Planning Board to arrange a meeting at which the Board's concerns can be addressed.

Discussion of Nichols Building Use

At this point the meeting was moved upstairs to the Main Meeting Room due to the number of people present for discussion of the Nichols Building.

The Board discussed with members of the Historic Museum Committee, Board of Library Trustees, Heritage Commission and Historic District Commission the plans for future use of the Nichols Building. Spokesperson Elayne Van Dyke advised that the Library Museum Task Force had been working since last summer on identifying and cataloging the items located in the former museum building, as had been discussed at previous meetings. They also have been working on possible ways to display the large collection of materials. Ms. Van Dyke advised that the progress made has been substantial and that the building continues to be used within the parameters of the original trust, i.e., as a public library facility for the residents of the town. That opinion is shared by Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's Office Trust Division. Although the building hasn't been open for public use due to the amount of work necessary to transition from

a lending library to a historical resources library, its recognized use as an educational and research facility has continued uninterrupted. Those present agreed that there generally is someone working in the building for at least a part of each day and it was noted that the building was open for Kingston Day last summer.

Chairman Heitz noted that one of the Board's concerns is that there's been no clear designation of who will make the decisions as to future uses, hours of operation, staffing, and maintenance of the building and grounds. Ms. Van Dyke stated that she assumes that for the immediate future the building and its projects will remain under the oversight of the Task Force, while any maintenance issues will be addressed by Rich St. Hilaire, as is the case with all other town buildings. Selectmen Broderick noted that there have been inquiries from various sources about what areas of the Nichols Building or of the old Museum Building might become available, which is why the Board needs to clear up the matter of who will make those decisions. The other concerns involve the need to comply with ADA and NFPA regulations relating to what the new uses will be. The Selectmen have been advised by the Fire Chief that waivers granted to the building when it was a full use, full time library will not necessarily be granted for any other use. Also, the Building Inspector is concerned about ADA compliance, particularly if the basement area is intended to be used.

It was agreed that the Task Force will request a meeting with the Fire Chief at which these concerns can be discussed. Historical Museum Committee Chairman Ruth Albert advised that the Nichols Building will provide an ideal repository for the paper and textile artifacts that have been in the old Museum building, but there is not room there to display or store some of the machines and vehicles so the museum building still will need to be used. Lesley Hume noted that the hope of the Task Force is to eventually have the research library open for several hours a week, staffed by volunteers from the various groups who've been working with the Task Force.

Chairman Heitz expressed his hope that the level of enthusiasm among the members of the various groups represented will continue so that the facility can be open to the public at minimal expense to taxpayers. He thanked everyone for coming and asked that they continue to keep the Board apprised of their progress.

Administrative Issues

A letter of response to a resident who had written to protest a March, 2013 Zoning Board of Adjustment decision was signed.

A letter of reply to an inquiry about an ambulance charge was signed.

Appointment papers for members of the Recreation Commission whose terms have expired were signed.

A Special Events Permit for a fundraising carnival proposed to be held on SRHS grounds in June was signed.

A Letter of Understanding with the Southeast Land Trust of N. H. was signed to allow SELT to arrange details of land purchases approved by voters at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz it was voted to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2013 meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**