

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of July 1, 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 Selectman George Korn.

Recreation Department Discussion

Recreation Director Kathryn Stedman and Human Services Director Ellen Faulconer were present to discuss with the Board proposed adoption of a program to discount Summer Camp charges for the children of low income families. It was noted that the camp program already is offered at nearly 50% less than area day care programs, and that one of the two families requesting a discounted rate has an adult at home during the day. Ms. Faulconer agreed to be available to review financial records of any families requesting discounted rates, but agreed that camp rates already present an inexpensive alternative to day care for those families who participate. Ms. Stedman advised that she just wants to be clear about what families should be told when the question comes up.

The Board advised Ms. Stedman that the charge to campers for field trips should be based on the actual cost of whatever tickets are purchased. The transportation costs are a line item in the Recreation Budget, but any payments made for tickets or entrance fees should have corresponding off-setting revenue.

Ms Stedman advised that there were 42 campers during the first week of camp and that she has seven full-time and two part-time counselors. She asked if she can continue a Counselors-in-Training program, allowing campers aged 14 to 16 to serve as helpers to the hired counselors in exchange for a 50% reduction in the cost to attend camp. The Board agreed, limiting the number of CIT's to four and advising that they are not to be left in direct charge of campers.

Tax Relief Request Discussed

The Board discussed with Human Services Director Ellen Faulconer a request for tax relief from a taxpayer.

Land Purchases and Conservation Easements Discussed

Brian Hart and Richard Russman of the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire were present to advise that the Labranche easement on Little River Road will be finalized this month. Mr. Hart provided a budget breakdown as well as an update of the easement components. The Board tentatively agreed to the easement, which already has been reviewed by Town Counsel. Mr. Hart also noted that the sales agreements for the properties to be purchased on Rockrimmon Road all have been signed and that there may be wetlands mitigation grant funding available to help with those purchases. Discussion was held about possible discretionary consent clauses to allow for future amendment of easement documents should activities that are prohibited at present later be determined to be acceptable. Mr. Hart will discuss the possibility with the Land Trust's legal staff.

Grace Daly House Removal Discussed

The Board discussed with Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire the status of plans to raze the Grace Daly House. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that a local preservationist is interested in removal of the house and has said that he can do the work this year in return for the components of the house. The Board agreed that a performance agreement may be necessary to ensure that the work is done by year end rather than over an extended period and that the work will involve complete removal of the house, filling of the cellar hole, and loaming/re-seeding of the site. Chairman Heitz recommended that Mr. St. Hilaire contact another individual who'd suggested filming of the work and who intends to reconstruct the house in a Pennsylvania location. He noted that the town's expectation is that the work will be done at no cost to taxpayers.

Solid Waste\Recycling Program Changes Discussed

It was noted that the new recycling bins are being delivered this week to residences and that the flyers explaining the program all had been sent out the previous week. A small number of calls requesting multiple bins have been received, but those residents are being requested to wait until the program starts - on July 15th -- to see if one of the much larger bins will be sufficient. It was noted that information about the program is on the website and public access channel and that, so far, the program is relatively well received. There will be some changes in route schedules and collection of recycling will be every other rather than every week.

Schedule of Parking Fines Adopted

The Board reviewed and accepted a proposed schedule of parking fines suggested by Chief Briggs, amending the suggested fine for on-street parking during snowstorms from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Chairman Heitz it was unanimously voted to accept the proposed scheduled of parking fines as amended, to be effective upon publication.

Bids for Cruiser Sale Opened

Bids received for sale of a 2009 Police Cruiser were opened and read aloud. Results were as follows:

Bidder	Bid Amount
Grace Quality Used Cars	\$ 2,228.00
William Doucette Auto Sales	\$ 2,727.00
Tracy Claus	\$ 2,853.00
Asia Motors, Inc.	\$ 2,805.00
Bay Ridge Motors, Inc.	\$ 2,885.00

The bids will be given to Chief Briggs to process.

Security for Kingston Days

Chairman Heitz advised that he will speak with Chief Briggs about a request for security details from Wednesday through Sunday for Kingston Days.

Administrative Issues

Selectmen signed a deed returning tax deeded property to its former owner.

The Board deferred action on a request for release of a road construction bond, pending further advice from the Town Engineer.

An Intent to Cut for a property on Mill Road was signed.

Junk Yard licenses for 2013-14 were signed.

Correspondence was reviewed.

Review of previous meeting minutes was deferred until the July 15th meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 15, 2013, beginning at 7:00 pm (subject to change).

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**