Kingston, New Hampshire Board of Selectmen Meeting of July 15, 2013 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.

Andrew Smith, a Boy Scout from a local Troop, was present with his father to fulfill the requirements of his civics badge.

Recycling Program Discussion

The Board discussed issues that have arisen concerning changes to the recycling program. It was agreed that most of the problems will be ironed out as the program gets underway this week. Residents who have asked if smaller bins can be used will be told that the only acceptable recycling receptacles are the bins provided by Waste Management. Residents who've asked for additional bins are being requested to wait until the program is underway and see if the new bins are sufficient to their needs. The town was provided with a small number of extra bins but wants to ensure a necessity before providing more than the one allotted to each household. It also was agreed that the new bins will not be provided to private beach areas. Chairman Heitz suggested a carry in - carry out rule for such beaches.

Acceptance of Library Donations

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Heitz it was unanimously voted to accept \$795.00 in personal property donations on behalf of the Library Trustees.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting were accepted as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Heitz, the minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting were accepted as printed. Selectman Broderick abstained from the vote.

Administrative Issues

Selectmen approved appointment of Amanda Moulaison, a Sanborn High student, to serve as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission.

A request for monthly use of the meeting room for a community dance group was approved.

Notification of an award of \$5,000.00 from the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership to assist with purchase of the former Daughtrey property on Rockrimmon Road was reviewed. The Board expressed gratitude to the Southeast Land Trust for securing the grant.

The Board approved partial release of a road construction bond for Cottonwood Circle, based on recommendation of the Town Engineer and Road Agent.

Police Chief Briggs presented for Board review a proposed agreement for regional prosecutor services

The Board reviewed information concerning activity on a privately owned conservation property on Country Pond that had been provided by an abutter to the property. Copies of the information also have been provided to the Conservation Commission and Road Agent, and the State Wetlands Bureau has been made aware of some of the abutters' concerns. Selectman Broderick advised that he and Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire will visit the property to determine what issues may exist.

The Board reviewed a request for use of the Plains in September for a fundraising event and asked that the applicant be advised to file for a Special Event permit so that various issues of concern can be addressed.

The Board approved continuation of Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage for call Firefighters. The premiums previously had been covered by a retention grant that no longer is available. Premiums now will be paid from the Fire Department budget.

Update of Heritage Commission Activity

Debra Powers, Chairman of the Heritage Commission, was present with members Gary Finerty and Jane Christie to update the Board on Commission activities and to provide copies of proposed by-laws and of a proposed Mission Statement for the commission. Ms. Powers noted that she is working with the Historic District Commission and Library/Museum Task Force to see if there might be a common Mission Statement. Those groups will be at Kingston Days with a display booth including information on the town, a trivia game for residents, a brochure for a walking tour of historic homes, etc. Ms. Powers asked if there can be a jar requesting donations, to kick off the Commission's fundraising efforts. Selectmen approved. Ms. Powers advised that the Commission has been looking at the bandstand on the Plains, along with Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire, to determine what work needs to be done to restore it and make it safe for use, and what the costs might be. Mr. Finerty noted that local preservationist Robert Pothier expects to be at the next commission meeting to discuss the bandstand. Ms. Powers reported that the Commission hasn't yet been advised concerning its application for Kingston to be designated as a Certified Local Government with the state Division of Historical Resources. If that designation comes through, there may be grant funding to assist with software for the archiving of old records and documents.

Ms. Powers advised that there may be some limited expenses incurred as the Commission continues with its work and asked if there might be a budget line for them in future years. Chairman Heitz suggested that their expenses can come from the Selectmen's budget for the present. If at some time in the future a separate line is required, they will reconsider.

Jane Christie, who is a member of the Library/Museum Task Force as well as of the Heritage Commission, advised that the Nichols Building will be open throughout Kingston Days, that one of the carriages has been prepared and will be on display for fairgoers to have their pictures taken with, and that there will be several exhibits and activities available.

State Boat Ramp Repairs and Upgrade Discussed

Steve White, a Senters Grove property owner and member of the Kingston Lake Association, advised that a representative of the State Dam Bureau will be setting up a meeting with the Board in the near future to discuss repair and upgrade of the state's boat launch area on Main Street. Police Chief Donald Briggs asked that he, Mr. White and Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire all be invited to attend that meeting.

Signage at Public Swimming Areas Discussed

The Board reviewed its current beach regulations and made some clarifying changes. Chief Briggs offered to get pricing to have signs made for posting both at the Community Recreation Building site and at the Greenwood Pond beach site outlining the regulations. Mr. St. Hilaire agreed to provide for a roped off swimming area at Greenwood Pond, similar to that at the Community Recreation site.

Non-public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn 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 at 8:56 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 9:15 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session for an indefinite period.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm. The next meeting will be held on July 29, 2013, beginning at 7:00 pm (subject to change).

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Grant Administrative Assistant