Kingston, New Hampshire Board of Selectmen Meeting of August 12, 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.

Waste Management Collection Discussion

The Board reviewed a recent request for recycling bins from a commercial business that has been a long time participant of the town's recycling program. It was agreed that Chairman Heitz will contact that business directly to discuss the matter with them.

State Boat Ramp Reconstruction Project Discussion

James Gallagher and Dan McKinney of the N. H. DES Dam Bureau were present to explain a proposed reconstruction project for the state boat ramp at Great Pond on Main Street. Mr. Gallagher advised that he's been working with Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire for several years to establish the responsible parties and to engineer a plan that will improve the lake access situation. A proposed conditions plan was displayed for town officials and those members of the Kingston Lake Association in attendance, and Mr. Gallagher noted that state Fish and Game crews are scheduled to perform the work this fall. The requisite Wetlands Permit is expected to be granted within a week or so. Chief Briggs asked if sight distance along Main Street can be improved by trimming some of the trees and shrubs approximately 15' back from the bridge area. He suggested the removal of trees so close to the shoreline would best be done as part of the same project and under the same wetlands permit. Mr. Gallagher advised that he thinks that amendment to the application can be made. Discussion also was held about runoff into Folly Brook from the roadway, but it was agreed that road drainage issues are the town's responsibility to address.

The overall project is expected to last for approximately four weeks, during which time the town will need to address the issue of parking for the ramp areas. It was agreed that part of the property across the road at the state garage site may be opened up to parking for vehicles and trailers. Chief Briggs agreed to accompany Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire to determine where postings for no parking along the road should be made. Mr. Gallagher noted that, even though certain issues may continue to present challenges, the project should result in an overall net improvement, and he invited town officials to make suggestions during construction if they see issues that can be addressed while the crews are on 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 7:35 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:25 pm.

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

Update on MS-4 Permit Proposal Response

Chairman Heitz advised that he and Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire had participated in a conference call with the attorney who's coordinating a response from four area towns to the EPA MS-4 permitting regulation proposal. The attorney will send the joint response prior to the end of the time period during which affected towns can respond to the proposed regulation changes.

Discussion of Fire and Highway Department Facility Options

Selectman Broderick discussed with Fire Chief Bill Seaman and Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire various options for construction of facilities for those departments. One suggestion involves relocation of the highway garage from its present site on Main Street to the Fairgrounds off of Route 125. That option will free up the area behind the Police Station for a new Fire Department facility. It needs to be determined whether the Fairgrounds property is permanently reserved for recreation uses only. Options for funding of the projects were discussed. Chairman Heitz noted that the last discussion held with the Fire Department seemed to indicate that the preferred means of achieving additional space was through construction of an addition to the present building. Chief Seaman advised that the Department now feels that a new facility will be less expensive and better able to meet future needs.

Chairman Heitz asked if consideration still is being given to regionalization of fire services among area towns. Chief Seaman advised that he's opposed to such an arrangement, particularly if it involves only Brentwood and would mean keeping Kingston's equipment and personnel that much further from some areas of town.

Selectman Broderick will find out if the Fairgrounds can be used for a highway department facility and Mr. St. Hilaire will be speaking with an engineering firm about the specifications for his new garage.

Discussion of Dilapidated Building on Town Property

The Board discussed a resident inquiry about whether a building located on a town property on Circuit Drive can be removed due to its dilapidated condition. It was agreed that, for the present, the building will be secured against unauthorized entry while Mr. St. Hilaire determines the cost of removal.

Bid Opening for Cruiser Sale

The Board opened sealed bids received for the sale of a 2003 Crown Victoria cruiser and read aloud the following results:

Asian Auto, Plaistow, NH	\$ 832.12
Tracy Claus, Merrimack, NH	2,568.00
Chicago Motors, Chicago, IL	1,707.00

The bids will be given to Chief Briggs for qualification and award.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

<u>Adjournment</u>

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues. A work session to review 2014 budget proposals will be held on August 19, 2013 beginning at 7:00 pm.

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Respectfully submitted, Catherine Grant Administrative Assistant