

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 9, 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.

Public Hearing Regarding Acquisition of Properties

Chairman Heitz called to order a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing acquisition of two parcels of land located off of Rockrimmon Road. He noted that this was to be the first of two public hearings being held under the provisions of N. H. RSA 41:14-a. The hearings both have been posted on the town's website as well as at the Town Hall, at the Kingston Post Office, and in the September 5, 2013 edition of *The Carriage Towne News*.

The first of the two properties proposed to be acquired is Tax Map R24, Lot 14C, which is 5 acres on the southerly side of a 56-acre parcel being acquired under authority of 2013 Town Meeting Warrant Article 26. The expense to acquire the parcel will come from the funds appropriated in March of 2013. It's proposed that a conservation easement will be granted on the parcel to Southeast Land Trust as part of the Rockrimmon Forest Conservation Easement project.

The second parcel to be acquired is Tax Map R31, Lot 13, which is a part of a property that extends into Danville. The portion in Kingston is 4.6 acres and is to be a direct donation. It adjoins the same 56-acre parcel as does the first property, on the northerly side. A conservation easement also will be granted on this parcel to Southeast Land Trust.

Chairman Heitz noted that an Environmental Assessment has been completed on both parcels, and that both are included in the survey work being completed for the Rockrimmon Forest.

The public was invited to comment or to ask questions.

No comments being forthcoming, the hearing was closed at 7:04 pm. Chairman Heitz advised that the next hearing on the acquisitions will be held on September 23, 2013, beginning at 7:45 pm. That hearing will be held in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall and will be televised on Public Access Channel 21.

Review of Capital Improvement Plan Submittals

Fire Chief Bill Seaman reviewed with the Board his submittal for the Capital Improvement Plan. He noted in particular the entry for Air Paks. The department's present SCBA gear becomes obsolete in 2016, and it's the Chief's intent to apply for 90/10 grant funding in 2014. If the Board approves, he intends to hire a grant writer who's been successful in obtaining grants in other towns. Chairman Heitz asked why the grant can't be applied for during 2013. Chief Seaman explained that the grant writer he's spoken with has already submitted on behalf of another town, and won't work on competing applications in the same year. Also, chances of obtaining approval for an application increase as the town's present equipment nears obsolescence.

Chief Seaman noted that other plans of the department include Engine 3 being moved out to 2016 because the present 1993 engine continues to hold up well. The Forestry Truck is scheduled for replacement in 2017 (subject to change) and Ambulance 1 is scheduled for 2018. Engine 1 is recorded for 2019, but only because the CIP is a 6-year document and he wants to have its replacement cost included in the plan.

Ernest Landry of FOKOS reviewed with the Board the Land Acquisition Fund entry to the Capital Improvement Plan. Based on acreage yet to be conserved (as per the Master Plan goal of conserving 25% of the town's land area), and estimating donations, grants, etc., that may become available, the annual suggested appropriation now is \$45,455.00 for each of the next 17 years.

Discussion of Building Committee Formation for New Fire Station

Chief Seaman requested Board support of a proposed Building Committee that can review and recommend a solution to the Fire Department's space needs. He noted that a new facility apparently will be less expensive than trying to build on to Central Station, and that an addition to Central Station would not be able to meet the department's needs for the foreseeable future. He anticipates that any project will

involve issuance of bonds, but would like to continue to include the project in the Capital Improvement Plan. He'd like a member of the Select Board to participate on the Building Committee and expects that a new facility may enable discontinuance of South Station, thereby eliminating the expense of running two stations. The Chief's goal is to have a new facility by 2019.

Emergency Management Discussion

Chief Seaman and Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire - both of whom are Emergency Management Directors - advised that they hope to apply for 50/50 grant funds to allow purchase of electronic message boards for use during emergencies. Chief Seaman advised that funds he had appropriated for the purchase of a replacement emergency generator at Central Station won't be used until he knows what may happen with a new facility and asked if those funds could be used for a match to the grant for purchase of a message board. Chairman Heitz advised that he agrees the generator purchase should be put off, but stated that he cannot support purchase of message boards when that purchase hasn't been discussed with or approved by the Budget Committee. He suggested that the grant match be included in the 2014 budget submittal. The Board approved moving ahead with a grant application, as the grant won't have to be accepted if the matching funds aren't approved.

Recreation Commission Discussion

Recreation Commission Chair Patricia Guevin was present to request authority to sell a floating dock stored at the 24 Main Street property on which the Community Recreation Building is located. The Board requested she hold off until it's determined whether the dock can be used at the town boat launch. Mrs. Guevin also requested that the Board reconsider its decision to not let private groups use the building on the site for weekly meetings once the heating system is installed. The Board explained the reasons for their requiring a town employee to be present when facilities are used by private groups, and the reason for the expense to be charged to the group. Discussion also was held about fundraising ideas that the commission has.

Discussion of Concannon Road Designation for 911 Purposes

The Board reviewed a letter received concerning the naming of Concannon Road from its intersection with Newton Junction Road and as it continues into and back out of Newton. The name changes several times and is very confusing for emergency services. It was requested that Police Chief Briggs, who is the 911 Coordinator, contact his counterpart in Newton to see if agreement can be reached to designate a single road name and to number the houses along the road consecutively, according to 911 protocols.

Meeting to Discuss Kingston Pines and Lamplighter Estates Road Name

It was noted that Chief Briggs has scheduled a meeting for September 12 at 9:00 am to meet with residents of Kingston Pines and Lamplighter Estates for the purpose of discussing naming of the private way into those facilities and numbering of the residences within the developments. Board members were invited to attend the meeting, which will be held at the Town Hall.

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 August 26, 2012 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**