

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of January 9, 2012
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 Peter Broderick and Selectmen Charles Hart and Mark Heitz.

Non-public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Heitz and second of Selectman Hart it was unanimously voted to adjourn to non-public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II-a. The Board adjourned at 6:31.

The Board returned to public session at 7:06 pm.

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

Library Trustees Discussion

The Library Director and Trustees were present to discuss the findings of environmental testing done on a parcel adjoining the site of the new library and to ask if the Selectmen will support a petitioned warrant article to be submitted for the purchase and cleanup of the property, including demolition of the existing structure. Selectman Hart advised that he's not interested in supporting purchase of the parcel. Selectman Heitz advised that he knows that at least two members of the Board are opposed to supporting the purchase of the property so the Board will not be recommending the article. Library Trustee Leslie Hume asked that the Board remember that one of the original plans for the property included acquisition of the adjoining lot to provide a second egress. Trustees Chairman Dannielle Genovese advised that the petitioned warrant article will be a citizens' petition rather than coming directly from the Trustees, as the Trustees agree that they're not inclined to go back to the voters so soon after receiving approval for the new library.

Chief Briggs, who was given first option to purchase the property by the owners, asked if the Selectmen will be willing to sign a Purchase and Sales Agreement to hold the property until the March vote. Selectman Heitz advised that, while he may have been willing to sign a P & S if a town entity such as the Trustees were submitting the proposal to purchase, he is not inclined to do so for a citizens' petition because of the precedent it would set. Trustee Leslie Hume, noting that the Town Meeting isn't too long from now, suggested that if the owner sells the property in the interim, the question of the town purchasing it will have resolved itself.

Highway Department Discussion

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire asked if the Board will include in the Town Meeting Warrant articles for Highway Equipment and Buildings Maintenance capital reserve funds. The Board agreed that they will. Discussion also was held on whether an article will be included changing the Road Agent position from elected to appointed. Town Counsel will be asked if the appointed term can be indefinite rather than specified for a particular period and, if not, whether the position can be changed to one that has an indefinite term. The Board approved Mr. St. Hilaire's request to work shifts at the Fire Department on three successive Fridays due to a temporary shortage of staff at the Fire Station.

Public Hearing for Special Events License Set

The Board agreed that a Public Hearing will be held on January 23rd to consider a Special Events Permit application received from Castleberry Fairs & Festivals to hold a Craft Fair in October on the Plains.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Chairman Broderick it was voted to accept the Minutes of the December 29, 2011 meeting as printed. Selectman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Warrant Article Work Session

The Board discussed and decided upon the Warrant Articles to be presented to the 2012 Town Meeting. Additional petitions may be submitted until 4:00 pm on January 10th. All of the Articles will be reviewed at a Public Hearing by the Budget Committee on January 14th, and they and the Selectmen will determine whether to recommend or not recommend the applicable Articles.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant