

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of September 16, 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.

**DOT Presentation of Rumble Strips Project Proposal**

Ronald Grandmaison, PE, of the NH Department of Transportation, was present to discuss a proposal that rumble strips be installed along Route 125 from Plaistow to Rochester. The project is to be a part of the federally funded Highway Safety Improvement Program for which the state receives \$9 Million annually, of which \$500,000.00 is earmarked for rumble strip installation. Mr. Grandmaison noted that the strips are proved to be effective in prevention of head-on collisions and road departures, They also serve to warn other motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians of vehicles that have left their lane. Public hearings, including one held recently in Plaistow, have been held and Kingston's Police Chief has indicated his approval of the proposal.

Chairman Heitz asked if there are any negatives resulting from installation of rumble strips. Mr. Grandmaison explained that the strips don't impede plow trucks and don't cause water or ice to build up creating a hazard. They actually tend to make center and shoulder lines more visible and make them last longer. The only complaints he's heard of have involved the noise made when a vehicle crosses out of its lane. He reviewed with the Board varying design details that make the strips more bicycle friendly and that can be installed as long as the road shoulders are wide enough.

The Board thanked Mr. Grandmaison for his presentation and asked what the time period for the project will be. Bidding is expected to take place after the first of the year, with awards being made no sooner than spring of 2014. It was agreed that, so long as the town's department heads have no concerns with the proposal, a letter from the Board to the DOT Commissioner will be sent approving the project through Kingston,

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Chairman Heitz it was voted to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2013 meeting as printed. Selectman Broderick abstained from the vote.

**Acceptance of Donations on Behalf of Library**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn it was unanimously voted to accept items having an estimated value of \$861.00 on behalf of the Library Trustees.

**Discussion of IT Procedures**

Town Clerk-Tax Collector Melissa Fowler discussed with the Board the procedure for obtaining assistance from the town's IT providers. She noted that, particularly in light of some recent circumstances, she's unsure how to proceed when she needs IT support. Chairman Heitz advised that the town recently has entered into a contract with a firm that will cover the town's needs if our regular provider isn't able to respond immediately. He noted, however, that the back-up provider is only to be used in cases of relative emergency. A determination will be made in such cases by the Finance Officer.

To address immediate concerns in the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office about equipment needs when the state discontinues an old vehicle registration system, Chairman Heitz advised Ms. Fowler to purchase the necessary equipment through the SAU IT office. Ms. Fowler will discuss the matter with the Finance Officer to make the purchases from the 2013 budget.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative issues.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Grant  
Administrative Assistant**