

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 23, 2013
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the main meeting room of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn. The meeting was televised on Public Access Channel 21.

Selectman Broderick led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fire Department Recognition Ceremony

Selectman Broderick introduced Fire Chief Bill Seaman and turned the meeting over to him for the purpose of conducting a special presentation.

Chief Seaman explained that his purpose in arranging for a special presentation was to recognize first responders and the various entities who comprise the Chain of Survival and who this past summer were successful in saving the lives of two cardiac arrest patients from Kingston. The two incidents, occurring in May and June, demonstrate the benefit of a program that, in cooperation with the ALS response team out of Exeter Hospital and the medical staff at the hospital, utilizes state of the art equipment and medical techniques. A brief demonstration of the LUCAS automatic compression device was given and it was noted that Kingston's new ambulance will have one of the devices available. The May incident used the LUCAS from the ALS response interception team. The ALS teams also have the capability to remotely transmit medical data en route so that doctors and nurses can be standing by when the patient arrives at the hospital, and its staff are able to administer any of sixty medications en route. A member of the ALS team was present to describe the particular incidents that occurred this summer. Dr. Thomas Wharton, a Cardiologist at Exeter Hospital and the attending physician for the May incident, provided a brief slide presentation indicating the blockage that had caused the first cardiac arrest and showing the difference once catheterization and angioplasty had occurred. He stressed the importance of early intervention and of the new methods of care that improve a patient's chances of survival with reduced damage to the heart or the brain. Specifically, he discussed the Arctic Sun method of cooling the body to reduce damage to the brain during periods when the heart is pumping at less than capacity. He also discussed the Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillator for cases of congenital heart failure, such as was experienced by the June incident's patient. He stressed the importance of getting a patient to the hospital alive in order to be able to treat them with the innovative new therapies.

Both patients who were saved were present, and both expressed their gratitude to the first responders and to the medical staff of the hospital. Bill Wood of N. H. Emergency Medical Services was present to present Certificates of Recognition to the tiered medical response team (Kingston's Police and Ambulance services as well as the Exeter Hospital ALS and medical staffs). Chief Seaman then presented a display plaque to which the names of Kingston First Responders who participate in life-saving cardiac responses will be attached. The names of those who took part in the May and June 2013 events already are attached to the plaque.

Chief Seaman then thanked the Selectmen for the opportunity to recognize his ambulance crews as well as the Exeter Hospital staffs with whom they partner, and asked that the participants of the recognition ceremony convene in the lower level of the Town Hall.

Heritage Commission Request Concerning the Grace Daley House

Debra Powers and Ernie Landry of the Heritage Commission, Virginia Morse of the Historic District Commission, and Ruth Albert of the Historical Museum Committee were present to request of the Board an extension of time before demolition of the Grace Daley House on Main Street. A brief presentation of the history of the house and of its place in the town's landscape

design as well as a discussion of possible future uses was given. Ms. Powers and Ms. Morse discussed possible grant opportunities that would fund the repairs necessary to make the building safe for use, and Mr. Landry discussed ideas for partnering with potential commercial or professional lessors who might undertake renovations in return for long-term leasing opportunities. It's the goal of the town's historical preservation groups to present to voters in March of 2014 an alternative to the building demolition approved by voters at the 2013 meeting. Ms. Morse noted that the State Preservation Office has said that they'll assist Kingston with the timeline for grant applications to fund feasibility studies and repairs or renovations.

Selectmen Korn and Broderick agreed that, since the building can be winterized at minimal cost, and since the agreement with Preservationist Robert Pothier for removal of the building can be held in abeyance until following Town Meeting without incurring cost, they are inclined to support holding off on demolition until voters are given the opportunity to reconsider their 2013 vote. They noted however, that since voters have already approved demolition, they're reluctant to invest additional town funds into the building to protect or maintain it pending another decision.

Richard St. Hilaire, who's responsible for the maintenance of town buildings, advised that the Daley House's furnace was drained some years ago so winterization shouldn't be an issue. He noted, however, that the roof has become increasingly compromised and, if the building is to be kept, needs to be replaced next year, a project that will involve partial reconstruction of the building's three chimneys.

Selectman Broderick suggested that the matter be placed on the agenda for the September 30th Selectmen's meeting, to give the Board a chance to confer with Chairman Heitz and to allow interested parties another opportunity to address the issues involved.

Public Hearing Regarding Acquisition of Properties

Selectman Broderick 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 second 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.

An Environmental Assessment has been completed on both parcels, and both parcels are included in the survey work completed for the Rockrimmon Forest.

The public was invited to comment or to ask questions.

Dwayne Hyde, Land Protection Director of Southeast Land Trust, advised that they recently have been informed that a Wetlands Mitigation Grant of \$40,000.00 is to be awarded for the Rockrimmon Forest project, reducing the \$424,000.00 voter approved cost to Kingston to \$383,000.00. Other grants, from the Piscataqua Regional Estuaries Partnership and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have helped to fund the studies, surveys, and acquisition costs involved in the project. He noted that closings are scheduled to be held within the first couple of weeks of October.

No additional comments being forthcoming, the hearing was closed at 8:10 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was voted to proceed with acquisition of Tax Map R24, lot 14C.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was voted to grant a Conservation Easement to Southeast Land Trust of N. H. on Tax Map R24, Lot 14C upon acquisition.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Roderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was voted to proceed with acquisition of Tax Map R31, Lot 13.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was voted to grant a Conservation Easement to Southeast Land Trust of N. H. on Tax Map R31, Lot 13 upon acquisition.

Reversal of Funding Decision

Selectman Broderick advised that, subsequent to a decision made by him and Selectman Korn in June of this year to pay \$4,400.00 to the Vic Geary Center in Plaistow, he had attended a budget informational meeting held by the N. H. Department of Revenue Administration at which he learned that it is illegal to expend public funds that haven't been duly approved by voters. He noted that the basis for their original decision had been that, although the Geary Center hadn't submitted a request for funding for 2013, they had been funded in previous years and do provide a service to Kingston's senior citizens. However, he now believes that the town will be unable to provide funding due to the matter not having been reviewed either by the Budget Committee or by the voters.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Selectman Korn, it was voted to reverse the decision made on June 3, 2013 to fund the Vic Geary Center in 2013. No funds will be expended for that purpose in 2013.

A letter advising the Geary Center of the Board's decision will be sent.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick it was voted to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting as printed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative issues.

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**