

Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 30, 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 Chairman Mark Heitz and Selectmen Peter Broderick and George Korn. The meeting was televised on Public Access Channel 21.

Heritage and Historic District Commissions' Request Concerning the Grace Daley House

Debra Powers of the Heritage Commission and Virginia Morse of the Historic District Commission were present to reiterate their request of September 23, 2013, asking for an extension of time on demolition of the Grace Daley House. It is their intent to undertake grant searches and other fundraising activities to try to raise the funds needed to make the building safe. This amount is estimated to run between \$144,000 and \$150,000. The minimum of work necessary includes shoring up of the foundation, replacement of sills and replacement of the roof, including chimney work. The Board had requested that the Commission members return for a second week in order to give residents who oppose the proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known. They also wanted a full board to be present to consider the request. It was noted that, although a couple of people had confidentially expressed concern that a delay in demolition is against the March, 2013 vote of Town Meeting, no one had come forth publicly against delaying a decision. The Board repeated their opinion that they are not comfortable in spending town funds to pay for work on a building that voters have already said should be demolished, but other than that, they have no objection to allowing the commissions time to investigate what funding may be available, what uses the building might be suited for, and what renovation work will be necessary to restore the building to a usable state.

A letter from Glenn Coppelmann of Exeter Road, submitted along with a donation to the Heritage Fund in the amount of \$100.00, was read aloud in support of a delay in the demolition project. Virginia Morse, Chairman of the Historic District Commission, also contributed \$100.00 toward the Heritage Fund, on behalf of herself and her husband. Stanley Shalett of East Way spoke in favor of the delay, noting that the building may be suitable for any number of commercial uses or for use as a Town Hall annex.

Stacy Smoyer of the Historic District Commission advised that she has researched options for septic designs that may allow the Daley house to be used for new and expanded purposes. Deputy Health Officer Larry Middlemiss noted that some newer innovative designs aren't accepted by the state at this point.

Proposal for Purchase of Vehicle Fuels from State Fuel Distribution Site

Brian Pike of the DOT Bureau of Fuel Distribution was present to propose to the Board use of the state's fueling sites, as an alternative to undertaking the mandatory upgrades that will be necessary to keep the town's facility compliant after 2014. He outlined the security and billing components of the state's system, and advised that the state has locked in at a fixed price of \$3.12/gal. for unleaded and \$3.395/gal. for diesel. He noted that those prices include a slight markup (.15/gal. for unleaded and .20/gal. for diesel) that allows his department to meet operating expenses. He addressed Board concerns that lines to use the pumps might be so long that employee man hours are lost, and that there could be times when fuel becomes unavailable. Mr. Pike noted that the system has been in place since the 1980's and there never has been a shortage. He also noted that employees will become familiar with the schedule of buses and other vehicles using the site and adjust accordingly. Vehicles rarely wait more than 15 minutes to fuel. It was agreed that the town will look into the financial impact that changing its system will entail and will get back to Mr. Pike.

Resident Concerns over Road Sign Discussed

Sandra Maida of Concannon Road was present to discuss her concern with a road sign located at the intersection of Newton Junction and Wilders Grove Roads. The sign is to direct traffic to Concannon Road, which is over a mile away from the intersection, and Mrs. Maida believes it has caused confusion for delivery workers, postal employees, etc.

Chairman Heitz advised that the town is hoping to work with the Newton Selectmen to rename the entire roadway leading from Newton Junction in - including the portion that runs through Newton - and to number all of the residences consecutively, according to E-911 protocols. In the interim, it was agreed that Richard St. Hilaire will remove the Concannon Road sign from the intersection.

Bid Opening for Paving Projects

Chairman Heitz opened and read aloud bids received for the materials necessary to provide a leveling course and overlay for Kimberly, Deborah, Old Coach and Mill Roads. Bids were from Brox Industries at \$69.80 per ton, and from Bell & Flynn at \$73.00 per ton. The bids will be given to Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire to compare and make a decision.

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 23, 2013 Selectmen's meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant