Kingston, New Hampshire Board of Selectmen Meeting of October 28, 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.

Heritage Commission Update

Heritage Commission Chair Debra Powers and Vice Chair Ernie Landry were present to update the Board on Commission activities. Ms. Powers advised that Maggie Stier of the N. H. Preservation Alliance has offered to include a notice in an upcoming publication about the Grace Daley House possibly being available for low cost lease opportunities with preservation covenants in return for the estimated \$350,000.00 in necessary renovation work (which may be eligible for federal preservation grant money). The Board approved having the notice published, but cautioned that state RSA's limit the term of municipal lease agreements, even when approved by Town Meeting action.

The Board approved the Heritage Commission Capital Improvements Program submittal, which includes a \$35,875.00 entry for restoration work on the bandstand located on the Plains. It's hoped that a matching grant will be awarded to cover half of the cost, and the remainder will include in-kind labor and material as well as monetary expenditure.

Highway Department Update

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire discussed with the Board his suggestion that a letter be sent to the resident whose property on Country Pond Road recently underwent a timber harvest. Mr. St. Hilaire believes that the roadway needs some gravel and grading to bring it up to the condition it was in before the harvest.

The Board approved Mr. St. Hilaire's suggestion that a plow driver be hired on a temporary basis to operate one of the smaller town trucks this winter. That driver will replace an employee who's out on short term disability leave.

Mr. St. Hilaire then advised that he's obtained two bids for demolition and removal of dilapidated buildings on Fourth Street and Circuit Drive and is waiting to receive two more. He suggested that the town can save money by renting the machinery to do the work. He will check with local environmental companies to find out what testing and disposal costs might total and will report back with that information.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 Public Hearing. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm and the Selectmen retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Grant Administrative Assistant