

**Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of May 19, 2014  
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 George Korn and Peter Broderick.

**Highway Department Issues**

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire was present to advise the Board that plans for the new Highway Garage have gone back for a final re-design before being sent out for bid.

He also reported that No Parking signs will be installed along Main Street near the boat launches once Chief Briggs lets him know where best to install them to ensure they're enforceable. The gate for the town's resident launch will be put up during the coming week.

Discussion was held regarding whether the bandstand should be restricted to day time use only, to reduce the level of vandalism to the historic structure. It was agreed that the Heritage Commission will be consulted and that Chief Briggs will be asked whether his department will be able to enforce a restriction if one is enacted. Mr. St. Hilaire noted that the bandstand is scheduled to undergo a renovation in the near future and that he would like the issue of vandalism addressed before that.

It was agreed that town properties on Circuit Drive, Tenth Street and Mill Road scheduled to be demolished will be taken down by the excavator that Mr. St. Hilaire will be renting to do site work for the new garage. The town still will need to pay for asbestos testing and mitigation and for disposal, but will save several thousand dollars per property by doing the demo work itself.

Mr. St. Hilaire asked that the Board begin consideration of how major road reconstruction projects - notably Main Street and Ball Road - will be financed. He advised that to properly repair the 2.5 mile, 36' wide Main Street he will need to mill 4" of the paved surface and rebuild the road bed. If he shims and overlays as an alternative, the result will only last ten years and then the rebuilding will need to be done. Full reconstruction will entail approximately \$800,000.00. Whether raised by bond issue or by requesting that voters set aside several hundred thousand dollars a year for the foreseeable future, some of the major town roads are going to need attention in the near term.

Mr. St. Hilaire then advised that the kitchen at the Recreation Building is nearly complete and water is to be turned on during the coming week. There is some cleaning and painting as well as outside site work that needs to be done before camp starts on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Fire Department Issues**

Fire Chief Bill Seaman advised that the power pack for Engine 2's hydraulic system needs to be repaired and has been sent to Hurst. The estimated cost is \$1,500.00 but the Chief will try to get Hurst to absorb that cost since the unit is less than five years old.

He also advised that the pump, crankshaft and bearings in the forestry truck need to be replaced at a cost of \$4,500.00. That truck isn't scheduled for replacement for another five to ten years.

He also advised that his command vehicle, an Expedition inherited from the Police Department two years ago, has corroded rocker panels and floor. The town needs to choose whether to replace the rockers at a cost of \$1,000.00 and patch the floor as a temporary measure to get an inspection sticker next March, or purchase a new vehicle at a cost of \$32,000.00, or hand down another police department vehicle. He noted his preference to acquire another Expedition so that his custom sized equipment can be easily switched over. He told the Board that he's invested more than \$7,000.00 in adapting the vehicle since acquiring it and that it only has 65,000 miles. The Board agreed to hold off and make a decision closer to March. There is concern about asking voters to fund a vehicle when the department probably also will be asking to replace Engine 3 in 2015. Chief Seaman advised that the Board may want to consider lease-purchase of some of the larger items that need to be purchased; that process allows payment to be extended over a longer period.

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Upon motion of Selectman Broderick and second of Chairman Heitz it was voted to accept the Minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting as printed. Selectman Korn abstained from the vote due to his not having been present at the meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Grant  
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