

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

Discussion of Class VI Road Status

The Board discussed with prospective buyers of a 26-acre parcel located on the Class VI portion of Farm Road the options for development of the property. Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire noted that recent court decisions have overturned local ordinances that totally disallow development of lots on unfinished roadways. Those decisions have allowed such properties to be used for one single family home so long as deed restrictions make clear that no emergency, waste or school transportation services will be available to the property. Chairman Heitz noted that, regardless of other towns' suits, Kingston requires frontage on a Class V roadway and to develop on a Class VI Road will require that the road be brought to current standards.

Restriction of Bandstand Access Discussed

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire and Police Chief Don Briggs were present to discuss restriction of access to the Bandstand on The Plains to permitted use only. Mr. St. Hilaire advised that the level of damage, defacement and littering on the historical structure will jeopardize the planned restoration project, for which the town has accepted a grant. He advises that access be limited only to residents who apply for and are granted permits to use the structure. Selectman Korn noted that he has spoken with the Heritage Commission members, who are supportive of such a restriction. Chief Briggs advised that he and his officers will be able to enforce the restriction as long as the Board adopts a Regulation, including a penalty clause. The Board will review a draft regulation at the next meeting.

Highway Department. Discussion

Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire provided to the Board estimated costs to complete roadwork needing to be done in the near future. To resurface the entire length of Main Street with a 2" layer of mix will cost \$436,000.00; to shim 2" and mill 2" will cost \$500,000.00; and to pulverize and mill 4" and resurface will cost \$750,000.00. Total reconstruction will add approximately two additional years before the road requires attention again, and the less expensive option of resurfacing will require that full reconstruction will be necessary in ten years. The cost to grind and repave those sections of Ball Road not re-done during culvert replacement projects will be \$300,000.00.

Sign Ordinance Violations Discussion

The Board discussed with the owners of Memories Ice Cream a Notice of Violation that the Board had sent at the request of the Planning Board. The owners had erected signs that they found on the property and that they believe were used in the past. They also had erected one ice cream cone sign, meant to slow traffic entering the property. They expressed an interest in doing whatever is necessary to bring their property into compliance and noted that they had applied for permits for the signs in question as soon as they received the notice from the town but hadn't heard back despite follow up calls that were never answered by the Building Inspector. Chairman Heitz advised that they have the option to ask the Planning Board for an updated Site Plan or to request a Variance from the Board of Adjustment, however they should remove all non-compliant signs in the interim.

Review of Properties to be Deeded

Tax Collector Melissa Fowler reviewed with the Board those properties scheduled to be deeded for non-payment of 2011 taxes. The Board requested time to review the list and contact the owners. Ms Fowler provided release forms for the Board to complete for any properties they wish not to accept.

Administrative Issues

The Board signed four Notices of Violation requested by the Planning Board.

A request by the SRHS Athletic Department to use the Plains for cross country events was approved.

An application for a Veterans Credit was approved for 2015.

The Board acknowledged award of two plaques by Southeast Land Trust recognizing the town's commitment to conservation efforts.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, minutes of the June 2, 2014 meeting were approved as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**