

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of July 28, 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 Garage Discussion

Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire advised the Board that he had spoken with the low bidder for the Highway Garage project - Eastern Seaboard Concrete Construction - concerning whether the project scope can be pared down to meet the \$650,000.00 cost approved by voters at the March 2014 Town Meeting. By reducing the sprinkler component to include only branch lines, sprinkler heads and a fire truck tie-in rather than a full sprinkling system, which isn't required, the town will be preserving the option to sprinkle the building at a later date. Similarly, the insulation and tubing required for a radiant heating system can be installed in the foundation for full system installation at a later date. Finally, mezzanine construction can be held to construction of a concrete slab rather than a fully finished mezzanine, and can be finished at a later date. These adjustments in the specifications bring the project construction costs down to \$642,600.00. Mr. St. Hilaire is recommending that engineering costs be paid from Highway Block Grant funds.

Selectman Broderick asked that the Board consider doing the project in full as proposed. He noted that the funding is coming from the Infrastructure Improvement Fund, which requires only a public hearing for approval. Chairman Heitz expressed the opinion that to spend more on the project than what was represented to voters to be the total cost is bad business and probably would lead to reluctance to approve future requests. Mr. St. Hilaire and Selectman Korn agreed.

Mr. St. Hilaire will provide firm figures to the Board within the next week or two so that a decision can be made.

Kingston Days Historical Museum Display Approved

Ruth Albert, Chairman of the Historical Museum Committee, requested and received Board approval for a tintype photographer to pitch his photography tent on the Grace Daley House grounds on August 1st so that he can set up early on the morning of August 2nd. The Police Chief has been made aware of the arrangement.

Proposed Farmers Market Discussion

Kathy Houghton of the Friends of the Library discussed with the Board her proposal to hold a Farmers Market at the Library site on Saturday mornings. She has discussed the idea with the Library Trustees and will be presenting them with a written proposal. The abutting property owner - Fourdees - has said that their parking lot can be used for any overflow parking. White Cedar Farms on Pow Wow River Road will provide produce, and it's expected that other vendors will be invited as the market grows. Selectman Broderick suggested that at some point the market may grow enough to make it necessary to move to the Plains. Selectman Korn asked if the Board can receive a courtesy copy of the proposal being submitted to the Trustees. Any proceeds realized by the Friends will go to support the Community Library.

Review of Proposed Bandstand Regulation

A regulation to require permitting of use of the Bandstand located on the Plains was reviewed by the Board. Amendments making submittal of an Insurance Certificate optional (at Board discretion) and instituting a fee will be incorporated into the text. The amended regulation will be reviewed in August.

Administrative Issues

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

The Board issued Pole Licenses for Hunt Road and Mill Road sites as requested by Unitil.

Letters from the Department of Revenue Administration verifying that the 2013 revaluation of town properties falls within their parameters were read.

Notification of the 2014-15 Highway Block Grant disbursement was read.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**

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