

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of September 19, 2011
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Kingston Town Hall. In attendance were Chairman Peter Broderick and Selectman Charles Hart.

Trust Funds Discussion

Chairman of the Trust Funds Bradley Maxwell was present to discuss the Library construction project. Library Trustees Treasurer Jane Christie has requested that the balance of the March 2011 appropriation be transferred, along with interest earned since March 8, 2011, to the Library Trustees. Mr. Maxwell explained that he's been under the understanding that the Library would be requesting withdrawals as they received bills for completed work. He also advised that he believes that funds, which at present are invested in a certificate of deposit, should stay with the Trust Funds until such time as approved expenditures have been made. He believes that the Library project is restricted to spending only the amount appropriated at Town Meeting rather than the appropriation plus interest earned on it.

Chairman Broderick advised that, at the July 25, 2011 meeting of the Board with Mr. Maxwell, it had been agreed that the Trustees would contact Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Division and find out whether the funds should be provided to the Library Trustees in their entirety, allowing the interest earnings to be used for the project. Mr. Maxwell advised that he has been in contact with Ms. Knowles and will ask her those specific questions. The Trustees of Trust Funds will be meeting on Wednesday evening, September 21st, and will invite the Library Trustees to be present. Mr. Maxwell would like them to explain how the project's finances will be managed going forward, as it appears that the understanding among parties has changed.

Chairman Broderick then advised Mr. Maxwell that it had been agreed at the July 25th meeting that the amount of 2011 Article 23 that has been disallowed by the Department of Revenue Administration - \$4,210,182.00 - needs to be transferred from the trusts to the General Fund. It's hoped that the funds will be appropriated by the 2012 Town Meeting to reestablish the Infrastructure Improvements Fund, as originally intended by Article 23. Mr. Maxwell advised again that the funds are in a certificate of deposit and he'd rather not withdraw them and risk a penalty as well as loss of interest earnings. He asked if the transfer could be done on paper only, leaving the funds in the custody of the Trustees. The Board will discuss that issue when Mr. Heitz is present and Mr. Maxwell will speak with Finance Officer Cindy Kenerson to ask her opinion.

Highway Discussion Delayed

Chairman Broderick advised that Road Agent Richard St. Hilaire is delaying his meeting with the Board until a full Board can be present. He intends to ask if the Board wishes to put off start of construction on the Great Pond Road and Ball Road culvert replacements until Spring. He'll be speaking with the engineers and contractor over the next week and will have their opinions ready to discuss with the Board at the September 26th meeting.

Acceptance of Donated Items on Behalf of Library Trustees

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Chairman Broderick, it was voted to accept on behalf of the Library Trustees certain items, including books, cd's, engineering services, and museum passes, having a total value of \$1,275.50.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Broderick it was voted to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 Selectmen's meeting as printed.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Broderick it was voted to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 non-public session as printed.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Hart and second of Selectman Broderick it was voted to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2011 Selectmen's meeting as printed.

Board Updates

Selectman Hart advised that the School District has conceptually approved allowing the First Congregational Church to tie into the School fire suppression system that's shared with town buildings. There will be another meeting soon at which some of the details will be ironed out so that a joint letter can be sent to the State Fire Marshall about when the required generator will be purchased and installed. The Fire Marshall has said that he will allow a 3-year period during which financing can be arranged.

Chairman Broderick advised that he'd attended the recent area Selectmen's meeting and that Kingston will be hosting the next meeting, which should be held in February of 2012. It's expected that the meeting will include State representatives and senators and that discussion will center around state budget cuts, unfunded mandates, the make up of the State Retirement Board and various other issues that involve the state as it affects towns.

It was noted that the Fall Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on October 29th from 9:00 am till noon in Chester.

The Board thanked Randall Kezar for his service on the Historic District Commission. Mr. Kezar is resigning due to other commitments. The Board signed appointment papers for Ralph Murphy who will advance from his alternate position to full membership. Chairman Broderick noted that there now will be an alternate position open on the Commission and that interested residents should attend some of the Commission meetings and make their interest known.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm and the Board retired to address administrative issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant