

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of August 30, 2019
FINAL MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall.

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Heitz; Kevin St. James, Vice-Chair; Donald Briggs, Jr., Phillip Coombs, Richard Wilson, Selectmen.

Non-Public Session

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Briggs, **SECOND** of Selectman St. James, it was voted by roll call to adjourn to Non-Public session under the provisions of NH RSA 91-A:3, II (b): Personnel, and (I) Legal.

In Favor: Heitz, Briggs, Coombs, St. James, Wilson; Motion passed.

The Board adjourned at 8:16 AM.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Wilson, **SECOND** of Selectman Coombs, it was voted by roll call to return to public session at 9:35 am.

In Favor: Heitz, Briggs, Coombs, St. James, Wilson; Motion passed.

MOTION: by Selectman St. James to seal the non-public meeting minutes for an unspecified length of time, as the divulgence of the information likely would render an action ineffective.

SECOND: by Selectman Briggs

All in favor via roll call vote.

Discussed in Non-Public Session:

Appointment of Interim Fire Chief:

MOTION: by Selectman Coombs, to appoint Graham Pellerin as acting Fire Chief in the interim, until a new permanent Fire Chief can be hired.

SECOND: By Selectman Briggs

All in favor.

Mr. Pellerin was called to join the meeting, and a discussion was held about Fire Department needs, as well as details of this appointment. The Board expressed interest in having Mr. Pellerin attend Board meetings on a regular basis.

It was decided to inform Department personnel via a group email at the end of the day.

Decision to allow Map U12 Lot 48 to be unmerged: New information received:

The Administrative Assistant shared information found since the August 26 meeting, when a decision was made to allow this lot to be unmerged pending viability of a septic plan. The question of whether this lot had been involuntarily merged by the Town had remained. After the meeting, a tax map from 1975 was found in the Planning Office which shows the parcel as one lot of record. This, in addition to notes on the 1982 septic plan, made it clear that the lot was merged prior to the Town's 1977 Warrant Article which would have allowed for an involuntary merger.

Selectman Wilson questioned whether this request can be denied after a similar lot was allowed to be unmerged a few years ago. In discussion, it was decided that with proof the lot was not involuntarily merged, the Board cannot allow it to be unmerged.

MOTION: by Selectman Wilson, to rescind the decision, made on August 26, to allow the unmerging of Map U12 Lot 48, based on new information that shows the merger was not a result of the warrant article passed in 1977 regarding standard lot size.

SECOND: by Selectman Coombs.

All in favor.

The owner of the property will be informed and invited to a future meeting if she has questions.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence regarding a legal issue. Concerns expressed at the most recent Fire Station Building Committee were shared by Selectman Briggs; it was decided to set a one-hour work session with the Fire Station Building Committee for September 9 at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment:

MOTION: by Selectman Coombs to adjourn at 10:05 AM.

SECOND: by Selectman

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Ayer
Administrative Assistant