

Kingston, New Hampshire  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting of May 14, 2018  
MINUTES- DRAFT

**PRESENT:** Mark Heitz, Chairman; George Korn, Phillip Coombs, Kevin St. James and Donald Briggs, Jr., Selectmen.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**Fire Station Building Committee**

The Chairman read the names of the group of eleven members chosen at the Selectmen's May 7 meeting:

Mark Furlong, Evelyn Nathan, Kurt Baitz, Bill Bixby (with Muriel Ingalls as Alternate), William Sullivan, Michael Lytle; Bill Seaman, Brian Gallant and Kent Walker of the Fire Department; Road Agent Rich St. Hilaire, and Selectman George Korn.

Chairman Heitz said that the committee will choose their own Chair at their organizational meeting.

Most were in attendance and there followed a discussion of the mission of the committee, which includes exploring options for not only location but for means of funding a new fire station.

The question of whether or not to televise the committee's meetings was raised, and comments included that transparency and getting information out to the most people possible is crucial, as during the last debate, many people said they were not aware of the meetings that were held. Other comments related to the possible problems of negotiating real estate in a public forum. Chairman Heitz said that when looking at the cost of a property, appraisals and fair market value would be relied on; he said he felt televising was a good idea. Selectman Coombs said he felt that the Selectmen should not dictate to the committee on this matter.

**MOTION:** by Selectman Briggs, to recommend that Fire Station Building Committee meetings be held in the Town Hall meeting room and be televised

**SECOND:** by Chairman Heitz

**In Favor:** Briggs, Heitz, St. James

**Abstain:** Coombs, Korn

Committee members met briefly outside the meeting room and will set an initial organizational meeting.

**Kingston Youth Baseball and Softball - Ticks at Magnusson Field**

Jay Ash of Danville Road, and President of Kingston Youth Baseball and Softball, came to address the Selectmen about the tick problem on the playing fields. He referenced a recent email sent to the Town by a parent, which was brought to the Selectmen but that he felt was not adequately addressed. He said he would like to clarify that Kingston

Youth Baseball and Softball would like permission to pay for the treatment, and he has already spoken to Dragon Mosquito.

Chairman Heitz said that the Town pays \$34,000 per year for mosquito testing and treatment (of wet areas and when the testing shows the presence of Triple-E or West Nile viruses) and he does not want to spend additional Town funds.

**MOTION:** by Selectman Coombs to permit tick spraying at Magnusson Field, to be paid for with private funds.

**SECOND:** by Selectman Briggs

**Approved by all.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **LOCO 5K Race and Fair**

There was a brief discussion of the event that took place on May 12. By all accounts it was a successful and well-organized event. Cost to the Town was discussed, and it was noted that a permit fee was collected up-front.

### **Use of Magnusson Field during Kingston Days**

The Board reviewed a draft letter and list of neighboring properties to send it to, as notification of the possible use of the field for campers again in 2018. It was decided send the letter as drafted and to discuss the matter at the June 4, 2018 meeting.

### **Building Inspector Hours/Permit fees**

Selectmen Briggs shared a letter from 2009 that restricted the Building Inspector to 1.5-2 hours in the office per day. It was agreed that Inspector hours and permit fees need to be revisited. Information is to be gathered for a future workshop.

### **Barn Easements**

Selectman Coombs said he had looked into the criteria for historical barn preservation easements, mainly to check that the Cheney Road barn fell into the category. He said it appears that it does, for age and scenic value. He shared the website links he had accessed for the information. A decision will be made on the easement applications on June 4.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Heitz pointed out several areas in the minutes of May 7 that need clarification, especially on page 1 under the discussion of the grant pre-application with Andrea Kenter of GeoInsight, and on page 2 with regard to the Heritage budget vs. Warrant Article funds. A new draft will be prepared for review at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bakie Farm - Prospective Buyer**

Steven Roxburgh of South Hampton introduced himself and Caroline Coman as prospective buyers of the Bakie Farm property at 35 Powwow River Road. Mr. Roxburgh said that he is under contract to purchase the farm, but the title search is taking time. Adding that there is a tax lien on the property and it is due to be deeded to the Town in June, he hopes to close at the end of the month.

Mr. Roxburgh also introduced his son-in-law Andre Cantelmo, who owns and operates Heron Pond Farm in South Hampton. Mr. Roxburgh and Mr. Cantelmo spoke of the plans they have for the Bakie farm, which will be first to stabilize the soil by planting cover crops, and eventually to talk about mixed production and expanding the existing greenhouses.

Selectman St. James asked if there were plans for the farm to be a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) farm again, and Mr. Cantelmo said he has been in touch with the previous vegetable person to get the old CSA member list in order to invite them to join. He said that the main goal will be to keep the farm's footprint but have more public access.

Mr. Roxburgh reiterated that he hopes the title search will be completed so that he can close on the property before it is deeded to the Town for taxes.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Heritage Commission**

Selectman Korn reported that funds for bunting for the bandstand, discussed at the May 7 Selectmen's meeting, have been donated by a Kingston family. He also said that a painting of the Town Hall by Robert Eastman will be given by Mrs. Mary McCluskey, in memory of her late husband, Steven McCluskey.

**MOTION:** by Selectman Briggs, to accept the gift of a Robert Eastman painting.

**SECOND:** by Selectman Coombs

**Approved by all**

Selectman Korn will accept the painting on behalf of the Board at the bandstand dedication ceremony.

### **Sanborn School**

Selectman Korn reported that two appraisals are being done on the school, and also reported that Seacoast Learning Center may be interested in leasing the building. After some discussion, it was determined that this use of the building should be brought to the Planning Board, due to the change in use and impact on Town services. Selectman Korn said that this has not been discussed in negotiations at this point, but he will bring it up.

It was decided that Selectmen Briggs and Korn will reach out to Town Counsel for advice.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A letter has been received from the Historical District Commission, asking for the Board's help in a non-compliance issue. A letter from the Board will be written to the property owner.
- A letter of resignation from the Conservation Commission has been received from David Joy.
- An anonymous complaint about use of a property on Depot Road was received via the website.
- A notice about treatment of Powwow Pond with herbicides, due to take place on or near May 23, has been received. Chairman Heitz asked to have it put on the website.

- Three Facilities Use permits were reviewed; one wedding reception on the Plains on May 26, one wedding on the Plains on July 14<sup>th</sup>, neither involving alcohol, and a request from Cub Scout Pack 90 to use the Recreation Center's beach and playground area on July 8<sup>th</sup>. All were approved. In discussion it was agreed there should be a workshop meeting in the future to review the use of the Plains by residents and non-residents, and to consider assigning fees.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Applications Received for Assessing/Permitting Clerk Position**

The Selectmen reviewed seven applications received for this part time position, and chose those to be interviewed on May 22 at a daytime meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Leslie Hume of New Boston Road asked the Selectmen about mosquito spraying, saying she lives near Powwow Pond and the mosquitos are especially bad this year. Chairman Heitz explained the procedure followed per the contract with Dragon Mosquito, which is to treat the catch basins and wet areas with adult larvicide, and to test for Triple E and West Nile. If these strains are detected, then the Town will talk to them about spraying in affected areas.

Ms. Hume asked if aerial spraying might be considered. There was a discussion of what this would entail, such as EPA permits and additional costs, and also the matter of whether all residents would be in favor of such spraying near the lakes.

Information on where the testing and treatment take place will made available.

**MOTION:** by Selectman St. James to adjourn to non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), at 9:40 PM.

**SECOND:** by Selectman Coombs.

**In favor:** Briggs, Heitz, Korn, St. James, Coombs.

**MOTION:** by Selectman Korn to return to public session at 9:48 PM.

**SECOND:** by Selectman St. James.

**In favor:** Briggs, Heitz, Korn, St. James, Coombs.

**MOTION:** by Selectman Korn to adjourn, at 10:00 PM.

**SECOND:** by Selectman Briggs

**All in favor.**

Respectfully submitted,

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