

**Kingston, New Hampshire
Board of Selectmen
Meeting of August 24, 2015
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.

Employee Supplemental Retirement Plan Presentation

Jack Herzog of Valic Financial Advisors, Inc. was present to discuss with the Board an option for a supplemental retirement plan available to municipal employees. The tax deferred 457(b) plan will allow employees to save up to \$18,000.00 per year and carries no 10% penalty for early withdrawal, although there are restrictions to the purposes for withdrawals up until the age of 70½. Loans against the amount of an employee's contributions can be made at 3% interest.

Selectmen agreed that Mr. Herzog can arrange to meet with employees of the various departments at the discretion of department heads. Mr. Herzog will work with Finance Officer Cindy Kenerson to arrange the employee presentation meetings.

Non-public Session

MOTION: At residents' request, Selectman Broderick moved for adjournment to non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, II-c. The motion was seconded by Selectman Korn. Chairman Heitz polled the Board for a unanimous affirmative vote and the Board retired to non-public session at 7:25 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:05 pm.

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, Chairman Heitz polled the Board for a unanimous vote to seal the minutes of the non-public session for an indefinite period.

Discussion of Property Auction to be Held in Fall

The Board met with Jay and James St. Jean of James R. St. Jean Auctioneers to discuss auction of three town-owned properties acquired in 2012 by Tax Collector's Deed. The auction will be held in the fall by absolute sale with no minimum bid. Each of the properties' former owners was advised following the 2012 deeding of their right to redeem ownership; none arranged to do so.

A proposal will be prepared and, once approved by the Board, the auction will be scheduled and advertised. The properties are located on Mill Road, New Boston Road and Hunt Road.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Upon motion of Selectman Korn and second of Selectman Broderick, it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting as printed. Chairman Heitz abstained from the vote.

Discussion of North Road Property Tax Status and Use Restrictions

Chairman Heitz discussed with the Board an on-going question as to the status of a portion of the property located at 26 North Road relative to its Current Use assessment. The property owners have been using the property for camping and have installed electricity to which the travel trailers that are located there are connected. At times there have been five or six travel trailers, as well as a picnic pavilion that was constructed without a permit, and a portable toilet. The town's assessor has expressed the opinion that the use exceeds what is considered an allowable "passive recreation" use under the Current Use law. The matter came to light as a result of an abutter complaint. Chairman Heitz advised that, while he agrees the designation of that portion of the property needs to be changed so that the owners are paying on a full value assessment, he is not sure that the property owners are subject to the restrictions on camper trailers cited in Chapter 301.9. His reason for believing that the Ordinance may not apply is that there is an alternative definition relating to "recreational vehicles" in the Flood Plain Development Ordinance (the property in question is not located in the Flood Plain), which

calls for a longer period for such vehicles to remain on a lot, doesn't restrict the number of trailers that can be located on a lot, and doesn't specify that a permit is required.

Chairman Heitz will present the information to the Planning Board at their next meeting to get a determination.

Administrative Issues

Selectmen signed applications for utility pole licenses on Main Street.

A thank you letter was directed to Terry Knowles and Thomas Donovan of the state Attorney General's office for their assistance in clarifying the status of the former Nichols Library building.

The Board approved a request for the Southeast Land Trust's catering service to serve beer at the August 29th Trailsfest fundraising event. The event will be held entirely on private property.

The Board denied an application from a Derry based baseball club to use town fields.

A letter to Kevin Schea advising that the town will not sell a vacant building lot located on Bassett Road was signed.

Copies of department preliminary 2016 budget requests were presented for review. The Board will conduct interviews with Department Heads during September, whereupon their budget proposal will be presented to the Budget Committee.

Notice of the Department of Transportation's 2015-16 Highway Block Grant amount of \$164,853.00 was reviewed.

Notice of the 2015-16 Radiologic Events Response Preparedness program assistance of \$47,300.00 was reviewed.

Capital Improvements Plan submissions from the Recreation Department were reviewed.

It was noted that the auction of surplus equipment and machinery is to be held on August 29th at 11:00 am at the former state highway shed on Main Street.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The Board will meet next on September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Catherine Grant
Administrative Assistant**