Town of East Kingston, NH
SELECTMEN’S PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018
6:00PM – Stephen McMillan, Interim Trustee of the Cemetery
6:15PM – Rick Russman


Chairman Dworman called this Selectmen’s Public meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Others Attending: Stephen McMillan, Rick Russman, Glenn Coppelman, Ernie Landry, Dennis Quintal, Joe Cacciatore, & Laurel Urwick.

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Public and Non-Public Meeting minutes A and B dated 01/29/18.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public and Non-Public Meeting minutes A and B dated 01/29/18 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes dated 02/06/18.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes dated 02/06/18 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CHECK REGISTER/POLICE DETAILS: The Board reviewed the check register dated 01/31/18 – 02/09/18 in the amount of $529,760.05 and the police special detail list in the amount of $1,375.00 dated 01/26/18 – 02/05/18.

It was noted that Mr. Poelaert reviewed the accounts payable prior to its approval at this meeting.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve and sign the check register dated 01/31/18 – 02/09/18 in the amount of $529,760.05 based upon Mr. Poelaert’s prior review. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the police special detail list in the amount of $1,375.00 dated 01/26/18 – 02/05/18 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

VETERANS’ EXEMPTIONS: The Board reviewed the following application for an All Veterans’ Exemption noting all the criteria has been met for approval:

John Darroch, 13 Country Lane, MBL #08-02-46-15, $500

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the All Veterans’ Exemption for John Darroch for $500 based upon all the criteria has been met for approval, as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

ABATEMENT: The Board reviewed the following Application for Abatement as well as correspondence dated January 29, 2018 from the Town’s assessing company, Avitar Associates of New England, Inc., recommending the abatement be approved:

Nathan Drown, 85 Main Street, MBL #14-02-11

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Application for Abatement for Nathan Drown as stated above, based upon the recommendation of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. in correspondence dated January 29, 2018 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

The Board reviewed the following Application for Abatement as well as correspondence dated January 29, 2018 from the Town’s assessing company, Avitar Associates of New England, Inc., recommending the abatement be denied:
Miriam Chevalier, 6 Freeman Street, MBL #09-08-07

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to deny the Application for Abatement for Miriam Chevalier as stated above, based upon the recommendation of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. in correspondence dated January 29, 2018 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CANON COPIER: Ms. Hurteau informed the Board that the lease on the current photocopier located in the Selectmen’s Office is due for renewal in May, she obtained a quote from them for a lease on a new photocopier and was able to negotiate a new lease for the updated model for the same amount as the previous lease at $189.00 per month, to include maintenance and supplies, which is a very good deal.

Ms. Hurteau also pointed out that Canon will pay-off the remainder of the lease in the total amount of $2,173.05, set up the new copier and pick-up the old unit.

Ms. Hurteau requested permission from the Board members to accept and sign the lease paperwork for the new copier as in past years.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to grant permission to Cheryll Hurteau to accept and sign the lease paperwork for the new Canon photocopier. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES: Stephen McMillan, who is running for Trustees of the Cemetery, met with the Board at 5:55PM.

Mr. McMillan stated he is looking to proceed with the position and has spoken with Barbara Clark about several issues. He added they are looking to meet post-election to determine how best to proceed.

Chairman Dworman replied they need a plan in place for the re-opening of cemeteries on April 15th.

Mr. Poelaert stated the Cemetery Trustees in Newton and Brentwood have offered to help them all to learn how to operate a cemetery following the resignation of Hank Lewandowski as Trustee of the Cemetery.

Mr. McMillan stated that Barbara Clark has loaned him her manual for the position and he has been reading through it to prepare.

Chairman Dworman requested Ms. Hurteau contact NHMA for information on upcoming training for Trustees of the Cemetery to be provided to Mr. McMillan and all Trustees of the Cemetery. Mr. McMillan agreed that would be very helpful.

Mr. Poelaert stated the Selectmen will assist and offered Mr. McMillan access to the files located downstairs in the Town Offices building.

Chairman Dworman offered for the Board to assist Mr. McMillan in hiring a cemetery sexton and he replied that Mark Brinkerhoff has shown interest in the position.

Mr. Poelaert stated Jim Clark is running for Trustee of the Cemetery, as well.

The Board thanked Mr. McMillan for meeting with them and he left at 6:15PM.

RICK RUSSMAN: Rick Russman, Ernie Landry and Glenn Coppelman met with the Board at 6:15PM.

Mr. Russman explained that the owner of 143 Willow Road Rear, Paul Trabucco contacted South East Land Trust (SELT) and spoke with Dwayne to see if he is interested in purchasing a water space. He added they are a part of a focus group in Kingston and Glenn Coppelman is also the Chairman of the Planning Board.
Mr. Russman stated there are approximately 66 acres located in East Kingston and the rest of the acreage is located in
Kingston and Mr. Coppelman added there is a huge amount of water on the property, which once was Pinebrook
Campground, who was going to extract and bottle water from the property at one time.

Mr. Russman stated the property has been marketed for 1.2 million dollars, but he would look for both towns to pay up to
the appraised value, as his purpose is to see if East Kingston is interested in purchasing the property along with Kingston
as a possible future source of water. He added they can apply for federal funds and he also serves on a state sub-
committee from funds received from a settlement with Exxon-Mobil in the amount of $275,000,000 to be used for source
protection. They are trying to spend 20% per year of the interest on the $275,000,000.

Discussion ensued as to details of a possible purchase in the case of future contamination of water sources for both towns.

Chairman Dworman asked where the main well is located and Mr. Coppelman replied the well head is in Kingston.

Mr. Russman stated he spoke with the Selectmen in Kingston and at this time they have to expectation of a municipal
water system due to the cost. He added they know it is a great water source and he wants to work with both towns, but it
must make economic sense and there is a wetlands reserve program plus a federal program, so there is money out there,
but at this time they are just exploring the notion.

Mr. Russman asked if East Kingston is interested in further exploring the idea and both Chairman Dworman and Mr.
Poelaert responded, yes.

Mr. Russman stated he must talk further with Paul Trabucco and Dwayne at SELT, who can put this project in the queue
and put in a budget to put this together. He added an appraisal must be done to determine the value, but he hopes they
will be interested and take an active role in this.

Mr. Poelaert offered to contact State Representative Bob Nigrello to speak to him about this possible project.

The Board thanked Mr. Russman, Mr. Landry and Mr. Coppelman for meeting with them and they left at 6:42PM.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: Dennis Quintal and Joe Cacciatore met with the Board at 6:42PM.

Mr. Quintal stated he met with the Board and the owner of 119 Willow Road in regard to possible wetlands violations and
he recently received a notice of findings from the Department of Environmental Services following their inspection of the
property. He added DES has requested more information to prove wetlands were not filled.

Mr. Quintal continued he got a call from the Road Agent, Mark Brinkerhoff in regard to 35 South Road where a culvert
crosses just north of the school as the owner has done a lot of work to the property and appears to be running a tree service
company, as well. He added the owner complained of the culvert being plugged and the Road Agent said it is OK for
now, but the owner also built a stone berm on the property and he believes a swale is also needed for water runoff.

Mr. Quintal stated this work was done by the owner of 35 South Road on Town property and he should have obtained
Selectmen and Planning Board approval first. He added this needs action because the runoff water and sediment are
going towards the elementary school, which is causing concern for the Road Agent.

Mr. Cacciatore stated he has been complaining about this for the past five months and asked the Planning Board Secretary
to write to the owners of 35 South Road a couple of weeks ago, but he is unsure if the letter went out, adding he will
follow-up on it.

Mr. Poelaert asked Mr. Cacciatore why the letter did not go out five months ago. He added the Planning Board needs to
talk to the owner also because they are running a business without a Home Occupation permit and a cease and desist
should be issued.

Mr. Quintal stated there has been a lot of surface disturbance that should be reviewed by the Planning Board and
Chairman Dworman requested he send a letter to the Selectmen with a copy to the Planning Board outlining his concerns.
The Board thanked Mr. Quintal and Mr. Cacciatore for meeting with them and they left at 6:57PM.

**DES:** The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence dated January 29, 2018 from the NH Department of Environmental Services in regard to “Land Resources Management File #2012-02623, 119 Willow Road, East Kingston, MBL #07-01-01,” and their inspection of the property on September 15, 2017. DES is seeking further information to be submitted by May 1, 2018.

**CALENDAR:** The following dates were noted: 02/13-Bills Due 12:00PM, Fire Training 7:00PM, 02/14-Fire Officers 7:00PM, Happy Valentine’s Day!, 02/15-Planning Board Meeting 7:00PM, 02/18-Power of the Past Pound School, 02/18-Power of the Past Meeting, 02/19-President’s Day Holiday Observed/Town Offices & Library Closed, 02/20-Bills Due 12:00PM, EMS Training Kingston Fire Station 7:00PM, 02/21-Bi-Weekly and Monthly Timesheets Due 8:00AM, 02/22-ZBA Meeting Pound School 7:00PM (as needed), 02/23-Grange Meeting 7:30PM, 02/26-Selectmen’s Meeting 5:30PM.

Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to adjourn this Selectmen’s Public meeting at 7:00PM. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryll A. Hurteau  
Town Office Manager

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Matthew B. Dworman        Erin J. Pettinato        Richard S. Poelaert