Chairman Pettinato called this Selectmen’s Public meeting to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Public and Non-Public Meeting minutes dated 07/30/18.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public and Non-Public Meeting minutes dated 07/30/18 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CHECK REGISTER/POLICE DETAILS: The Board reviewed the check register dated 08/01/18 – 08/10/18 in the amount of $612,099.58 and the police special detail list in the amount of $4,080.00 dated 07/24/18 – 08/05/18. It was noted that Mr. Poelaert reviewed the accounts payable prior to its approval at this meeting.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to approve and sign the check register dated 08/01/18 – 08/10/18 in the amount of $612,099.58 based upon Mr. Poelaert’s prior review. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to approve the police special detail list as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

TOWN POLICIES: During review of the Town’s policies by Plodzik & Sanderson, PA for the 2017 audit, it was their recommendation that the Board of Selectmen conduct regular review and reaffirmation or revision of such policies to ensure they are being kept current.

The Board members were provided with photocopies of the Ethics Policy, Fraud Policy and the Fund Balance Policy for their review and recommendations, noting they will review several policies at upcoming meetings until all policies have been reviewed.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to approve the Ethics Policy, Fraud Policy and the Fund Balance Policy as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

STATE FOREST REIMBURSEMENT: The Board reviewed an Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in Which Federal and State Forest Land is situated in regard to the Eaton State Forest, MBL #12-01-04, 42 acres with a total assessed valuation of $218,500 for 2018.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to approve and sign the Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in Which Federal and State Forest Land is situated in regard to the Eaton State Forest, MBL #12-01-04, 42 acres with a total assessed valuation of $218,500 for 2018 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

35 SOUTH ROAD: The Board acknowledged receipt of and reviewed correspondence dated August 8, 2018 from Daniel Stacey of 35 South Road in regard to cleaning a public storm drain located adjacent to his property.

PULSAR: Ms. Hurteau stated that Mr. Poelaert asked that the Board discuss the heat detector monitoring for both the Railroad Depot building as well as the Town Hall building to determine if they want to discontinue the services on these two buildings. The Board determined they would discontinue the heat detector monitoring each of these buildings as a cost saving measure.
The Board met with Fire Chief Ed Warren at 6:45PM.

Chief Warren informed the Board the Fire Department has had a very busy year and they are on pace for 500 calls this year, which is an average of 1.7 calls per day and the highest number of calls ever in one year. He added 70% of their calls are medical/ambulance calls and 30% are fire calls.

Mr. Poelaert asked Chief Warren if he was looking at selling the old fire tanker and he replied he called the Vermont company they used to sell the last tanker and was informed that style is only selling for between $5,000 and $6,000 and the company would charge them 10% of the total sale price for their services, adding they could opt to auction it.

Mr. Poelaert suggesting sending the information to the company in Vermont and giving them 30 days to sell and Chief Warren responded he will give them a call and set the price at $5,000.

Mr. Lyons suggested placing a minimum reserved bid and Chief Warren reiterated he will contact them.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 6:52PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para. (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. The Board was polled & the results of the poll were: Erin J. Pettinato –Yes, Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, & Justin B. Lyons - Yes.

The Board was polled & determined the divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective & the information will be withheld from the public during the public meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018. The results of the poll were: Erin J. Pettinato –Yes, Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, & Justin B. Lyons - Yes.

Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 7:00PM. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board met with the Ron Morales, Rob Caron, Dan Guilmette and Bud Staples of the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee at 7:00PM.

Mr. Morales stated the recycling market has tanked and at their recommendation the Board of Selectmen recently voted to approve an increase of $105 in the recycling processing fee. He added the Town does get a return on #6 paper and cardboard and in October the cost of recycling tonnage could be the same cost as throwing solid waste into the landfill.

Mr. Morales pointed out that the May bulk pick-up had a lot of leakage as in items being trucked into East Kingston by family and friends of East Kingston residents with the taxpayers footing the bill.

Mr. Guilmette asked for clarification on recycling tonnage being the same as solid waste tonnage and Mr. Caron replied there is only a market for cardboard and certain plastics with Waste Management and they do not want to stop the recycling program only to begin it again when the market changes. Mr. Morales added it is also difficult because China requires only a .5% contamination rate and rejects recycling that exceeds that limit.

Chairman Pettinato asked about what is happening in other small towns with recycling and Mr. Caron responded that East Kingston is single stream recycling, so it is all or nothing. Mr. Morales added Waste Management uses East Kingston as a good example of a recycling community.

The Board discussed ideas to avoid issues with the second bulk pick-up in September and Bud Staples pointed out the flyers for 2018 are already out, so they will need to look at providing more information on the subject in the 2019 flyer.

Mr. Guilmette suggested doing a mass mailing to tell residents the situation and perhaps distributing it to the elementary school children to bring home and placing it on the Town website as well as East Kingston Connects to get the word out.

Chairman Pettinato stated residents need to know this information as the services may not be feasible to continue if it becomes cost prohibitive.
Mr. Lyons asked about the cost of last bulky pick-up and Mr. Morales replied Waste Management picked-up 52 tons at a cost of $80 per ton plus a tipping fee, noting the cost for the Solid Waste contract has been flat for many years, but may have to increase next year.

Chairman Pettinato requested that the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee put together bullet points on this information and provide it to them and they will write a letter to be sent to all residents and Mr. Lyons added it should emphasize that if the current practices continue, there could be a sharp increase in cost for next year and as Mr. Staples pointed out the bulky pick-up for this past spring had 20% more items than last year’s fall pick-up.

The Board thanked Mr. Morales, Mr. Caron, Mr. Guilmette and Mr. Staples for meeting with them and they left at 7:30PM.

143 WILLOW ROAD REAR: The Board met with Ernie Landry and Glenn Coppelma of Kingston Open Spaces and Kingston Selectman George Korn at 7:30PM.

Mr. Landry stated this is the third meeting they have had with the East Kingston Selectmen on the subject of the water source located in Kingston with the backland located at 143 Willow Road Rear in East Kingston as well as the potential for both towns to purchase the property. He added the last time they met he told the Board they need to determine the fair market value of the property and spoke of sharing in the cost of an appraisal at an estimated cost of $3,000.

Mr. Landry continued the Southeast Land Trust (SELT) put out an RFQ (request for quote) and the cost came in between $3,700 and $5,000 as they need both the land and water value, which requires the hiring of a water consultant, so the actual cost could end up between $6,000 and $6,500. He added the Town of Kingston recently met and decided to fund the entire cost of the appraisal to manage the process.

Mr. Korn indicated that the Kingston Selectmen ultimately voted to have the appraisal done and pay for the total cost of the appraisal and then speak with Paul Trabucco. He then asked how interested East Kingston is in a future source of water adding they need to move forward and convince voters this is a good plan.

Mr. Landry stated SELT worked with them on the appraisal contract and they will then meet with the Selectmen going forward, adding they also may work with SELT to conserve the land.

Mr. Poelaert suggested looking at the Castle in the Clouds who sold water rights to Monadnock Water Company, who gave the rest of the land back to them.

Mr. Korn asked if East Kingston is still interested and stated commercial extraction was done from the site in the 1990’s and they were drawing down approximately 115,000 gallons per day, which could supply both towns, but they first must acquire the land. He added three Kingston Selectmen are interested in a cooperative deal.

Mr. Poelaert replied Kingston is doing the right thing and asked him to keep them informed and Chairman Pettinato added they would like to keep their hat in the ring.

Mr. Lyons stated he is all for it and he wants to conserve the land. Mr. Landry responded there are two commercial wells on the property that have already been drilled.

Mr. Coppelma stated water is becoming a more and more precious resource and many towns now have a lack of clean water, so before there are future issues, this property produces a good volume of water.

Mr. Korn stated they can try to negotiate a fair sale price and they will eventually invite the East Kingston Selectmen to Kingston Selectmen’s Meetings and keep them in the loop.

The Board thanked Mr. Landry, Mr. Coppelma and Mr. Korn for meeting with them and they left at 7:52PM.
NONPUBLIC SESSION: Chairman Pettinato MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 7:55PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para. (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Erin J. Pettinato – Yes, Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, & Justin B. Lyons - Yes.

The Board was polled & determined the divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective & the information will be withheld from the public during the public meeting Minutes of August 13, 2018. The results of the poll were: Erin J. Pettinato – Yes, Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, & Justin B. Lyons - Yes.

Mr. Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 8:14PM. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

CALENDAR: The following dates were noted: 08/14-Bills Due 12:00PM, Fire Training 7:00PM. 08/15-Historical Committee Meeting 7:00PM, 08/21-Bills & Timesheets Due 12:00PM, EMS Training/Kingston Fire Station 7:00PM, 08/22-Historical Committee Meeting 7:00PM, 08/23-ZBA Meeting 7:00PM, 08/24-Grange Meeting 7:30PM, 08/27-Selectmen’s Meeting 6:30PM.

Mr. Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Public meeting at 8:15PM. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryll A. Hurteau
Town Office Manager

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