ATTENDING: Richard S. Poelaert, Justin B. Lyons & Robert L. Nigrello.


Mr. Poelaert called this Selectmen’s Public meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Mr. Nigrello MOTIONED to nominate Richard Poelaert as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

MINUTES: The Board tabled approval of the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes of 01/02/19 and 01/08/19.

The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes of 03/11/19.

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public Meeting minutes dated 03/11/19 as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CHECK REGISTER/POLICE DETAILS: The Board reviewed the check register dated 03/13/19 – 03/22/19 in the amount of $78,734.39 and the police special detail list with a total amount of $5,340.00 dated 03/05/19 – 03/15/19.

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

Mr. Lyons MOTIONED to approve and sign the check register dated 03/13/19 – 03/22/19 in the amount of $78,734.39 based upon Chairman Poelaert’s prior review. Chairman Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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

2019 APPOINTMENTS: The Board reviewed three 2019 Appointments effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 and one, 2019 Appointment effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022 for the Planning Board for their approval and signature.

Richard S. Poelaert, Planning Board Ex-Officio, 04/01/2019-03/31/2020
Justin B. Lyons, Planning Board Ex-Officio Alternate, 04/01/2019-03/31/2020
Robert L. Nigrello Planning Board Ex-Officio Alternate, 04/01/2019-03/31/2020
Robert A. Marston, Planning Board Member, 04/01/2019-03/31/2022

Mr. Lyons MOTIONED to approve and sign the three 2019 Appointments effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020 and one, 2019 Appointment effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022 for the Planning Board as presented. Mr. Nigrello seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

VETERANS’ EXEMPTION: The Board reviewed the following application for a Regular Veterans’ Exemption noting all the criteria has been met for approval:

Brian G. Cressy, 2 George Street, MBL #04-02-10, $500

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to approve the Regular Veterans’ Exemption for Brian G. Cressy for $500 based upon all the criteria has been met for approval, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
**CURRENT USE:** The Board reviewed the following Land Use Change Tax Releases for their approval and signature:

- Klee Properties, 158 Haverhill Road, MBL #11-01-06, 2.367 acres, $12,045 (including administrative and recording fees)
- LAG Holdings, 170 Haverhill Road, MBL #11-01-08, 3.543 acres, $12,545 (including administrative and recording fees)
- Kimberly Lyons, 162 Haverhill Road, MBL #11-02-02, 4.54 acres, $4,545 (including administrative and recording fees)

Chairman Poelaert **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the Land Use Change Tax Releases as described above. Mr. Nigrello seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING COMMITTEE:** The Board met with members of the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee at 6:50PM to discuss options for the upcoming Bulky Waste pick-ups.

Pete Lachapelle of Waste Management provided the Board members with a handout depicting the 87.08% increase in Bulky Waste tonnage since 2005. The 2018 pick-up was a 56% increase in tonnage over 2017’s pick-up.

Mr. Lachapelle and Mr. Morales outlined possible alternative solutions as follows: Go to a pay system for stickers, limit the quantity of items per household, discontinue the pick-ups, utilize the bagster program, or direct residents to other towns such as Newton and Raymond.

Mr. Lachapelle clarified that Bulky Waste should consist of items that cannot fit in a car.

Mr. Nigrello asked if the Committee can come up with further options and Mr. Morales replied they need to move forward and set dates to be included in the annual flyer to be mailed out to residents shortly.

Mr. Lachapelle stated he has been in the industry for 17 years and he is a City Councilman in Rochester and he strongly recommends implementing a tag program. Mr. Morales also recommended tightening up the list of acceptable items.

Mr. Lyons suggested allowing each household two free stickers and charging for any over and above the two.

Mr. Morales agreed that two free stickers would be a good option and proposed a cost of $15 for each item beyond.

Chairman Poelaert suggested arranging for a work session between the Solid Waste & Recycling Committee and the Board of Selectmen in the near future and thanked them for attending tonight’s meeting.

Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette and Pete Lachapelle left at 7:17PM.

**COVE ROAD:** Residents of Cove Road met with the Board at 7:17PM in regard to the poor condition of their road.

Ezhra Martin began by sharing her safety concerns due to the “hazardous” condition of the road with people getting stuck, a AAA truck responding and getting stuck itself, adding in her car the wheels spin in the mud and it slides sideways. She added she is very grateful for the gravel put down by the Road Agent as it did help, but it will soon be the rainy season and she worries about emergency vehicles reaching the residents and asks the Town to correct the current conditions.

Ron Lucchesi expressed concerns over emergency vehicles as well as the mud on the limo he drives as an executive chauffer. He added there are now more year round homes than summer camps and they want a safe and nice road.

Brian Carifio stated he had spoken with both the Police and Fire Departments who told him in the case of an emergency they would get there, but he worries about how quickly with disabled residents living there. He added they get the same pot holes every year and Bell & Flynn did a beautiful job grading the road last year.

John Milone asked if the solution would be to bring in a crusher and Mr. Brinkerhoff replied it is all poorly drained soil in that area.
Road Agent, Mark Brinkerhoff stated he had the road graded too early last year and you’re better off to wait until the frost is completely gone and the heavy rains have ended. He added the homes have built-up septic systems, tiny yards, standing water and no drainage and it is a busy road.

The Board asked for a brief recess at 7:35PM to meet in non-public session with their 7:30PM appointment.

NONPUBLIC SESSION: Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 7:35PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para (c) Matters, which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert –Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - 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 March 25, 2019. The results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert –Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - Yes.

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 7:45PM. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

COVE ROAD: The residents of Cove Road returned to the meeting at 7:45PM to continue discussion.

Sue Berthel expressed concern with the safety of the residents and emergency vehicle response times as “a couple of minutes matter.”

Chairman Poelaert replied if they go back in time, in 1948 there were campsites and tents on Cove Road and they now live on an unaccepted road that would have to be built to Town standards and then the voters would have to be petitioned to accept the road. He added they could go through the process to build the road to Town standards and still risk rejection to accept the road by the voters.

Mr. Nigrello stated since this is a private road, there is no clear path to ownership, adding for public safety the Town can provide a small measure of maintenance.

Police Chief LePage pointed out that there is a state statute that you cannot expend town funds on private property.

Fire Chief Warren stated he has lived in Town for 35 years and has seen the road in worse condition. He added he was formerly the Chairman of the Planning Board and learned the Town cannot spend taxpayer money on private property, but they can plow it for access.

Chief Warren continued he could get down the road today in the command car and emergency services can get to them in good time.

Mr. Brinkerhoff pointed out they should have had the Town Engineer here tonight to answer questions and reiterated the need for proper drainage and with the amount of traffic along with the lack of sun on the road, the water lays in the ruts and you have to dry-up the water before you can fix the road.

Chairman Poelaert asked when Mr. Brinkerhoff might grade the road and he replied it is up to Mother Nature and reiterated he did it too early last year so it did not last.

Mr. Nigrello asked if there was anything else the Selectmen can do and promised they will continue to monitor the condition of the road.

Chairman Poelaert asked that the residents pick a point person to interact with the Selectmen’s Office and they promised they would.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this evening and they left the meeting at 8:25PM.
**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief, Ed Warren informed the Board he will be ordering a new life pack for the Fire Department and the regular price is $38,000, but he was able to purchase one for $19,000, which is a bargain.

Chief Warren stated that Medicaid and Medicare are mandating they must have the signature of the patient on an i-Pad before they leave the house or they won’t pay for the call. He added this is something they will have to figure out and they will take the funds to purchase the i-Pads from the revolving Ambulance & Equipment fund.

Chief Warren continued they need a new fire station and talked about building one on the corner of Rte. 107 and Rte. 125, but Kingston won’t entertain the idea, adding Kingston, Newton and East Kingston are trying to figure out a location so they can guarantee good response times.

Chief Warren thanked the Board for meeting with him and left at 8:35PM.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Police Chief, Mike LePage informed the Board the new cruiser would be arriving within the next week and requested they sign the purchase order for the balance due so he can pick it up. He added the money will come out of the revolving Police Special Detail account and the cost of the cruiser is $26,000 plus they will need $11,000 to set it up.

**KOFILE TECHNOLOGIES:** Abagail Mills explained she is good friends with Bill from Kofile Technologies and she suggests if the Selectmen’s Office has books they would like preserved they contact him, adding the Town Clerk/Tax Collector has used their services, too.

Ms. Hurteau replied that the Selectmen’s Office has been preserving books with Kofile Technologies for several years now and pointed out books already done.

Chairman Poelaert stated he thinks we are almost through the books they wanted to preserve and Ms. Hurteau agreed.

Ms. Mills stated she would assist and will apply for grant money to preserve books.

Ms. Mills thanked the Board and left at 8:45PM.

**NONPUBLIC SESSION:** Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 8:45PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert –Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - 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 March 25, 2019. The results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert –Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - Yes.

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 8:50PM. Mr. Lyons seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

**NONPUBLIC SESSION:** Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 8:50PM 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: Richard S. Poelaert –Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - 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 March 25, 2019. The results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert –Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - Yes.

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 8:52PM. Mr. Nigrello seconded. Motion carried 3-0.
NONPUBLIC SESSION: Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to go into a nonpublic session at 8:52PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para (c) Matters, which if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - 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 March 25, 2019. The results of the poll were: Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, Justin B. Lyons – Yes, & Robert L. Nigrello - Yes.

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 8:55PM. Mr. Nigrello seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AREAS OF LIAISON: The Board reviewed the East Kingston Board of Selectmen Areas of Liaison Responsibility for 2019.

Following discussion, the following areas of liaison were determined for each Selectman:

Richard S. Poelaert – Auditors, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement, Cemetery Trustees, Financial Administration/Budget, Fire Department, Legal Counsel, Library Trustees & Police Department
Justin B. Lyons – Auditors, Emergency Management, Financial Administration/Budget, Health Officer, Historical Committee, Planning Board/ZBA, Recreation Committee, Supervisors of the Checklist & Welfare
Robert L. Nigrello – Auditors, Conservation Commission, Financial Administration/Budget, Road Agent, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Moderator, Trustees of the Trust Funds & Website

TOWN OFFICES: Mr. Lyons informed Ms. Hurteau that although the Selectmen voted to approve the budget for IT updates and services, a relative told him you can buy a used server for $1,000 and even if you have to replace it every year for five years, it would still cost less than the new server budgeted for in 2019.

Following discussion, Mr. Lyons directed Ms. Hurteau to research used servers to give the Board options and the pros and cons of this and possibly purchasing a reconditioned server.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION: The Board acknowledged receipt of and accepted with regret a letter of resignation dated March 21, 2019 from Joseph M. Cacciatore as Planning Board Chairman.

NHDOT: The Board acknowledged receipt of correspondence dated March 11, 2019 from the NH Department of Transportation requesting completion of a questionnaire on the bridge rehabilitation project (107A over Pan Am Railways) that was completed last year.

Mr. Nigrello went over each question and was able to complete the questionnaire to return to the NHDOT.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: The Board acknowledged receipt of Conservation Commission minutes of their meetings held on January 14, 2019 and February 11, 2019 for their review and information.

Chairman Poelaert MOTIONED to adjourn this Selectmen’s Public meeting at 9:25PM. Mr. Nigrello seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryll A. Hurteau, Town Office Manager