TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON, NH
SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, July 22, 2019

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

Others Attending: Norman J. Freeman,
Kevin Frye, an additional 50+ residents, see attached sheets

Chairman Poelaert called this Selectmen’s meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Due to the number of residents attending with respect to preliminary assessment values, the first order of business was to hear their concerns.

A general discussion of assessments and tax rates ensued, Selectmen then asked for specific questions from the group that the Selectmen would then send to Avitar for a response. Selectmen will then schedule a town wide meeting with an Avitar representative. Watch the website and other town sites for the posting.

Questions
1. Why did Maplevale and Cricket Hill Condo’s increase an average of 44% when the other condos went up much less
   Autumn Lane 23%
   Maplevale other 25 – 45
   East Kingston in general 27.5%

2. No land is listed for condo’s, the entire increase is in features, Why?
   Thaim Allan
3. Did the appraisal just check one location and apply that to all others in Cricket Hill
   Fred Stafford
4. Can common land be put into “current use” Planning Board Question
   Mark Cohn
5. Of the 52 people that attended, 10-12 stated Avitar came to their homes, did Avatar meet the minimum number of homes visited per the agreement with the East Kingston Selectmen
   Doug Calderwood
6. Were the values based on the same method as Bank appraisals?
   Steven White
7. Were the values based on Zillow?
   Tonia Williams
8. How could 55+ condos be assessed higher than homes?
   Gary Tilden
9. How do residents receive a breakdown of their assessment?
   Dick Kennedy
10. In prior revaluation, mistake was made with condo’s with common wall being too high. Those that challenged the assessment received a reduction. Why did Avitar not apply the reduction to all homes effected. Bill Brenton
11. Other assessment firms CMP, Century Consultants, KRT Appraisal’s, Vision Appraisal
   Ellen Damon
12. Do interior fixtures, furniture influence valuation?
   Joan Cassidy

Kevin Frye
Mr. Frye discussed the recent resignations from the town offices. He was concerned that Selectmen were mistreating employees, leading to essential services not being met. He further stated that selectmen are responsible to the duties they were elected to and agreed to take on. Missed meetings and abrupt meeting cancellations are disrespectful to those that have made time for appointments and the town business that needs to be conducted. The Selectmen responded that town employees are extremely valuable and are the reason the town provides a high level of service. The Selectmen would not discuss specific issues of the past as these questions were matters of personnel and by nature are confidential.
Going forward, it is the intent of the Selectmen to continue the hiring process and select an individual with the skill set to insure a highly functioning town office that is accessible to all.

Visitors
Norman Freeman

Mr. Freeman completed the home occupation permit survey, to include pictures of his business.
Mr. Nigrello Motioned to approve the completed permit, Mr. Poelaert seconded. **Motion carried 3-0**

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Poelaert MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public Minutes of July 2, Mr. Lyons seconded. Minutes of July 2 were approved **Motion carried 3-0**

Mr. Nigrello MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Non-Public Meeting Minutes of July 2, as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mr. Poelaert MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public Minutes of July 11, Mr. Nigrello seconded. Minutes of July were approved **Motion carried 3-0**

Mr. Nigrello MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Non-Public Meeting Minutes of July 11, as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**CHECK REGISTER/POLICE DETAILS:**
The Register was not available, Board will review the check register at the next scheduled meeting.

**Non-Public**
Mr. Lyons Motioned to go into nonpublic at PM citing RSA 91A :3B at 8:10 PM. Mr. Poelaert Seconded The board was polled, and the result of the poll were: Mr. Poelaert Y, Mr. Lyons Y, Mr. Nigrello Y

Mr. Poelaert Motioned to exit nonpublic at 8:45 PM Mr. Nigrello seconded Motion carried 3-0

Mr. Poelaert Motioned to seal the nonpublic minutes Mr. Lyons seconded.

The board was polled and determined the divulgence of the information would render the proposed actions ineffective and the information will be withheld from the public during the public meeting minutes of July 2 2019. The result of the poll were: Mr. Poelaert Y, Mr. Lyons Y, Mr. Nigrello Y Motion Passed

**Correspondence Received**
Non

**Payroll outsourcing**
The first paychecks through the outsourced payroll has gone smoothly, the three supervisors responsible for submitting time sheets reported 100% on time submittal of the sheets. The Selectmen appreciate the efforts made by all in having a smooth transition. The process has been highlighted to continue to be fine tuned to facilitate an electronic exchange of data back from the payroll company to eliminate the time-consuming data entry. This cumbersome data entry process has been in effect for many years and will be a priority to be streamlined.
Mr. Nigrello Motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM, Mr. Poelaert seconded

Motion Carried 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Nigrello

Richard S. Poelaert
Justin B. Lyons
Robert L. Nigrello
Marianne Levy 1 Cricket Hill Rd 2 Valuation
Roland V.Long 11
Mary Jackson 2 " " "
Dennis Stevenson 10 Cricket Hill Rd
Jew Hunter 15 Cricket Hill Rd
Doug Coleman 5 Counter
Barbara Jones 44 Cricket Hill Rd
Christine Humphrey 44 Cricket Hill Rd
Audrey K. Yang 7 Lewis Lane
Lorna A. Allen 25 Cricket Hill Rd
Ellen James 4 Blueberry St
Cynthia C. Day 2 Alden St
Anderst Williams 12 Maple Vale
Mary O'Connel 14 Maple Vale
Sharon Meik Cohen 19 Maple Vale
Alonzo Mills 439 Depot Rd
Gary Haven 23 Porowow river Rd
Karen Olson
Gary Tilden 25 Cricket Hill Rd
Stuart Patchopek 34 Cricket Hill Rd
Conrad McCann 7 Country Line
Bob Saulnier 2 Lewis Lane
Patricia Atkinson 1 Blueberry St
Jim Hughes 2 County St
D. Michael Thornton 9 Maple Vale Rd
Tom Potter 1 Blueberry Lane Tax
JACKIE VIGEANT 1 Maplevale Tax
Frederick Grant 9 Lewis Ln Tax
Karen Hughes 15 Maplevale Tax
Gretchen Giovanni 3 Maplevale Tax
ED TERRERO 8 Lewis Lane Tax
Winnie Jarvis 1 Maplevale Rd Tax
Richard Atkinson 5 Blueberry Tax
Carl Scalise 14 Country Lane Tax
Stephen White 30 Main St Tax
Daniel Rioux 10 Cricket Hill Tax
James R. Nicolosi 3 Cricket Hill Tax
Joseph Allan 5 Cricket Hill Rd Tax
Donald Yemma 20 Cricket Hill Rd Tax issue
Tony Williams 5 Square Way - Tax
Joan Carl Scalise 14 Country Ln Tax Issue II
Margery R. Young 4 Cricket Hill Rd Tax Assessment
Fred Stafford 42 Cricket Hill Rd Tax Assessment
John Chapman 28 11 Tax Assessment
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Others Attending: None

Chairman Poelaert called this Selectmen’s meeting to order at 8:45 PM

Selectmen’s meeting was conducted after the information session with Avitar at EKES
Seeing no business to conduct and no appointments made;

Mr. Nigrello Motioned to adjourn at 9:00 PM, Mr. Poelaert seconded

Motion Carried 3-0

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Nigrello

Richard S. Poelaert  Justin B. Lyons  Robert L. Nigrello