

**TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON, NH
SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

ATTENDING: Selectmen Robert A. Caron, Richard S. Poelaert & David R. Pendell, Jr.

Chairman Caron called this Selectmen's Public Meeting to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen's Public meeting minutes dated 11/10/08. Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the meeting minutes as written. Chairman Caron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

REGISTER: The Board reviewed the check register. Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve & sign the check register dated 11/13-11/21/08 in the amount of \$156,581.31. Chairman Caron seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Poelaert joined the meeting.

TAX RATE: The Board was informed the 2008 tax rate has been officially set at \$22.88, reflecting an increase of .62 cents from last year at \$22.26. The warrant was provided for signature.

Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the warrant in the amount of \$6,652,191 for the tax commitment for 2008. Chairman Caron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

ABATEMENTS: The Board was presented with two "in house" abatements for the two properties that were transferred to the Town on 8/26/2008 via tax deed.

Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to approve the abatement of (08-02) MBL #10-05-12, 33 Burnt Swamp Road in the amount of \$261.00 and (08-01) MBL #02-01-01, 33 Rowell Road, in the amount of \$343.00.

DRA: The Board reviewed the Municipal Assessment Data Sheets as completed by the Adm. Asst. for submission to the Dept. of Revenue Administration.

Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve the report as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AUDITORS: The Board reviewed the contract with Plodzik & Sanderson to audit for 2008. Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to authorize the Chairman to sign the annual contract with Plodzik & Sanderson to perform an audit for the year ending 2008. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

AVITAR: The Board reviewed an update to the contract for Avitar. Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the addendum as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

RECREATION: The Board acknowledged a recommendation from the Recreation Committee Chair, Rick Bourque, to appoint Charles A. Walker to the Recreation Committee. Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to approve the appointment of Charles A. Walker as a Recreation Committee member effective through 12/31/08.

CAMP LINCOLN: The Board acknowledged a letter dated 11/12/08 from the YMCA Camp Lincoln with their annual request to utilize the town hall parking lot (out back) for a pick up and drop off point for campers from June 22 – August 28, 2008.

Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to approve YMCA Camp Lincoln to use the area located out back of the town hall parking lot for pick up and drop off during the summer to transport campers to their facility in Kingston, as has been the practice for years. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

PLANNING BOARD: The Board acknowledged receipt of the Planning Board Meeting Minutes dated 11/13/08, along with a Notice of Decision regarding approval of a lot line adjustment (Bodwell/Poole), and a letter dated 11/13/08 from the Planning Board Chairman, David Sullivan, regarding the Cricket Hill elderly

housing development. The Planning Board agrees that Cricket Hill Road was approved as a private road for public access.

The Board also acknowledged receipt of the 11/20/08 Planning Board Meeting Minutes, along with a Notice of Decision to deny a site plan review, for a golf driving range, and a recommendation to deny a home occupation permit for Diana Whitmore.

Based on the recommendation of the Planning Board, Chairman Caron **MOTIONED** to deny a home occupation for Diana Whitmore, at this time. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LGC: The Adm. Asst. provided information regarding the legality of changing ordinances for the elderly housing developments. It was noted any changes to the ordinance would be for future approval of elderly housing developments, and would not affect the existing developments.

The Board also acknowledged receipt of a letter dated 11/13/2008 from the Planning Board Secretary Barbara White, regarding discussion of the elderly housing covenants.

Ms. White, PB Secretary, stated the PB discussion ensued at the 10/16/08 Planning Board meeting, was about trash pick up only, not recycling for existing elderly housing developments.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: The Board acknowledged receipt of the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes dated 10/06/08 for their review.

COMCAST: The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Comcast stating if they are not able to obtain an agreement with Gannett's TV station, (Channel 6), by year end, they will no longer be able to offer it to Comcast customers.

EKFA: It was noted a letter was sent to the East Kingston Fire Association on 10/15/2008 asking for their assistance in delivering the annual town report and, to date, there has been no response. The letter stated we are requesting delivery the weekend of Feb 28th (Sat) and asked for a response.

Mr. Pendell noted at a meeting of the Fire Association, they did motion to deliver the reports. He will ask them to notify the Selectmen's Office.

CALENDAR: 11/27 & 11/28/2008 Thanksgiving Holiday Observed, 12/08 Selectmen's Meeting, 12/11 Planning Board meeting, 12/18 Planning Board meeting, 12/22 Selectmen's meeting, 12/24 & 12/25 Christmas Holiday observed, & 12/30 ZBA meeting.

TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS: It was noted the Town Hall and the Railroad Depot Building were "shut down" by a plumber today and discussion ensued regarding the plumber inspecting the Pound School on a complaint about a heating problem. Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve an expenditure of up to \$150 to purchase a radiator for the Pound School, to replace one that is leaking. Chairman Caron seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Caron **MOTIONED** to adjourn this Selectmen's Public Meeting at 7:05PM. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah G. Gallant, Administrative Assistant

Robert A. Caron

Richard S. Poelaert

David R. Pendell, Jr.