

**TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON, NH
SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 8, 2009**

6:45PM – Robert Caron

Attending: Selectmen Matthew B. Dworman, & David R. Pendell, Jr. (Richard S. Poelaert-Absent)

Others Attending: Rob Caron, Pat Mazur & Carol Freeman.

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

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen's meeting minutes dated 5/26/09. Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the meeting minutes as presented. Chair Dworman seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

REGISTER: The Board reviewed the register. Chair Dworman **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the check register in the amount of \$48,848.59 dated 5/28-06/03/09 for \$56,129.89. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

HOME OCCUPATION: The Board reviewed the home occupation renewal permits effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, noting the \$50 fee had been paid and there have been no changes from the previous year.

Mark & Diane LaPorte, MV LaPorte Construction, 73 Main Street, MBL #14-02-04, Permit 89-15
Daniel Bodwell, Dan Bodwell & Sons Biological Recycling Co., 79 North Rd., MBL #15-01-08, Permit #89-42

Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the permits as presented. Chair Dworman seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

APPOINTMENTS: The Board reviewed appointments as recommended by the Solid Waste & Recycling Contract Committee.

Mr. Rob Caron joined the meeting at 6:40PM.

Chair Dworman **MOTIONED** to approve and sign an appointment for Daniel Guilmette and Raymond Marquis as an alternate effective through 12/31/09 for the Solid Waste & Recycling Contract Committee. Mr. Pendell responded he had a problem with adding appointments to the committee that were not discussed at the meeting, and he would not second it.

It was noted Amy MacDonald has not signed her appointment and has not attended any meetings, to date. Mr. Pendell stated she wants to be involved, she is just too busy until school ends. Mr. Pendell stated since Teresa's emails go to his email, he sees all of the emails. Mr. Caron added Amy has not signed her appointment, and said she was okay with finding someone else.

Mr. Caron stated Mr. Dan Guilmette is a stand up guy, and Ray Marquis is on the police department. Mr. Pendell stated he doesn't know either of them. It was noted Mr. Guilmette is a long time resident, and Mr. Marquis is a Sergeant on the Police Dept.

Chair Dworman stated he is okay with approving the appointments, and Mr. Pendell stated he will not approve it.

Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to approve Ray Marquis as an alternate, and Dan Guilmette as a member for the record. Chair Dworman stated he felt it is important to have a working committee. Mr. Pendell stated he refuses to second the motion.

Mr. Pendell stated because it was not discussed at a meeting, he will not approve the appointments. It was not discussed among the whole group. Mr. Caron added the Vice Chair, Duncan MacLeod, is aware of these

appointments through emails. Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to approve the appointments with both as alternates. Mr. Pendell seconded the motion to both as alternates. Motion carried 2-0.

The Committee is seeking approval to place an ad for bids in the Union Leader. The Board members reviewed the notice. Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to approve the ad as presented. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

In response to Chair Dworman, Mr. Caron stated a pre-mailing has been sent to Waste Management, Northside Carting, Casella Waste Services & Best Way Disposal Services.

In response to Chair Dworman, Mr. Caron stated an informational packet will be provided to Deb for perspective bidders to pick up from the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Caron left the meeting.

LAW: The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated 5/21/2009 from T. Law addressing complaints about the dumpsters located on Holly Lane that service the elderly housing (over 55) developments of Cricket Hill and Maplevale Farms & Woods.

The Board determined the dumpsters are privately owned by the homeowners associations and agreed to respond in writing to Mr. Law. The Board reviewed a letter of response. Chair Dworman **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the letter as written. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 2-0. It was also noted the letter from Mr. Law will be forwarded to the homeowners associations of Cricket Hill and Maplevale Farms & Woods.

WHITMORE: The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter of appreciation from Diana Whitmore for the recent approval of her invisible home occupation.

PLANNING BOARD: The Board acknowledged receipt of the 5/28/09 Planning Board meeting minutes for their review.

BUDGET: The Board acknowledged receipt of the budget expenditures as of 5/31/09. It was noted all departments were in line at this time, except the Recreation Committee has expended 100% of their budget.

DRAGON MOSQUITO: The Board acknowledged the May report submitted by Dragon Mosquito.

LETTER: The Adm. Asst. informed the Board she received a letter dated 6/4/09 addressed to the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk from a resident of Country Hills over 55 community, complaining about her hardship to pay her taxes. Ms. Gallant responded she would check with the Town Clerk about the possibility of making monthly payments and/or any other ideas that were available, like reverse mortgages, etc., and respond to her letter.

CALENDAR: The following dates were noted: 6/9 Special Town Meeting vote, 6/18 Planning Board meeting, 6/22 Selectmen's meeting, 6/24 last day of school, 6/25 accounts payable and payroll processing, 6/30 Home Occupation permit renewals due & 7/2 First property tax bills due.

At 6:55pm, Chair Dworman asked if there were any other matters to be discussed, and Mr. Pendell responded yes, he had two.

FIRE DEPT.: Mr. Pendell stated after the last Selectmen's Meeting, held on a Tuesday, May 26th, he left to go home, but saw that they were conducting training at the Fire Station, being a Tuesday, so he stopped. He reported he found the fire station wide open and the forestry truck out front with the keys in the ignition. He saw that there was no one around the station, found out that they had all gone to the pond for a 2 ½ hour training,

and the fire station was left unattended. He was told that the truck was left for others to show up, and no one did.

Also, he received an email from someone on Friday night concerned with the forestry truck parked out front with hoses left on it. He stated he is concerned with the security about the trucks. He asked that the Fire Chief should have SOP's (standard operating procedures) in place. He added he is not saying it is the Chief's fault, but he is in charge. He thinks they need to tighten up (security).

Mr. Pendell added there was a call on Powwow River Road and they couldn't take the forestry truck because the sign was attached to it. (A sign notifying residents of the Special Town Vote on 6/9 was displayed over the weekend and attached to the hitch of the forestry truck). He added that the Forest Fire Warden Adam Mazur, could not have taken the truck if he had wanted to. He stated they should have used a different vehicle. This probably would not have been a concern if they had not had that call.

Mr. Pendell urged that the Chief needs to come up with a protocol. Chair Dworman agreed the fire station doors should be closed. Chair Dworman added he is not all that concerned that someone would break into a truck.

Mr. Pendell added if you are going to leave a truck outside all weekend, they should have taken the hoses off and other equipment. He added he wanted to be cautious about graduation with someone coming around and taking equipment.

Mr. Pendell stated the night of training the keys were in it and he thought about moving it out back, but decided not to do so.

Mr. Pendell stated it was not done intentionally, but wants to tighten up procedures.

Mrs. Pat Mazur interjected the fire station doors are open all the time and no one is there. That is how stuff disappears. Mr. Pendell stated the doors must be shut at all times and the building secured.

Mrs. Pat Mazur stated they should have used the old forestry truck and not the new one.

Mr. Pendell stated Sunday morning he was notified via email with concerns about using the Forestry Truck for the sign.

Mr. Pendell stated to Chair Dworman, he is the liaison, so he needs to take it up with Sam.

Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to adjourn this Selectmen's Public Meeting at 7:00PM. Chair Dworman seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah G. Gallant
Administrative Assistant

Matthew B. Dworman

Richard S. Poelaert

David R. Pendell, Jr.