

**TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON, NH
SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009**

ATTENDING: Selectmen Matthew B. Dworman, Richard S. Poelaert & David R. Pendell, Jr.
Others Attending: Cheryll Hurteau.

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

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen's Public Meeting minutes dated 12/07/09.
Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the minutes as written. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

REGISTER: The Board reviewed the check register. Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the check register dated 12/10-12/14/09 in the amount of \$46,874.07. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

BUDGET/DEFAULT: The Board reviewed the final budget form MS-6 & the default budget MS-DT for signature. Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to approve and sign as presented. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

It was noted of the 2009 budget of \$2,496,800, there is \$446,568.84 remaining unexpended as of 12/15/2009 for the remainder of expenses, (heat, electric, snow removal, P/R, & A/P).

APPOINTMENTS: The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Library Trustees dated 12/18/09 stating Conrad Moses will not be able to serve on the Safety Committee for 2010, and recommending Elizabeth Pruss be appointed to the committee, and Janet Damsell has reconsidered and would like to be re-appointed to the Historical Committee.

Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to appoint Elizabeth Pruss to the Safety Committee and Janet Damsell to the Historical Committee from 1/1 – 12/31/2010. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

WM: The Board was informed Waste Management will be sending out a postcard to all residents regarding the trash pick up contract to be implemented 1/1/2010. It was noted a full page flyer will be mailed for April 1st, reflecting the changeover from a 96 to a 64 gallon trash barrel, and a 96 gallon barrel for recycling.

The Board discussed the options offered by WM for the White Goods Pick up for 2010.

- 1: WM to bill the Town for White Goods Pick up w/a call ahead at \$35.00 per item, or
- 2: WM to bill residents directly @ \$35.00 per item w/a call ahead for pick up of item.

Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to have WM bill the Town for the service. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Ms. Gallant will let WM know of the Board's decision.

It was noted we will continue to have the option of utilizing the Town of Newton's transfer station.

DEP. FOREST WARDEN: It was reported the State was contacted about the form listing the Forest Fire Warden/Deputy Forest Fire Wardens, and acknowledged Ed Warren was accidentally omitted and recommended he be added to the list before forwarding it back to the State. The Forest Fire Warden

(Adam Mazur) was contacted, and agreed to add Ed Warren's name to the approved list. The completed form was mailed to the State.

EKFA: The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated 12/7/09 from the East Kingston Fire Association agreeing to deliver the annual Town report.

FIRE DEPT: It was noted the ambulance repairs were all covered under warranty due to a faulty turbo, in the amount of \$4,289.00, and that the ambulance is back in service.

Chairman Dworman explained the two Captains are working on overseeing the necessary paperwork with the ambulance calls. He noted after each call, reports are filed.

It was also noted David McElroy, Julie Urwick, Bruce Gosselin, and Todd Burnim are EMT I's.

PLANNING BOARD: It was noted the Board received a copy of a letter dated 12/13/09 from Gary Hinz, addressed to the Planning Board regarding the recent charette held for their review.

TOWN OFFICES: It was noted an electrician installed permanent nightlights in the hall of the Town Offices Building.

ROAD AGENT: The Board was informed a resident has complained about the water run off in her neighborhood from a resident on Brandywine Drive to the Road Agent, and the Road Agent told her to place an official complaint with the Selectmen.

Road Agent Matt Gallant had the situation inspected with Chairman Matt Dworman. Mr. Gallant has also met with the property owner, and he has been informed of an alternate plan that would eliminate the problems with the water run off freezing, causing ice to form and very slippery conditions.

Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to send Dr. Deacon a letter asking him to redirect the water flow away from the street to eliminate any future safety hazards. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

LIBRARY: It was noted the Library got their new sign delivered 12/08/09. Mr. Pendell added he met with the Road Agent and asked if he could order a "Library" sign and put it on the telephone pole, as the new sign can only be seen from one direction from the road. He agreed to order a sign. It was noted there is a telephone pole at Jewett's that the sign will be placed on.

TOWN OFFICES BLDG.: It was noted the fire panel was inspected today, and several detectors will be replaced.

The Town Clerk's Office continues to have problems with heating, and a technician has been scheduled.

TOWN HALL: A plow truck during the last snow storm accidentally clipped the railing at the Town Hall, and it has been looked at to be repaired.

REC. COMMITTEE: It was noted the Recreation Committee recently held a meeting at a restaurant, and a member purchased alcohol for the "Welcome Party," and submitted a receipt for reimbursement.

Chairman Dworman stated he is against buying alcohol. It is ridiculous. Mr. Pendell added it was a social activity at the Country Brooke Café, and 23 people attended. It is a BYOB establishment, and wine and beer was purchased to offer the people food and drink to get more people to join the Recreation Committee. It was noted a receipt for the alcohol was submitted for reimbursement, and the auditors explained that it is a huge potential liability to the Town and they are against it, as it would be an inappropriate use of funds to purchase alcohol.

Chairman Dworman stated it is ridiculous; he thought they should have asked first. The Board agreed to not reimburse the committee member, asked Mr. Pendell to speak to him and explain it to him, and see if others would pitch in to reimburse him. He should not be out the \$100+ for purchasing the alcohol.

Mr. Pendell noted it was a very productive meeting with 23 people showing up for food and drinks.

Mr. Pendell **MOTIONED** to distribute a memo stating the Town's policy is to have NO alcohol consumption at any Town sponsored event/function. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

BUDGET HEARING: The joint school/town budget hearing will be on Monday, January 4, 2010.

WM: It was again noted there will an extra recycling pick up on Mon. Dec. 28, 2009, and it has been posted. Mr. Pendell added a notice was sent home with the children at the Elementary School.

CALENDAR: 12/24 & 12/25 Christmas Holiday observed, Town Offices & Library closed, 12/28 Additional recycling pick up, 12/31 & 1/1 New Years Holiday observed, Town Offices & Library closed, 1/4/2010 School & Town Budget hearing.

NONPUBLIC SESSION: Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to go into a nonpublic session at 7:10PM 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: Matthew B. Dworman – Yes, Richard S. Poelaert – Yes, & David R. Pendell, Jr. - 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 December 21, 2009. The results of the poll were: Matthew B. Dworman –Yes, Richard S. Poelaert–Yes & David R. Pendell, Jr. - Yes.

Mr. Poelaert **MOTIONED** to adjourn this Selectmen's non-public meeting at 7:25PM. Mr. Pendell seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

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ENL: Mr. Poelaert inquired about the article in the Exeter News Letter regarding Mr. Dworman saying the conservation bonds were almost paid off, and he said “what?” I said it was almost all expended, not paid off. It was also noted his name was printed as Donovan not Dworman and that the information on the tax rate was also incorrect. It went up 23 cents. Mr. Poelaert stated that’s why he doesn’t talk to reporters, because they never get it right.

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Respectfully submitted,

Deborah G. Gallant
Administrative Assistant

Matthew B. Dworman

Richard S. Poelaert

David R. Pendell, Jr.