



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
ROOM 200/ZOOM
January 18, 2022

Chairman Kimberley Emberg called to order the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 PM. Selectmen in attendance: Donald Alcombright and Richard Arruda. Sheila Vaughn and Jessica Kramer attended virtually.

Staff Present: Keith Hickey, Town Administrator

Announcements Ms. Emberg read:

- This meeting is being recorded by PACTV. Anyone intending to make an audio or video recording of this meeting should notify the Chair at this time.
- Financial Assistance Applications are available on the Town's website or by calling the Selectmen's
- Highway Department is still seeking Plow Drivers for snow removal.
- After the successful Town-wide clean-up last April, the Chair is looking for volunteers to join a Kingston Chapter of Keep Massachusetts Clean. Please reach out to the Selectmen's office to contact the Chair if you want to participate.
- Annual Town Meeting Warrant was opened last week for the Annual Town Meeting on May 14.

OPEN FORUM

Nobody was in attendance for an open forum.

APPOINTMENTS

Continuation of Public Hearing to determine if the Town of Kingston should exercise its right of first refusal to acquire parcels of 61A land located on Ring Road, 126 Ring Road, and 137 Ring Road

Ms. Emberg said that this item had been before the Board at previous meetings.

Ms. Emberg gave a brief overview of the topic in that the owners are asking the Board to waive its right of first refusal as they would like to sell their property for cranberry use.

The Conservation Commission met earlier this evening, reviewed the Conservation restriction, and stated that they believe it adequately protects the land.

Nathan Hedberg shared his screen and provided a presentation to the Board in which he stated he believes the Board should exercise its right of first refusal. Within his presentation, he offered his calculations of the annual tax revenue of the property.

Ms. Emberg discussed that this is a piece of the properties taken out of chapter land. Suppose the Town was to move forward to purchase this land. The Town may have to buy the entire lot, not just what is being asked to be taken out of chapter land.

Pine DuBois was in attendance to discuss the Conservation Restriction, and in her opinion, it is a much better approach.

Ian Ward and Adam Schumaker spoke on behalf of the property owners about the benefits they will bring to this property.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Arruda and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: I move to close the public hearing

Motion by Ms. Vaughn, second by Mr. Arruda and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: I move to waive the Town's right of first refusal for the parcel of land from Roger Correia and Wayne and Ann Dunham, 137 Ring Road, Ring Road, and 126 Ring Road, identified as Lot 1 on Assessor's Map 69 and Lot 70 Maps 4-4, and as shown on a Plan recorded at Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, pending Town Council approval of the proposed conservation restriction approved by the Conservation Committee.

Public Hearing for Earth Removal Permit at 11 Wapping Road.

The applicant requested to continue this to January 25, 2022

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Arruda and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: I move to continue the public hearing of the Earth Removal Permit at 11 Wapping Road to January 25, 2022, at 6 PM.

Request to Declare Town Property as Surplus

Chief Mark Douglass addressed the Board, the Fire Department is requesting their 2004 Ambulance A4 to be declared surplus, this unit was originally purchased in 2004, and the module was re-mounted on the new chassis in 2010. The ambulance was placed out of service on January 3, 2022. The truck's position within the fleet was taken by the ambulance purchased through the CARES Act. This is being donated to the Boston Sparks Association.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Arruda and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to declare the 2004 Ambulance A4 and give the Fire Chief authorization to donate the ambulance to the Boston Sparks Association.

Appoint Selectmen Representative for the Business Community Partnership Committee

Ms. Emberg explained that historically, a Selectmen had been a member of the Business Community Partnership Committee that was voted at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. The committee's duties are to seek grants for the Town to assist businesses to maintain a presence in the Town.

Mr. Alcombright volunteered.

Motion by Mr. Arruda, second by Ms. Kramer and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to appoint Donald Alcombright as the Representative to the Business Community Partnership Committee

Vacation Carry Over Request

The Board briefly discussed that within the contract of the Town Administrator the Board has the authority to allow the carry over of six additional vacation days.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Arruda and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the request from the Town Administrator to carry over the additional six vacation days

Town Administrator Update

Mr. Hickey provided a brief update.

Mr. Hickey has scheduled a tour of Town facilities with the Capital Planning Committee.

The Annual Town report information is being collected.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS

Mr. Alcombright mentioned that the election deadline to obtain nomination papers is March 2, and the last day to turn them in is March 4. All Town election information is on the website.

Ms. Kramer discussed thickly settled roads being an agenda item at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Hickey mentioned that he does not have an update on that.

Ms. Emberg reiterated that the Board of Selectmen does have financial assistance.

Motion by Mr. Arruda, second by Mr. Alcombright, and a 5-0-0 vote, roll call vote.

VOTE: 1 motion to adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Tucker
Assistant to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen

Documents used at the meeting:

Agenda
Agenda Addendum
Request for Surplus
Business Community Partnership
Town Administrator Carryover
Chapter 61A
Earth Removal