



TOWN OF KINGSTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
ROOM 200/ZOOM  
March 8, 2022

Chairman Kimberley Emberg called to order the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 p.m. Selectmen in attendance: Donald Alcombright, Jessica Kramer, Sheila Vaughn, and Richard Arruda. The Board began with a roll call as Richard Arruda attended virtually.

Staff Present: Keith Hickey, Town Administrator; Gloria Mitchell, Assistant Town Administrator; Patricia Tucker, Assistant to the 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 Office.
- Annual Town Election is being held on April 23, 2022; all residents will vote at Kingston Elementary School.
- KOI Pond Estates Affordable Housing Lottery for two units' is happening now; more information is available on the Town's website.
- There is a vacancy on Capital Planning Committee. The Finance Committee appoints this vacancy; however, the appointee does not need to be on the Finance Committee. If interested, please reach out to the Finance Committee.

**OPEN FORUM**

Jim Connolly of 243 Main Street was in attendance to discuss that this month marks the 2nd anniversary of the resident initiative to discuss issues on Main Street. Mr. Connolly discussed a few items with which the residents find a problem. He would like to work together to make Main Street more livable.

Dorothy Pat Harlow of 3 Pebble Lane was in attendance to discuss the process of recording ZOOM meetings and how they are being held and handled for PACTV to replay on their station. Ms. Harlow spoke with Donna Rodriquez at PACTV and Ms. Tucker from the Town Administrator's office, who explained the process and said that more discussions would be happening soon.

Don Sheehan, the founder of True Repertory Theatre, along with Victoria Bond, was in attendance to talk about the performance being held at the Beal House in March. The production is of "Ellen's Boys" written by one of their actors Jim Sullivan. The production is held on March 18, 2022, and March 25, 2022.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Request by Plymouth Resident Paul O'Sadcia to Continue Renting a Town Mooring

Ms. Emberg started the conversation by stating that Mr. O'Sadcia has rented a mooring from the Town of Kingston for many years. The Harbormaster upholds the regulations that Kingston residents and real estate taxpayers will be given preference to all slips, racks, and moorings. There are currently approximately 70 Kingston residents and taxpayers on a waiting list.

Mr. O'Sadcia went before the Board to request that the Board allow him to keep his mooring.

Ms. Emberg informed the Board that this is one of the rules and regulations that did not change when the Board reviewed these a few months ago. This has always been a part of the rules and regulations, and this is the first year that this is being enforced.

Tom Taylor, Kingston Harbor Master, was in attendance to answer any questions by the Board.

Tyler Bouchard, Chairman of the Waterfront Committee, informed the Board that within reviewing the list, they had found individuals who have had a mooring for years and who have never lived in Kingston.

Ms. Kramer asked if he could be moved to a private mooring area? Mr. Bouchard stated the water area is Town-owned, and residents will take preference. Mr. Bouchard does not want to set a precedent for this one person when other nonresidents have been removed as well.

Number 1 on the list has been on the list since 2019, waiting for a mooring.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve deny the request of Paul O'Sadcia to grandfather boat owners who are not Kingston resident or taxpayer but held a Town mooring in 2021.

Public Hearing: Petition from NSTAR Electric Company dba Eversource Energy requesting to relocate a pole on Elder Avenue

Ms. Emberg explained that NSTAR is seeking to relocate one of its poles on Elder Avenue, and she read the public hearing notice:

Notice is hereby given that the Kingston Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the Petition of a new pole dated January 19, 2022, from NSTAR Electric Company dba Eversource Energy which requests permission to locate and relocate pole, wires, cables, and fixtures including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along with and across the following public way or ways:

Placement of One (1) new #313/4, on Elder Ave

On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, the hearing shall take place at 6:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Kingston Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA. Persons interested are invited to attend and be heard in this matter.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen open the public hearing.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to close the public hearing.

There was no discussion.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the request from NSTAR Electric Company dba Eversource Energy to locate and relocate poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by the petitioners along and across Elder Avenue as presented in the Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Locations dated January 19, 2022.

Transfer of an All-Alcohol Package Store located at 66 Main Street from VS Liquors Inc to 66 main Street Liquors, Inc

Ms. Emberg discussed that a request had been received to transfer the current all alcohol license from VS Liquors Inc to 66 Main Street Liquors, Inc. In accordance with the ABCC procedures for a transfer of license, a public notice was placed in the local paper.

Attorney Pearlman was in attendance to discuss the transfer with the Board; he provided a background to the Board.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Ms. Vaughn, and a 4-0-1 vote, by a roll call (Ms. Kramer abstained)

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the transfer of an all-alcohol beverage license from VS Liquors Inc to 66 main Street Liquors, Inc., located at 66 Main Street.

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

### Request from Ragnar Events to hold Ragnar Relay Event on May 21, 2022, and May 22, 2022

Ms. Amber Sadlier was in attendance via Zoom to discuss the Ragnar Relay, which will run through Kingston. Silverlake Regional High will be used as a major staging area on May 21 and May 22, 2022, through the streets of Kingston, using Silverlake High School as a staging area.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the request from Amber Sadlier to hold their Ragnar Relay on May 21, 2022, and May 22, 2022, through the streets of Kingston using Silverlake High School as a staging area, according to the traffic control plan presented with the following conditions:

- Ragnar Relay contacts the Kingston Police Department for the scheduling of detail officers as outlined in the event's traffic plan.
- Ragnar Relay will require the school's approval after the vote of the Selectmen.

### Discussion of Fiber Optic Grant for the Town

Ms. Emberg stated that the IT Department would like to apply for a Municipal Fiber Grant, a competitive grant program that supports closing critical gaps in municipal networks. Focused on connecting municipality-owned facilities, the grant will assist the Town in achieving many critical goals associated with municipal fiber networks. Kingston has received a quote for the scope of work of \$370,538. The maximum grant award is \$250,000. This scope includes providing and installing the fiber optic municipal area network for all Town-owned buildings, including the schools.

Before applying for the fiber Grant, the staff is seeking the Board's support to fund the balance of the project from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The available ARPA funds currently stand at \$526,000. Gloria Mitchell and IT Director Marie Grossman have discussed this opportunity with Selectmen Alcombright, who supports submitting the grant application and using ARPA funds.

Mr. Hickey wanted to note that they wanted to bring this before the Board before applying for the grant.

Mr. Alcombright stated that he is in full support of this.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen support the submission of a Municipal Fiber Grant application to fund a portion of the project to connect all Town and School Department buildings by fiber. Prior to accepting the grant, if awarded, the Town Administrator shall make a final request to use ARPA funds for the balance of the project.

### Update on the 2022 September 11 Memorial and Creation of Veteran's Park

Dan Forbes of Schoolhouse road was in attendance to speak to the Board about the Veteran's Park. The location previously requested at Gray's Beach has been changed to the Town Green. The Town Administrator, Keith Hickey, along with the Town Planner, Valerie Massard, met with the Veteran's Park group and agreed that Green Street would be a great location. Bob Ketter of 17 Pembroke Street would like the Board to vote on the location to move forward with the site.

Mr. Hickey stated that have a rendering of what it would look like for the Board to vote on the location.

Ms. Susan Sherman, of 215 Main Street  
, favors using the Town Green.

Ms. Kramer talked about the September 11 Memorial and how she is working with the Historical, Police, Fire, Veteran's Department, and Planning Department regarding the site.

#### Acceptance of Resignation of Administrative Assistant, Planning Department and Public Safety Dispatcher

Ms. Emberg stated that there are a few resignations. Beth Harris submitted her resignation as the Administrative Assistant in Planning, and Cody A. Weber submitted his resignation as a Public Safety Dispatcher.

Mr. Weber was recently hired as a Civil Service Police Officer for the Town of Kingston.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of the following:

- Beth Harris, Administrative Assistant in Planning, effective March 11, 2022
- Cody A. Weber, Public Safety Dispatcher, effective April 2, 2022

#### Request to Authorize Town Administrator Approve, Finalize and Submit American Rescue Plan Act Funding Requests to Plymouth County

Ms. Emberg spoke that this request is to have the Town Administrator approve funding requests through the portal.

Mr. Hickey provided a background that Carol McCoy was previously approved to add to the portal, and this request is for the Town Administrator to support.

The Town may apply to Plymouth County for grants for specific eligible purposes to be funded from a grant received by Plymouth County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act. The County will accept applications for such grants through its online portal. The County requires evidence of Town authorization before granting access to the portal. The following vote will authorize one Town official to supply the County with all supporting data for each application and another Town official to approve the application and make the required representations and certifications on behalf of the Town to complete and submit the applications.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen authorize Town Administrator Keith Hickey to approve, finalize and submit American Rescue Plan Act Funding Requests to Plymouth County information into the Plymouth County American Rescue Plan portal in support of one or more applications to Plymouth County for grants ("ARPA Grants") to be funded from a grant received by Plymouth County under the American Rescue Plan Act.

Town Administrator Update – Mr. Hickey reviewed the following with the Board.

MassDOT informed the Town that Kingston's FY23 Chapter 90 distribution would be \$415,373. In comparison, Chapter 90 Funds provided to Kingston was \$414,770 in FY22. The Governor has requested an additional \$100 million statewide in supplemental Chapter 90 funding. Both Senator Moran and Representative LaNatra have pledged to support the supplemental funding proposal. The FY21 financial audit results will be provided by the auditing firm to the Town by mid-March.

MassDEP has approved the plan to remove the wind turbine from the former landfill. The only outstanding issue is the signoff by the bank holding the lien for the developer. The tentative turbine removal timeline continues to be this spring.

Old Colony Planning has provided their list of thickly settled streets in Kingston. The staff is reviewing the recommended list.

The Board of Health has rescinded the mask mandate, effective March 24. The last active COVID count in Kingston was below 30.

The closing for the conservation property off Winthrop Street was held on March 4. The property is now owned by the Town of Kingston.

### **SELECTMEN COMMENTS**

The Board briefly discussed how the Board will review the thickly settled streets. Mr. Alcombright asked whether they need to approve all or none. Mr. Hickey stated that the Board could review each street separately. It was decided that at the March 22 meeting, the following streets would be discussed: Howlands Lane, Main Street, Landing Road, and West Street, and Grove Streets. After those are discussed, they will review the remaining streets at future meetings. Also to be discussed will be the funding of signs throughout signs with this project.

Mr. Hickey briefed the Board on the field trip with the Capital Planning Committee to Town Departments and sites for review.

Mr. Arruda left the meeting.

### **MEETING MINUTES**

January 25, 2022, and February 17, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Ms. Vaughn, and a 4-0-0 vote via roll call

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve January 25, 2022, and February 17, 2022, Open Session Meeting Minutes with the edits.

### Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Vaughn, second by Mr. Alcombright and a 4-0-0 vote, roll call

VOTE: I move to adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Tucker  
Assistant to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen

Documents used at the meeting:

Agenda  
Agenda Addendum  
Elder Ave Pole Request  
Harbor Regulations  
66 Main Street Liquors Request  
Ragnar Relay  
Fiber Optic  
Resignations  
ARPA Funding Memo  
Town Administrator Report