



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OPEN SESSION
TOWN HOUSE-26 EVERGREEN ST. ROOM 200 & VIA ZOOM
APRIL 25, 2023

6:00 PM – CALL TO ORDER – ROOM 200

Chairman Kimberley Emberg called to order the meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 PM. Selectmen in attendance: Donald Alcombright, Sheila Vaughn, Tyler Bouchard, and Eric Crone.

Staff Present: Town Administrator, Gloria Mitchell, Assistant Town Administrator, Patricia Tucker, Assistant to the Town Administrator, and the Board of Selectmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Emberg read the announcements:

This meeting is being recorded by PACTV. Anyone intending to make an audio or video recording of this meeting should notify us now.

Financial assistance applications are available on the Town's website or by contacting the Selectmen's office.

If you'd like to sign up to help count herring, you can sign up at jonesriver.org/ecology/fishcount.

The Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, at the Intermediate School, starting at 9 AM, but please come early so we can begin at 9 AM.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 3rd annual Keep Kingston Clean event and made it a great success. It was great to see the results of the clean-up efforts across Town from William Gould Way to Captain Jones to Maple Street to Brightside Ave and all across the nook and more. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Also, thank you to everyone who came out and voted in the election this past weekend, and welcome new Board member, Eric Crone.

OPEN FORUM:

APPOINTMENTS:

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Ms. Emberg started by saying that a vote to reorganize is taken after an election. There was minimal discussion from the Board.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Crone, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move to have Kimberley Emberg as Chair.

Motion by Mr. Bouchard, second by Ms. Vaughn, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move to have Donald Alcombright as Vice Chair.

Motion by Mr. Bouchard, second by Mr. Alcombright, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move to have Sheila Vaughn as Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION FROM HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FOR TRANSFER STATION STICKER FEES

Mr. Paul Basler recommends that the Transfer Station Fees be increased this year as described within the meeting information. He added that it has been five years since the sticker fees have increased.

Ms. Emberg stated it seemed more than reasonable. There were no questions or concerns raised.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Bouchard, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to accept the recommendation from the Superintendent of Streets, Trees, and Parks as presented.

APPROVAL OF NEW COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

Ms. Emberg added that we received a new common victualler license at 164 Summer Street. The application is in the Board materials for review and includes all of the required approvals.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Bouchard, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the common victualler licenses for B's Ice Cream located at 164 Summer Street, contingent on final approval from the Board of Health.

PUBLIC HEARING: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PETITION FROM NSTAR ELECTRIC D/B/A EVERSOURCE ENERGY TO CONSTRUCT OR ERECT NEW TRANSMISSION LINES ACROSS THE TOWN OF KINGSTON PUBLIC WAYS. SAID REQUEST TO GRANT PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT, AND A LOCATION FOR SUCH A LINE WITH THE NECESSARY WIRES AND CABLES THEREIN, SAID LINE TO BE LOCATED, SUBSTANTIALLY AS SHOWN ON THE PLANS FILED HERewith DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2022, ACROSS THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC WAY OR WAYS OF SAID TOWN OF KINGSTON

Ms. Emberg discussed that Eversource requested a public hearing on the petition from NSTAR Electric d/b/a Eversource Energy to construct or erect new transmission lines across the Town of Kingston public ways. Said request to grant permission to construct, and a location for such a line with the necessary wires and cables therein, said line to be located, substantially as shown on the plans filed herewith dated November 17, 2022, across the following public way or ways of said Town of Kingston.

As part of the Carver/Kingston reliability project, tonight's public hearing is to run new transmission lines across specific public ways.

This is on the same information as prior. Ms.

Vaughn read the public hearing notice.

Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 166, Section 22, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the petition from NSTAR Electric d/b/a Eversource Energy to construct or erect new transmission lines across the Town of Kingston public ways. Said request to grant permission to construct, and a location for such a line with the necessary wires and cables therein, said line to be located, substantially as shown on the plans filed herewith dated November 17, 2022, across the following public way or ways of said Town of Kingston:

- Tall Timbers at a location approximately 120 feet northwesterly of its intersection with Elm Street.
- Deer Run Road at a location approximately 300 feet northwesterly of its intersection with Elm Street.
- Pine Hill Road at a location approximately 200 feet southeasterly of its intersection with Norman Street.
- Bog View Road at a location approximately 100 feet northwesterly of its intersection with Smith Fuller Way.
- Wapping Road (Rt. 106) at a location approximately 100 feet northeasterly of its intersection with Ring Road
- Foxworth Lane at a location approximately 1, 100 feet southerly of the intersection with Grove Street
- Foxworth Lane at a location approximately 800 feet southeasterly of the intersection with Grove Street
- Grove Street at a location approximately 600 feet easterly of Foxworth Lane
- Pembroke Street at a location approximately 1,100 feet northwesterly of Brooke Street

Said hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town House, Room 200, 26 Evergreen St., Kingston, MA.

Motion by Ms. Vaughn, second by Mr. Alcombright, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to open the public hearing.

Ms. Emberg asked if anyone from the public was there to speak.

Paul Vilela of 4 Tall Timbers Lane asked why this meeting was happening again, questioned if anything had changed, and asked for clarification. Ms. Emberg stated they requested a public hearing, so per procedure, it is happening; also, it will be asked of Eversource if anything is changed.

Kevin Lanigan of 16 Smith Fuller Way spoke about restrictions, and the premises will remain in perpetuity as it relates to the polls from the registry of deeds. Ms. Emberg explained that it applies to the lines that go to the homes.

Carl Pike of Shore Drive stated he is speaking on behalf of most of Kingston, who supports these lines.

Ms. Emberg asked the Board about the road crossings. Ms. Vaughn discussed that Mr. Alcombright and Mr. Bouchard had conversations with the residents and asked them for an update. Mr. Bouchard said that, at the time, he was not satisfied with the safety measures. He said that some of the concerns were out of the reach of the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen. He said that some of his safety concerns have since been addressed. Mr. Bouchard discussed that his vote would change this evening and stressed that he hopes Eversource will change their process in whatever Town they have to do this to increase communication with impacted residents.

Mr. Alcombright stated that he agreed with Mr. Bouchard's statements.

Motion by Mr. Bouchard, second by Mr. Alcombright, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to close the public hearing

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Crone, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the request of NSTAR Electric d/b/a Eversource to construct or erect transmission lines across the Town of Kingston Public Ways as stated in the public hearing notice.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

APPOINTING THE HEAD OF YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN, CIVIL SERVICE POLICE OFFICER, AND PAYROLL COORDINATOR

Ms. Emberg explained that the position is vacant due to the recent resignation of the Head of Youth Services Librarian. After the recruitment process, the Library Director requests the appointment of Holly Iannucci to the position. Due to the recent retirement of a Police Sergeant, a Civil Service Police Officer position is vacant. After the recruitment process, the Police Chief is requesting the appointment of Tyler Potrykus to the position. Due to a resignation, the Payroll Coordinator position has been vacant. After the recruitment process, the Treasurer requests the hiring of Katelyn Drapeau.

Motion by Ms. Vaughn, second by Mr. Alcombright and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to appoint Holly Iannucci to the position of Head of Youth Services with the Kingston Public Library. Schedule S-3, step 2 exempt position with Wage and Personnel with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2023, with the following conditions:

- Provision of the necessary identification forms to satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Immigration Reform Act.
- Satisfactory CORI check;
- Satisfactory letter from your primary care physician that you can perform the functions of the position based on the attached job description;
- Successful completion of a six-month probationary period.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to appoint Tyler Potrykus to the position of Permanent Full Time Civil Service Police Officer with the Kingston Police Department with the following conditions:

- Pass a Comprehensive Initial Hire Medical Exam for Civil Service Police Officer Appointees.
- Pass Physical Ability Test (PAT) for police officers for Civil Service Police Officer Appointees.
- Pass a psychological exam.
- Pass a satisfactory background and CORI check.
- Provide the necessary identification forms to satisfy the requirements of the United States Immigration Reform Act.
- Fulfillment of any statutory requirements set forth by the Peace Officer and Standards Commission (POSTC) to become a Certified Law Enforcement Officer under Chapter 6E, Section 4
- Successful negative check of the candidate on the National Decertification

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to appoint Katelyn Drapeau to the position of Payroll Coordinator position. Schedule C3, step 10 nonexempt position with KTEU with an anticipated start date of May 1, 2023, with the following conditions:

- Provision of the necessary identification forms to satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Immigration Reform Act.
- Satisfactory CORI check;
- Satisfactory letter from your primary care physician that you can perform the functions of the position based on the attached job description;
- Successful completion of a six-month probationary period.

RENEWAL OF ANNUAL APRIL BOWLING AND BILLIARDS LICENSES

Ms. Emberg explained that the packet materials summarize all annual license renewals submitted by Kingston businesses. The summary also includes the types of licenses that have been applied for by each business. The Board had no questions.

Motion by Mr. Bouchard, second by Mr. Crone, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the annual licenses as printed in the meeting packet.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF'S APPOINTMENT CONTRACT

Ms. Emberg explained that when the Board of Selectmen approved the Deputy Fire Chief's Employment contract a year ago, a salary for FY24 and FY25 was not included due to the ongoing wage study. The Fire Chief was in attendance to discuss and provided a copy of a spreadsheet of salaries of surrounding towns to justify the proposed salary. The Board had a minimal discussion.

Motion by Mr. Alcombright, second by Mr. Bouchard, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the amendment as present of the Deputy Fire Chief's contract.

AUTHORIZE THE STARTING SALARY OF THE WASTEWATER CHIEF OPERATOR/SUPERINTENDENT

Ms. Emberg explained that the Sewer Commissioners have voted to hire current Sewer Foreman David Walsh as the next Superintendent. The Board of Selectmen is requested to authorize the starting salary of the Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Bouchard, second by Mr. Alcombright, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the starting salary of Wastewater Superintendent Chief Operator David Walsh at Grade 4, Step 8, rate of \$94,967.

APPOINTMENT TO THE 300TH COMMITTEE

Ms. Emberg explained that there are multiple vacant positions on the Kingston 300th Committee. The Selectmen's Office has received the following volunteer request from Christine Maiorano for Kingston's 300th Committee.

Motion by Mr. Crone, second by Mr. Bouchard, and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to appoint Christine Maiorano to the Kingston 300th Committee effective immediately throughout the project.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Mitchell mentioned a few things as Mr. Hickey was not at the meeting.

The Town Meeting Handout and a consent agenda on the Town's website have been posted.

Ms. Mitchell provided an update on the Health Agent that the Board of Health offered the position to an individual and is waiting to hear back from the candidate.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS:

There is a Board of Selectmen meeting before the Town Meeting at 8:30 AM.

Ms. Vaughn thanked everyone again for coming out to vote.

Mr. Bouchard thanked everyone who came to the Ah-de-nah on Saturday morning and cleaned up the docks, racks, and slips and thanked all the volunteers.

Motion by Mr. Crone, second by Mr. Bouchard, and a 5-0-0 vote,

Vote: I move to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn 6:47PM

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

MAY 9, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Tucker

Assistant to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen

Documents used at the meeting:

Recommendation from Superintendent

Common Victualler License Application

Public Hearing

Hiring Information

Appointment