



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OPEN SESSION
TOWN HOUSE-26 EVERGREEN ST. ROOM 200 & VIA ZOOM
JUNE 6, 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: Keith Hickey, Town Administrator, Gloria Mitchell, Assistant Town Administrator, Patricia Tucker, Assistant to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

There will be a vacancy on the sewer commission as of July 1, and we will hold a joint meeting to review any submitted letters of intent, but no deadline has been set yet.

The moderator is recruiting to fill open seats on the Finance Committee. Anyone interested should reach out to the moderator.

There is an open seat on the Capital Planning Committee. Anyone interested should reach out to the Finance Committee. There are several announcements related to the Council on Aging:

There is an opening for Kingston residents on the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors. The Council on Aging also seeks a volunteer to deliver for our Meals on Wheels program. Lastly, the Council on Aging is seeking an Associate Member.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston is sponsoring a Spay Waggin', which will be coming to Kingston several times per month. Appointments are required and can be scheduled online at www.arlboston.org or by calling 617.426.9170.

Transfer Station Sticker sales began on June 1 at the Highway Department during regular business hours and on the weekends starting Sunday, June 18, through July 9 from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Due to inclement weather this past weekend, the one-day Swap Shop event has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 10, from 9 AM to 3 PM in front of the old Swap Shop trailer near the recycling area at the Transfer Station.

Kingston is hosting a Hazardous Household Waste Day on June 17 at the Highway Barn. Registration is required.

The next Farmer's Market will occur at Grays Beach Park on Sunday, July 2, from 10 AM-2 PM.

The first "Music at the Beach" event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, at 6 PM at Grays Beach Park.\

Ms. Emberg thanked everyone for a wonderfully successful Memorial Day parade and community cookout. Specifically she thanked staff in our Veteran's Department, Priscilla Brackett, and Denbeigh Forbes, the members of the Memorial Day Parade Committee, John Bartlett, Dick Arruda, Jeanne Coleman, Todd Hamblin, and Daniel Tucker, and to all of those who marched, spoke, cooked, and handed out food and drinks.

OPEN FORUM:

No one was in attendance for an open forum.

APPOINTMENTS:

REQUEST FROM AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION TO USE TOWN GREEN AND ROAD CLOSURE

This item is not being heard this evening.

PROPOSAL BY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION TO USE TOWN HOUSE GAZEBO FOR PRODUCE SHARING PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

This item is not being heard this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AQUACULTURE LICENSE

Ms. Emberg explained that a request was received from William Van Duzer to request the open Aquaculture License from Lease #1. Shellfish Constable Joseph Zlogar informed our office that Mr. Van Duzer was the next applicant on the waiting list. Mr. Van Duzer and Shellfish Constable Joe Zlogar attend the meeting if there are any questions.

Ms. Emberg read the public hearing notice:

Pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 130, Section 60, the Kingston Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Town House, Room 200, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA to,, consider the application of Shellfish Aquaculture Lease Ichabods Flat Map #1 Plot C, 3 acres. #1.

The applicant is William Van Duzer, 38 Shore Drive, Kingston, with the application to lease Ichabods Flat Map #1 Plot A. The lease application is filed with the Board of Selectmen's office.

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

After the vote, Mr. Joe Zlogar, Shellfish Constable, attended and discussed Marine Fisheries. Mr. Van Duzer was in attendance and said he was thankful for this opportunity.

There is no further public or board comment.

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

Motion by Mr. Bouchard, second by Mr. Alcombright, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to approve the request from William Van Duzer to obtain Aquaculture Lease #1.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLY ADDING NEW SUGAR KELP/SHELLFISH GRANT

Ms. Emberg explained that Jared Waitkus is requesting to present the possibility of adding a Sugar Kelp Grant to the Board.

Mr. Waitkus corrected the agenda that he is presenting as a resident rather than as a waterfront committee member, as incorrectly stated. Mr. Waitkus said he has been on the aquaculture list for many years. After reading the book "Eat Like a Fish" by Bren Smith, he had the idea of requesting a sugar kelp grant.

Mr. Waitkus shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board and discussed what sugar kelp is and the process for harvesting it. He explained that sugar kelp is a yellowish-brown marine alga that looks a bit like lasagna noodles and is widely cultivated and eaten in Asia and is growing in popularity in the United States as a nutritious food high in fiber, vitamins, and minerals.

Mr. Waitkus discussed the benefits of sugar kelp, water quality improvements including reducing nitrogen levels, providing habitat, and it is fed due to photosynthesis. Mr. Waitkus's goal is to be fully permitted by October. Mr. Waitkus added that he met with an aquacultural scientist from Woods Hole. He added that sugar kelp is not growing as well as in Maine, possibly because of the colder waters. Mr. Waitkus said that if this grant is approved now, the Town would really on the forefront of this, as this would be the third kelp farm in Massachusetts.

Ms. Emberg asked if there was enough room for boats to maneuver, which Mr. Waitkus stated there was, and he confirmed this is not harvested in the peak boating season.

Mr. Zlogar discussed that he has some concerns and that there is already a list for aquaculture, and we need to respect that as it appeared from the presentation that Mr. Waitkus would not only be farming sugar kelp but also shellfish.

Mr. Bouchard discussed moving a plot of aquaculture to kelp, and Mr. Zlogar stated that the amount of shellfish coming off those three grants is high and needs to be considered.

Mr. Zlogar and Mr. Waitkus would meet with the Harbormaster to review some concerns and bring them back to the Board for a public hearing at some point but no sooner than 4 weeks.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

ACCEPTANCE OF FULL-TIME CDL/LABORER POSITION WITH STREETS, TREES, AND PARKS

Ms. Emberg explained that after a resignation, the position of CDL/Laborer was vacant. The Superintendent of Streets, Trees, and Parks recruited for the position, and after interviews, Mr. Basler is requesting the hiring of Theodore Cazeault to fill the position of CDL/Laborer.

There was no board discussion.

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to appoint Theodore Cazeault to the position of CDL/Laborer, a Grade L3, Step 2, a nonexempt position as part of the Kingston Town Employee Union – Labor, with the Streets, Trees, and Parks Department with an anticipated start date of June 12, 2023, with the following conditions :

1. Provision of the necessary identification forms to satisfy the requirements of the U.S. Immigration Reform Act.
2. Satisfactory CORI check;
3. Satisfactory results from a Town appointed physician stating you can perform the functions of the position based on the description in the posting you applied to, including drug screening
4. Successful completion of a six-month probationary period.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

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Mr. Hickey read from his report:

Financial Updates

- There are no financial updates this week.

Project Updates

- The Community Preservation Committee voted at their June 1st meeting to support the Opachinski Field/Drainage Improvements grant application and move it to the Fall Town Meeting Warrant. The Recreation Department would like the Fall Town Meeting to be in mid-October to allow for the project to be completed over the winter. The staff has contacted the School Department to check the availability of the Intermediate School Auditorium on Tuesday, October 17th and 24th. Once the Auditorium availability is known, I will include an agenda item on a Board agenda to set the Fall Town Meeting date formally.

Personnel Update

- With the transition of the host community for the Regional Health Coalition moving from Kingston to Plymouth, the employees hired under the grant will become employees of Plymouth effective July 1. The employees moving from Kingston to Plymouth are Linda Riordan, Patrick McGettrick, and Patricia Iafrate.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Representatives from the Town, State DOT, State Representatives, and residents have been invited by Old Colony Planning Council to attend a meeting to discuss the request submitted by Kingston to review the request for a three-way stop sign at the Landing Road/Maple Street intersection. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday at 1:00.
- Eversource has asked for space in the Library parking spot for the installation of a transformer. The space they are seeking is approximately the size of a parking space. Counsel is drafting a License Agreement for consideration by the Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen.

MEETING MINUTES:

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

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

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to accept the open session meeting minutes of March 28, 2023, as amended.

SELECTMEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Alcombright formally requests police details on Thursday nights at Pottle for the Food Truck Festival during sports season at Pottle Street and the Opachinski Complex.

Ms. Vaughn thanked everyone who came out to graduation and also wanted to mention the Pride Festival at Nelson Beach in Plymouth on June 24.

Mr. Bouchard added that Mullikan's Landing had its first official wedding! Mr. Bouchard thought Memorial Day was fantastic and stated that it was the best of what you get to see in the Town of Kingston. He added that he is grateful for our

country and this fantastic Town.

Motion by Ms. Vaughn, second by Mr. Bouchard, and a 5-0-0 vote,
VOTE: I move to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

JUNE 20, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Tucker
Assistant to the Town Administrator/Board of Selectmen

Documents used at the meeting:

Agenda

Agenda Addendum

Report of the Town Administrator

Request from Agricultural Commission

Public Hearing Information

Hiring Information