



TOWN OF KINGSTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
TOWN HOUSE-26 EVERGREEN ST. ROOM 200 & VIA ZOOM
October 21, 2025

5:00 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER – ROOM 200

Chairman Eric Crone called to order the meeting with a roll call vote of the Board of Selectmen at 5:02 p.m.—selectmen in attendance: Kimberley Emberg, Melissa Bateman, Donald Alcombright (virtual) and Carl Pike

Staff Present: George Samia, Acting Town Administrator and Patricia Tucker, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. This meeting is being recorded by the Local Seen. Anyone who intends to make an audio or video recording of this meeting should notify us at this time.
2. Financial Assistance Applications are available on the town's website or by calling the Selectmen's Office.
3. There are several Boards and Commissions with vacancies. To see a complete list of the openings, please visit our website at kingstonma.gov. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Selectmen's Office at 781 585-0501.
 - There are a number of vacancies on multiple boards/committees
4. Please check our website for any additional events or notices www.kingstonma.gov
 - Fall Town Meeting – October 28, 2025, at 7pm at the Kingston Intermediate School

The Board began with a roll call vote.

OPEN FORUM:

Will Cushman at 273 Main Street bring attention Pembroke Street, Lake Street and Station Street there was a motor vehicle accident. Mr. Cushman is asking the Town to consider safety improvements at that intersection. Mr. Crone did comment that there have been safety improvements to the intersection with signage and repainted street.

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APPOINTMENTS:

5:00 PM Dangerous Dog Hearing

Mr. Crone discussed that this item will not be heard this evening.

Approval of One Day Liquor License – Stellwagen Beer Co

Mr. Crone discussed that Michael Snowdale from Stellwagen Beer Co has submitted a request for a One Day Liquor License for Breakers Coaches Charity Game at the Bog on November 1, 2025, from 4pm – 10pm. It was discussed that the applications have been reviewed and signed by the Police and Fire Chiefs, and all documentation has been received.

Motion by Ms. Bateman, seconded by Ms. Emberg and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the request from Stellwagen Beer Company for a Charity Event at The Bog, 188 Summer Street, Kingston on November 1, 2025, from 4pm – 10pm.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Request for ½ Year funded SGT to be Funded within Current FY26 Budget

Mr. Crone introduced Chief Holmes, who is requesting a half year funded sergeant.

Realistically we're looking at major steps for the development of this family services unit which would benefit and be housed in Kingston and then benefit Plympton and Halifax.

The Department has been working with a group who has done a lot of work with the Framingham Police Department. They are licensed mental health clinicians. They are a free facilitation service for police agencies trying to start a clinician program or family services unit. Chief Holmes discussed the process to begin the family services unit.

Next steps would be going before capital planning for office space about \$60,000 or under, and approval of Opioid funds for that office space.

Chief Holmes discussed the money is in his budget currently and is looking for the Board to approve, this new position would allow the Police Chief to add one additional full-time Sergeant to supervise the family services unit. It is a critical piece of this plan that involves three communities. The funds would be in lieu of a currently funded Patrol Officer's position. One full time patrol officer completed his last shift last week and is off of the books as of yesterday. Funds for the remainder of the fiscal year would allow us to promote one full time Sergeant and effectively implement this grant funded initiative. Chief Holmes discussed forgoing a patrolman this year but does not want to get rid of that position.

Mr. Crone asked if Plympton and Halifax would be a part of this and would any of their towns funds be able to help with funding this.

The Chief responded the funding from the other towns would be supplement supplies and such but not the salaries.

Mr. Pike believe it is up to the Chief to spend his money as he sees fit with the caveat that he may not support a patrolman in next years budget. Ms. Emberg agreed with Mr. Pike's comments.

Motion by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr. Alcombright and a 3-1-1 vote, by roll call (Ms. Emberg, voted against and Ms. Bateman abstained)

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen to authorize the Police Chief to promote one additional full-time Police Sergeant effective January 1, 2026.

Declare Streets, Trees and Parks Vehicle 1998 Ford L8501 Dump Truck as Surplus

Mr. Crone discussed that the Interim Superintendent of Streets, Trees and Parks are looking to declare a dump truck as surplus, the truck is being replaced in November already approved at the 2024 Spring Town Meeting.

1998 Ford L8501 Dump truck surplus equipment. VIN # 1FDYN80EXWVA39877

Motion by Ms. Emberg, seconded by Ms. Bateman and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen declare the 1998 Ford L8501 Dump truck as surplus equipment and authorize the Interim Superintendent to send this to auction.

Approval of Razor Clam License – Bo Asci

Mr. Crone discussed that Razor Clam Licenses were approved at the beginning of the year with 9 licenses. Ben Lansing has not picked up his license to date. On September 30, 2025, Bo Asci submitted a razor clam application to the Shellfish Constable. Shellfish Constable, Dan Cullivan is requesting that Ben Lansing be moved off of the Razor Clam license and replaced with Bo Asci.

Mr. Cullivan made a statement that read last April, at my recommendation, the board voted for and approved limiting the

number of Razor Clam license holders to a maximum number of nine. This action was a result of the fact that two license holders opted not to renew their licenses for the 2024-25 season, which runs from July 1st to June 30th, coupled with the fact that we did not have a waiting list. This current season, another lease, Ben Lansing, has not renewed, which brought the countdown to only eight where it now stands. After Repeated attempts by me by telephone and email to Mr. Lansing have gone unanswered.

Recently, Mr. Bo Asci, a Kingston resident, reached out to me expressing his desire to become a commercial Razor Clam license holder. At this time, I would ask for the board's approval by voting to accept Mr. Asci as the town's ninth approved license and to remove Mr. Lansing's name from my account list of enrollments.

Mr. Pike asked if there was any formal notice made to Mr. Lansing and Mr. Cullivan stated he had copies of the emails he sent to Mr. Lansing.

Motion by Ms. Emberg, seconded by Mr. Pike and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Bo Asci for the razor clam license for the term of October 22, 2025, through June 30, 2026, with a fee of \$300.00.

Appointment of Less than Part Time Library Technician – Grace Mattaliano

Mr. Crone discussed that due to a resignation, the position of Library Technician is vacant. After the recruitment process, Library Director Donald Colon is requesting the hiring of Grace Mattaliano to the position.

Motion by Mr. Pike, seconded by Ms. Emberg and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call

VOTE: I move to appoint Grace Mattaliano to the position of Library Technician a less than full time, Grade 2, Step 1, nonexempt position within KTEU Clerical with the Kingston Public Library with an anticipated start date of October 22, 2025, contingent with the terms in the offer letter.

Acceptance of Donation – Council on Aging

Mr. Crone stated that the Council on Aging has received the following donation and is asking the Board to accept.

Motion by Ms. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Pike and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen accept the donation of \$25.00 to the Kingston Council on Aging from Elizabeth Smart

Appointment to Cultural Council – Paula Fay

The Cultural Council has a number of vacancies. The office received a volunteer form from Paula Fay looking to be appointed to the Cultural Council

Motion by Ms. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Pike and a 4-1-0 vote, by roll call (Ms. Emberg voted against)

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen appoint Paula Fay to the Cultural Council effective immediately through June 30, 2027.

Updated on the Status of Establishing a Department of Public Works

Mr. Crone discussed possibly removing this item indefinitely and posting for a Superintendent as the current interim has been in the position for over a year, and due to the upcoming budget year, there may not be a want for adding additional positions. Mr. Pike would like to have him be the full-time superintendent beginning January 1st

Mr. Alcombright would like to see some type of memorandum to be sent to the Sewer, Water and Highway Departments as he feels communication will not continue if the structure stays the same.

Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes — August 26, 2025, September 23, 2025, and October 7, 2025 – The October 7, 2025, meeting will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Motion by Ms. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Pike and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call vote

VOTE: Approval of Open Session Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2025, and September 23, 2025, as presented

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/SELECTMEN COMMENTS:

Mr. Samia has been working with Human Resources regarding the Building Inspector, and the possibility of hiring two individuals temporarily each part-time until they hire a full-time inspector.

He noted the department is hurting, and Mr. Samia has been approached by a number of individuals regarding the need to hire someone.

The Department Head meeting consensus is the urgency of starting the budget. Mr. Samia would like to get directions regarding how the Board wants to move forward with budgeting.

It was discussed having a 6:30pm executive session ahead of town meeting for discussing union negotiations.

Ms. Bateman talked about the upcoming Kingston Police Department Haunted House on Saturday, October 25th

An updated TA Recruitment is that next steps will be executive session interviews with the working group.

Mr. Pike commented on the budget, as it relates to the budget advisory committee, Ms. Emberg stated that they discussed multiple budgets being presented to review.

6:00 PM Public Hearing for Transfer of Alcohol License from Paisano's Restaurant Inc to River House Hospitality LLC dba Duke's River House

Mr. Crone discussed that a request has been made to transfer the All Alcoholic on Premise Liquor License from Paisano's Restaurant Inc to River House Hospitality LLC dba Duke's River House located at 6 Pembroke Street, Kingston.

The application was sent to all appropriate department heads, and they have all responded with approval.

Mr. Crone read the Public Hearing Notice:

In accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 138, a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 200 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen St, Kingston, MA., on the Transfer of Retail On Premise Liquor License from Paisano's Restaurant Inc, to River House Hospitality LLC dba Duke's River House, Stephen F. Barrett, Owner/Manager. Said license is located at 6 Pembroke Street, Kingston, MA. A copy of the application is available for viewing in the Selectmen's Office.

Motion by Ms. Emberg, seconded by M and a 5-0-0 vote, by roll call

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

Mr. Crone asked if there was anyone from the business to speak, and asked for any questions

Motion by Mr. Pike, seconded by Ms. Bateman and a 5-0-0 vote,

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

Motion by Ms. Emberg, seconded by Mr. Pike and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move the Board of Selectmen approve the transfer of Alcoholic License #07953-RS-0568 from Paisano's Restaurant Inc to River House Hospitality LLC dba Duke's River House located at 6 Pembroke Street, Kingston.

Motion by Mr. Pike, seconded by Mr. Alcombright and a 5-0-0 vote,

VOTE: I move to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Tucker
Assistant to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

Documents used at the meeting:

Agenda
Agenda Addendum
Dangerous Dog Information
One Day Liquor License Request
Public Hearing Transfer of License application
Razor Calam Application
Appointments
Donation