

FINAL MINUTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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November 17, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING MRI REPORT WORK SESSION

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Gilman convened the Board of Selectmen at 6:00 p.m. in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Offices. Also present were Selectwoman Anne Surman, Selectman Dan Chartrand, Vice Chair Selectman Don Clement, and Selectwoman Nancy Belanger. Town Manager Russell Dean was also present. Guest: Alan Manoian.

The Board began their review of the MRI report. Chairwoman Gilman referred to the recommendations starting on Page 22.

Selectman Chartrand indicated he pushed hard to get the review done and this report gave a good direction for the planning board, town manager and staff. Selectman Clement said there was a lot of great stuff in the report. The Board should consider the recommendation about a community development manager recommended by MRI.

Selectwoman Surman indicated her top 3 were 19, 23 and 24. The Economic Development Director and the strategic plan was a top priority. The Town Planner/Planning Director position in her mind should coordinate all land use board activity.

The Selectboard discussed their role in appointing land use boards and the report recommendations.

Selectwoman Gilman asked about the community development department and a discussion ensued on how that might work. Other community development departments would need to be researched. The town manager said the message is important about how things will change. He asked the Board to think about this aspect some more based on what they wanted the message to be, and the structure follows the message.

After further discussion a preference toward a strong department led by a community development manager was a preferred scenario by all.

Based on the consensus around the issue, the Board opted to stop there for the evening. A follow up work session regarding the recommendations will be held at a future date. After some discussion, the Board settled on November 29th for the follow up meeting.

Selectman Clement suggested the Board read the Town of Kingston's vision statement regarding their master plan. He will send it to people to review.

2. Adjournment

Selectman Chartrand moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Surman seconded. Motion carried. The Board stood adjourned at 7:15 p.m..

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Respectfully submitted,

Russell Dean
Town Manager