

We are further firmly of the opinion that the building codes adopted should be as simple as possible. Those already in force in neighboring communities should present models that might be adapted to local needs with a minimum of modification.

A considerable measure of the success of any set of regulations must rest with the means of enforcement. It would appear that the best method for Kingston, considering the volume of inspections to be required at this time, would be by appointment of a Building Inspector by the Selectmen, who would be compensated by fees to be paid by the applicant for a building permit. It is certainly essential that the person receiving this appointment should be qualified not alone by experience in the building field, but also capable of exercising reasonable discretion. In this way the central purpose of building regulation will be served without harassing the builder by undue concern with the letter of the regulation. In any case by exempting all ordinary repair and renovation on residences the ordinary home owner will remain unaffected if regulation is instituted in the form suggested.

The Planning Board does not feel competent to recommend specific regulations and suggest that these might better be supplied by consultation with engineers or inspectors from other communities, or by a board especially formed for the purpose. It might be desirable to present an article at the coming annual meeting allowing the town to act on a resolution to indicate favorable disposition on the adoption of limited building regulations and simultaneously direct the presentation of specific regulations for consideration at a date no later than the annual meeting in 1962.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Kingston Planning Board*

## ELIZABETH B. SAMPSON MEMORIAL FUND

At the Annual Town Meeting in March 1960 the town created an Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund by accepting a special act of the legislature which set forth the conditions for administering the bequest of Elizabeth B. Sampson. Acting under this authority the trustees have endeavored in the months since that time to accomplish the following: (1) to arrange for custody of the funds and their proper investment; (2) to establish general principles of administration that may evolve in time into a definite policy; (3) to acquaint the various departments of the town and the citizenry in general with the conditions controlling disbursements from the fund and the opportunities it presents to the community.

During the year the sum of \$179,748.48 was turned over to the town. After thorough investigation the trustees were satisfied that on the basis of both cost and convenience custody of the funds could most advantageously be vested in the Trust Department of the Plymouth National Bank. Since investments of municipal funds are restricted to certain issues legal for Massachusetts Savings Banks, virtually the entire amount has been placed in high grade bonds. Eventually on the termination of trusts established for certain individuals by Miss Sampson's will, substantial additional funds will accrue to the town.

One of the functions of the trustees is to recommend projects to the town meeting on which income from this fund might be expended. As a tentative working basis the trustees are adhering to the following principles:

To favor projects that would: (1) result in the reduction of operating expense; (2) provide substantial future benefits; (3) benefit large groups of citizens; (4) combine a grant from the trust with funds otherwise available to make possible a bigger or better undertaking.

To reject projects that would: (1) involve substantial maintenance expense; (2) ordinarily constitute a regular departmental expenditure; (3) commit the trustees to an extended program of annual recommendations to bring about completion; (4) use the entire annual income on one item.

It would also be a condition to recommendation that some means be definitely designated on each individual project for notifying the public that the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund has contributed toward it.

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All departments in the town were advised of these principles and solicited for suggested projects. The response was surprisingly limited though a number of suggestions have been advanced by individuals. In considering these, together with others it is hoped will be forthcoming, the trustees are working with purposeful deliberation feeling little can be lost by a cautious approach. This seems particularly true in regard to the \$25,000.00 memorial the town has voted to establish by expenditure from the capital of the bequest. We consider these first months have been properly devoted to establishing the trust as an actuality and it is anticipated that only limited recommendations will be made for expenditures from it at the annual meeting in 1961, by the following year we expect the trust to be in full and satisfactory operation. For purposes of record and reference a copy of the legislative act together with a general financial statement is included with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trustees of the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund*

JOHN J. MOORE, *Chairman*  
GEORGE W. CUSHMAN, *Secretary*  
HORACE C. WESTON

CHAP. 180. - An Act establishing the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund in the Town of Kingston and providing for the administration thereof.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Kingston a fund to be known as the Elizabeth B. Sampson Memorial Fund to be administered by a board of trustees consisting of the chairman of the board of selectmen, the town treasurer and the town moderator, ex officio. Said trustees shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Disbursement for said reimbursement shall be made only after approval by the annual town meeting.

SECTION 2. The town of Kingston shall deposit with said trustees, and said trustees shall receive, the bequest made to said town under the provisions of clause ten of the will of Elizabeth B. Sampson, Plymouth County Probate docket number 78889, and said trustees shall have the power and duty to invest and reinvest the

funds of said bequest in the manner provided by section fifty-four of chapter forty-four of the General Laws. A sum of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars shall first be set aside from the principal of said bequest for the purpose of establishing, under the direction of said trustees and upon approval at a town meeting, a suitable memorial to said Elizabeth B. Sampson. Said trustees shall expend only the net income of the fund established in section one for such municipal and educational purposes as the trustees shall by majority vote determine, subject to approval by majority vote at the annual town meeting.

SECTION 3. Custody of all monies, securities and other property of said fund shall be in a national bank or trust company doing business in the commonwealth and authorized by law to exercise trust powers. Said trustees shall delegate to said bank or trust company their power and duty to invest and reinvest said fund and shall make payment to said bank or trust company for services rendered.

SECTION 4. Upon acceptance of this trust, said trustees shall deliver to the treasurer of the town of Kingston a bond or bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in an amount to be determined by the commissioner of corporations and taxation and the board of selectmen of said town.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the voters of the town of Kingston at the annual town meeting in the current year.

*Approved March 11, 1960.*