

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Andrew Houle, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. Priscilla Tiede was away on vacation. Attendees: 3

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Signatures: Payroll and Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 4/21/15, Holmes Driveway Permit Agreement, Title & Bill of Sale, Primex Contribution Assurance Program, Timber Tax Warrant (1) Intent to Excavate, (1) Gravel Tax Warrant, Letter to Nancy Mayville, and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

On a motion by A. Houle to sign the form "Control of Variable in Upper and Lower Suncook Lakes" regarding milfoil, provided by Ed Neister, and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously for the motion. A Certificate for DES milfoil funds was also signed by D. Kerr and Gordon Preston. Karen Montgomery notarized all documents.

On a motion to sign the paperwork for the new highway truck made by A. Houle and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously for the motion.

Chairman G. Preston will speak with the Primex insurance company before signed the multi-year documents (due June 5).

Appointments: 5:00 p.m.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:05 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by A. Houle and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted: G. Preston; yes, A. Houle; yes, D. Kerr; yes, and E. Tasker; yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 5:35 p.m. and **on a motion** by A. Houle and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Public Input: 5:40 p.m. Bruce Grey discussed the archery program he is running announcing that there were 25 present. He would like to have four telephone poles located near the pit, prohibiting 4 wheel vehicles from driving through the area. Joyce Parsons, Bruce's wife, also is working with an informal target practice archery group and verified that the 4-H's insurance is covering her group. Joyce commented that she has been in communication with the Chairman of Parks and Rec. now. Joyce discussed two damaged trees that need to be taken care of; she does not want the children being injured. The Highway department will be notified to take care of the trees. Joyce also informed the Board that the basketball court has cracks in the blacktop. The Road Agent will be having the roads looked at to fix the cracks and Karen will have Jim take a look at the court.

Carol Tiede informed the Board that she had driven over Garland and Brindle Pond Roads this week and feels they are in bad shape. She asked if the Board has thought of hiring an outside grader operator to do the roads because in her opinion, they are not as they should be. Closed: 5:52 p.m.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:57 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by E. Tasker and seconded by A. Houle; the Board voted: G. Preston; yes, A. Houle; yes, D. Kerr; yes, and E. Tasker; yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 6:15 p.m. and **on a motion** by A. Houle and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

New Business: 6:15 p.m. Shawn Mulcahy asked about purchasing the radios for the new ambulance, (they will cost \$5300) and the Board approved the request. Shawn informed the group that the chassis for the new ambulance is 12 weeks out for delivery and the box is getting started now. The Selectmen question the bill from Ossipee Mtn. Electronics and Shawn will check with Stacy about the invoice. A. Houle will be looking at the ice maker at the Fire Station tomorrow which has been in need of repair for a while.

Karen spoke about Comstar (our ambulance billing company) and Anthem rates, and about Tricare insurance. Shawn will review the current prices being used for the ambulance service. Karen told the Board that she had received a call from someone interested in the Boston property on Rte. 126 and referred him to our realtor.

The Road Agent, Jim Doucette, will be on vacation from the 4th to the 19th of May and submitted an itinerary of the work for the crew while he is away. There will be two persons as lead men for the crew. The Board discussed their pay for those weeks, with no decision. Jim Doucette would like Travis O'Donnell and Glen Vulner to be contacted about being part-time seasonal employees.

6:30 p.m. Mr. Tim Holmes presented the Board with the Class VI road agreement (approved by the Town's Attorney) for his property in Alton that will be accessed through the Class VI portion of New Castle Drive. There is approximately fifty feet of Class VI road and the owner accepts that he has to maintain it at his own expense and that the Town is not responsible for providing emergency services if he does not keep the road maintained. The document will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds and a copy will be forwarded to the Selectmen.

E. Tasker took exception to Mrs. Tiede's comments about the conditions of the roads in Town. He would like to look at the projects that have been done last year and see how they have held up.

The Board reviewed an invoice for a police special detail that was sent from the police department on 6/27/14 and just now got paid. The Selectmen have asked the Police Chief to turn over the special detail billing over to this office. Special details are paid out to the officers in payroll but can take months to be reimbursed.

E. Tasker would like to have time set aside to meet and talk about issues. He would like each member to think about what they feel is really needed. His pet issues are CIP and Master Plan. The Board wants to address the road bond for next Town Meeting. Mr. Tasker also stated that the Department Heads are to be included in these meetings. D. Kerr wants to establish a ceiling on what can be spent and feels it should go no higher than the present tax rate.

The group discussed the street lighting again, eliminating lights and the types of bulbs to use to save on cost. Karen reported that Lisa and Jeannie completed a 2014 employee testing of the Affordable Care Act to determine the number of fulltime equivalents (FTE). The Town has 32 FTE's and does not meet the threshold of 50 employees. The Selectmen asked Karen to check with Primex about the 4-H insurance.

The Road Agent contacted Karen to report that the Highway truck is at Patsy's and the total repairs will take approximately four weeks.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Old Business: G. Preston commented that we do not have jurisdiction regarding the State putting rumble strips on Rte. 28. D. Kerr commented that it is a proven safety measure.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on **a motion** made by A. Houle, seconded by D. Kerr; and passing with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Locke, Acting Recording Secretary and Karen Montgomery, Office Manager

Gordon Preston, Chairman

Not Present
Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Andrew Houle

David Kerr

Edward Tasker