

**TOWN OF BARNSTEAD**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015**

**Attendance:** Chairman Gordon Preston, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede (left 5:55 p.m.), Andrew Houle, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. Attendees: 1 and Liz Cantrell Baysider reporter

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

**Signatures:** Payroll and Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 5/5/15, (2) Intent to Excavate, (1) Intent to Cut, Contract with NH Community Publications and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

The Chairman spoke about our Police Dept. and how they are up and running with body cameras. We are ahead of many towns.

**Appointments:**

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 5:02 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by A. Houle and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P Tiede, yes; A. Houle, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 5:38 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

**On a motion** by P. Tiede, seconded by D. Kerr to purchase an air conditioning unit from Andy Houle for the police department and have the electrician install another breaker, the Board voted unanimously for the motion. Chief McDowell told the Board he had seen a plow for the Highway Truck on the government surplus site and will speak with the Road Agent.

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 5:43 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P Tiede, yes; A. Houle, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 6:20 p.m. and **on a motion** by A. Houle and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

**On a motion** to have the Chairman sign the Primex extension and the NH Community Publication Contract made by D. Kerr and seconded A. Houle. The Board voted unanimously for the motion.

**Public Input:** 6: 36 p.m. David Allen, Planning Board Member and Capital Improvement Committee Chairman spoke about the CIP. He will draft a letter and forward to Karen Montgomery for the Board's signature. The department heads will have 30 days to submit their capital expenditure requests for the next six years. A. Houle hopes the School participates and D. Allen said he would give the letter to the SAU office not the School Board. Dave expressed concern that Planning Board was not mentioned in the job ad posting and the Selectmen have started interviewing. Allen stated that they are trying to attract business and the applications need to be acted upon quickly. G. Preston told him that whoever is hired for Carol/Paula's position will handle that area. Karen Montgomery added that the Selectmen's

office would be able to do whatever is necessary. G. Preston stated that this position could “morph” into a full-time position if they find it warrants it. D. Allen felt the Planning Board should have been consulted before interviews began. He has done this job in New Durham and in Barnstead and knows what is required. A. Houle reiterated that if more hours are needed the Selectmen will look into it. D. Kerr mentioned that there were only 10 new houses and building permits are way down. The Board also stated that a recording secretary will be hired to do the minutes for Planning and Zoning. The Board will speak to Nancy Carr and Eileen Murley.

Carol Locke commented that she took exception to remark made by D. Kerr on the numbers of building permits issued; that she had done that job in the past and there were permits for other things than just new houses. D. Kerr asked how many new houses there were when she did it and recalled 100 new homes in one year which then required additional hours for the job. He added that the 100 homes was a measure for what was required but now there were only 10 new houses. E. Tasker asked Carol for the current statistics and she told him they are on the board in the Building Inspector’s office. D. Kerr pointed out that the Board gets a monthly printout of all the permits issued. Karen told the group that the office staff will definitely find changes when Paula and Carol retire but that she has every confidence that the public will be served to best of everyone’s ability. She added that everyone needs to have positive attitudes to make the transition. The new person will be able to train with Carol and Paula for a month before they retire and Karen has arranged for special training from Avitar, the assessing and building permit software company. It was mentioned that to learn everything will take time just as it took Carol and Paula when they started. A. Houle felt that Carol and Paula should be utilized after their retirement if they were available.

**New Business:** The Board discussed the Homeland Security Emergency Management eligible projects and would like to have the Road Agent review the list again when he returns from vacation. Karen told the Board that Dave Jeffers of the Lakes Region Planning Commission would like to hold a public meeting to report the result of the fluvial erosion study on the Suncook River. After a brief discussion it was determined that they would meet on June 2.

Karen received a complaint about vehicles speeding on Garland Road and the Police Chief will be notified. The Town Clerk submitted a request for the purchase of a picnic table for the Town Hall. Karen will be checking prices for a wooden one as well as plastic one. The groundskeeper called to report that an apple tree at the police station has fallen and there is a lot of sand to be removed before the mowing can be done. The Highway Department will be notified. Karen informed the Board that Paul Doucette has been working with Rocky Tasker on his own time, to learn the finer details of grading the roads.

D. Kerr would like to look into having a Park and Ride on the 28 corridor. Karen will check with the State to see if there are any future plans for this project. The State-owned area at Routes 28 and 126 was suggested. Karen commented that all the personnel files have not been brought over to the Town

Hall. She is also looking at other towns and their physical (medical) policies. Karen and the Town Attorney are working on our policy for physicals.

**Correspondence:** The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

**Old Business:** E. Tasker stated there is no place to hold the fireworks this year. G. Preston will check with Mr. Dudek about using his property. The Selectmen discussed the school as another location.

E. Tasker asked when New Road was going to reopened and Karen will contact Paul Doucette from the Highway Dept. for the answer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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

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Gordon Preston, Chairman

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Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

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