

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede, Andrew Houle, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. Attendees:

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

Signatures: Payroll and Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 5/26/15, (1) Timber Warrant, 1 Intent to Cut, a Quitclaim Deed and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

Appointments: Police Chief Joe McDowell told the Board that they have five new cases - three juvenile assaults and two elder abuse cases. The elder cases include one embezzlement and one assault. He spoke about the new call system. McDowell asked about the CIP and was told a committee member would be contacting him. He feels his budget is in good shape at 63%. He is attending the Primex Supervisor Academy for four days July 21 – 24. Sgt. Grow will be taking an online course this summer. The Chief will be going to a Chief's of Police conference in Meredith and explained that he wouldn't be spending the night but will need a check for meals \$273.00. Joe told the Board that he is pulling in the Standard Operating Procedures from the International Chief's of Police as theirs contains a lot of stuff ours doesn't. Two cruisers have issue with the back lights and the Chief would like a high and low switch on each of the cruisers. P. Tiede told the Chief she was concerned about the on-call payroll (he had 24 hours this past week) and recalled that he had stated when he got the Sgt. that there would not be any more on-call. McDowell stated that it was an unusual week and 2 of the nights were due to miscommunication. He also said the full-time Alton officer (who is interested in working part-time for us) will be coming in to talk to the Board. The other part-time candidate will be meeting with the Chief soon.

Chief McDowell reported that Charity Electric had installed the outlet. He also mentioned that the concrete is falling apart on the outside steps. Karen Montgomery will check with Clint Lank. The group discussed selling all the old vehicles from the various departments and the Chief said that they are pulling the equipment off the crown vic and then it can go. The Board spoke to Joe about the military surplus site and he stated that the Road Agent gave him a list of items. They have a wish list of generators, Quonset huts, cargo trailers, gasoline powered pumps, a front end loader, a combo-engineered all-in-one piece of equipment and a bobcat. McDowell told the group that he is looking to get a 25'x40' collapsible tent that he felt could be set up with a generator for lights etc. and used as a rehab center for 1st responders. E. Tasker would like to see a tent with air conditioning where the elderly could go to get out of the heat in the hot weather.

5:40 p.m. The Road Agent, Jim Doucette passed out several handouts on monthly equipment/truck use and maintenance, his 2015 paving and pavement maintenance proposal and June's work schedule. The budget appropriated \$500,000 and he had \$36,768 left from last year, so his paving proposal is 530,659 which leaves 6,109.00. There are several culverts to be replaced on Pitman Road and Jim stated that he has those culverts in stock. Jim would like to crack seal Maple Street first, then Chip seal (liquid asphalt and stone) which extends the life of the road by at least seven years. He next requested a part-time mower operator to use the new mower and after a brief discussion on experienced drivers, the Board suggested offering overtime to the existing personnel that currently operate the piece of machinery. It was further noted that the mowing could be done on Fridays (their day off). They discussed the online auction that Jim has looked into to get rid of the old equipment (tanker, FWD, and old mower with tractor). A. Houle would like the Townspeople to have first option. They briefly discussed how to handle this and decided to put an ad for the auction letting everyone have a chance. The members of the Board complimented the Road Agent on his handouts.

Public Input: 6:20 p.m. Paul Doucette asked where the money from the sale of equipment goes and D. Kerr stated it goes in the general fund and shown on the revenue line. 6:21 p.m.

Acting Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy informed the Board that he has been involved with the inspection of 4 Parade Road that is changing to a two family house again. Shawn liked the work that is being done there. He next discussed the budget stating that the overtime line has taken a hit and he has only 27% left in that line. The forestry truck and the old engine are going to be turned back to the Association shortly but the plates will be left on so they can be moved. D. Kerr said they can start the sale process. The Chief will be working on evaluations in the near future. He will also be meeting with Cybertron two weeks from Wednesday to see what the computer needs are for his department. There is a new software program Temsis Elite which is being implemented for December 1 and will not run on the existing Toughbook computer. D. Kerr commented that this is another unfunded mandate that the Town ends up being responsible for. The program needs a lot of memory and two tablets or androids. Mulcahy next reported that he had to purchase new tires for the older ambulance and was able to get them for \$120 a piece which is an excellent price. The Chief stated that the alarm system at the station is malfunctioning and ringing at his house in the early morning hours but he is getting it fixed. He is scheduling the Ladder testing and is still considering remounting the ambulance box to save money. Karen will contact Primex for ride-along waiver forms.

On a motion to go into non-public at 6:37 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by A. Houle and seconded by P. Tiede; 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 6:58 p.m. and **on a motion** by A. Houle and seconded by P. Tiede; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Acting Fire Chief, Shawn Mulcahy requested that any leftover pavement be used to create an apron on the back vehicle exit area of the Center Station and the Board approved. He next informed the group that the water line to the cistern behind the station froze this past winter due to the grading of the

driveway which removed about a foot and a half of the gravel. Shawn will have insulation put down to prevent this from happening again. He said that Bryan Locke will look at the Wes Locke Road cistern and provide his findings to Shawn. Karen inquired about the Fire Rescue website and Shawn stated that there is a lot of very old data and pictures on it and he is having it updated soon. E. Tasker asked about hooking up the fire sirens again to let the townspeople know when there is a fire and Shawn explained that the one in the Parade Station is still there (with a switch) but the one at the Center Station was removed when the new roof was put on. A. Houle commented that some people may not want to hear the loud alarm and it was determined that it would be discussed later.

New Business: The Board reviewed the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) decision to reduce the assessment value on the Dudek property (formerly Timco) resulting in abatements for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. The Fire Rescue Department submitted their monthly schedule. The Select Board briefly discussed a new product called the Eco-Burner which attaches to existing furnaces to improve efficiency and determined they would not meet with a representative at this time.

D. Kerr read aloud an article in the Concord Monitor regarding a Department of Labor case whereby a Town was ordered to pay a \$12,000 penalty to an employee because they had not issued the final pay check (\$24,000) on time.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Old Business: E. Tasker will speak with the Carr's regarding fireworks.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:38 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

Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Andrew Houle

David Kerr

Edward Tasker