

**TOWN OF BARNSTEAD**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2015**

**Attendance:** Chairman Gordon Preston, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. Andrew Houle was unable to attend. Attendees: 5

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

**Signatures:** Payroll and Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 6/9/15, Junkyard License, (2) Excavation Permits, Huckleberry Oil Contract and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms. **On a motion** to have Gordon Preston sign the Huckleberry Oil contract made by P. Tiede and seconded by D. Kerr, the Board decided to wait until the Chairman could speak with Donna Clairmont, SAU Business Administrator about the terms. Gordon felt that this contract was not in our favor and it was explained that Donna had negotiated the prices after pulling out of the Gilford pool.

P. Tiede questioned some of the receipts from the highway and the Road Agent explained that the four utility lights were for the new truck. It was pointed out that the tee-shirts that Jim had been charged to the wrong line and would be corrected. Priscilla thought the truck expense should come out of the warrant article money but the Board reminded her that they were not able to use the old body as previously planned.

E. Tasker asked for a police presence at the bridge on Parade Hill Road or "no loitering" signs. There are teenagers at the bridge that are basically challenging the vehicles crossing the bridge. He was told that the State owns that bridge so the Town has no jurisdiction. He feels that those boys were obstructing traffic. D. Kerr commented that he has had no problems with the kids there when he drives through. Our Road Agent said very recently he had problems with a group that was walking out in front of his vehicle so he had to stop both times, coming and going. The Chairman asked Karen Montgomery to give the Police a heads up on this situation.

Bill Haynes spoke to Karen Montgomery today and he still wants to be the budget representative for BCEP.

**Appointments:** Public Input: 6:00 p.m. Elaine Swinford gave the Board an update on Andy Houle who is in ICU at Concord Hospital. Close: 6:02 p.m.

**New Business:** Jim Doucette asked the Board if he could purchase a used pickup truck as the Ford Explorer needs too much work to keep on the road. After a brief discussion, E. Tasker **made the motion** to purchase the 2004 Ford Ranger 4x4 for \$6,400 (2,000 from truck purchasing line and 4,400 from the equipment rental line) seconded by D. Kerr. The Board voted unanimously for the motion. Jim will be picking up the vehicle tomorrow and Karen told him he needed to get an invoice. The Board

mentioned a pilot program from Lakes Region Planning Commission to identify all culverts in a town with GIS coordinates and to create a replacement/maintenance plan. The Road Agent would like to participate and was asked to call Dan Callister of Lakes Region Planning Commission. Paul Doucette mentioned that the Fire Department has seven GPS's. E. Tasker would like the Highway Department to have one too.

The Board discussed the repair of the concrete steps for the police station. Karen reported that to purchase four new prefab steps it would be \$575 and three steps cost \$475. They also received a proposal to fix the existing steps for \$300 and determined that this is the way to go. The group reviewed the monthly fire calls and D. Kerr felt that the calls are running about average. The Board received notification that the Town Clerk fees are going up July 1<sup>st</sup>, to \$2.00 (from \$1.00 to \$2.00). That fee will go to the Town, and would increase revenue about \$3400.00 per year. The Selectmen praised the Boy Scouts for their recent cleanup on Shackford Corner.

Karen Montgomery told the Board the ad for the recording secretary has been placed in the paper. She noted that the Town of Milton just ran an ad for the same thing, but was paying per meeting and the person would receive a 1099. She also mentioned advertising at NHTI and Laconia College as it may be a great job for a college student. It was announced that the NH Dept. of Environmental Services relayed information to the Town Clerk Tax Collector's office that the aquatic plant located in Huntress Pond is not milfoil but bladderwort, which is rootless, can be pulled and can be composted.

After a brief discussion regarding police details at Meadowbrook, the Selectmen asked Karen to e-mail the Police Chief that the officer's pay will be \$35 per hour and the remaining \$10 will go towards administrative costs for a total of \$45.00 per hour. There is no money for vehicles, as the officers must use their own personal vehicles for the details. The concerts are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but it was unclear how many Barnstead would be doing. P. Tiede wants it understood that the coverage for the Town takes precedent over the detail hours. She stated there better be coverage here in Town. D. Kerr wondered how the officers that are 24/7 could be working details when they need to be available for Barnstead calls. That has been an ongoing question asked by the Board when reviewing payroll slips.

**Correspondence:** The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence. The next Emergency Operation Plan update meeting is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parade Fire Station. Next Tuesday after the Selectmen's meeting at 6:30 p.m. there will be the meeting for Fluvial Erosion with Wayne Santos.

**Old Business:** E. Tasker informed the group that he contacted the Carr's regarding the fireworks on August 29<sup>th</sup> and they have given their consent as long as it does not interfere with haying the field. The paper fragments and plastic debris will have to be picked up afterwards and the Carr's requested that Hartshorn road not be closed for this event. The Acting Fire Chief will be contacted. The concert series brochure will be revised to reflect the date. The Board discussed having another concert added for

August 29. The Parks and Rec. Chairman, Lyla Adkins contacted Karen and told her she has only \$300 left in her concert budget, so she will need an added \$200 for the extra concert. Carol Tiede would like to have a marching band for that day.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. on **a motion** made by E. Tasker, seconded by P. Tiede; 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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Andrew Houle

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David Kerr

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Edward Tasker