

**TOWN OF BARNSTEAD**  
**TOWN HALL**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Preston performed the swearing-in of Richard Duane who will be filling the Selectman vacancy until March.

**Signatures:** Payroll and Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 7/7/15, 1 Petition and Pole License, (3) Appointments and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 5:04 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by P. Tiede and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 5:26 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

At 5:27 p.m. the Chairman opened the sand and gravel bids received from W. Angellini LLC, D. L. Docko & Son, and Northeast Earth Mechanics; prices for 1 ½" crushed gravel – Angellini \$10.50 yard delivered (\$8.50 picked up) / Docko \$16.00 yard delivered (\$11.00 picked up). Loam – Angellini \$14.50 delivered (\$12.50 picked up) / Docko \$19.50 delivered (\$15.00 picked up). ¾" Stone – Docko \$18.00 delivered (\$13.00 picked up). 1 ½" Stone – Docko \$17.00 delivered (\$12.00 picked up). Erosion Stone (rip rap) – Earth \$17.90 cubic yard delivered (\$14.90 picked up). Earth gave a price of \$13.90 yard delivered (\$11.00 picked up) for 1" crushed gravel and the Road Agent stated that Earth did not have any 1 1/2" crushed. Sand – Angellini \$6.60 yd delivered (\$4.75 picked up), Docko \$11.00 yard delivered (no pick-ups), Earth \$7.30 yard delivered (\$4.90 picked up). The Board will make the selections next week. The Road Agent stated that he had samples from each of the companies up at the Highway Garage and invited the Board Members to view them.

The group discussed spraying for knotweed, which requires a licensed company to do and Jim Doucette, Road Agent commented that within 5 years the State would be making the towns responsible for controlling it. Jim next informed the Board that he met with Pennichuck and they want to replace the waterlines on Varney Road all at once (instead of 3 stages as originally planned); which then would commit the town to paving the entire road. Jim explained that Pennichuck had paid 15% of the paving costs last year but he would be seeking 20% this year and estimated the entire project to be approximately \$399,759. R. Duane asked if the culverts have been done and Jim told him that most have been replaced but a couple have been filled in by homeowners. D. Kerr mentioned that there would also be a lot of right-of-way work (ditching, vegetation removal etc.) and Jim that most of the

road has been ditched. The group briefly discussed geo-tech as opposed to concrete injection but the Road Agent felt the injection was more beneficial to the Varney Road area. Jim further explained that Pennichuck is placing all the water lines under the road and D. Kerr wondered if legal advice should be sought. P. Tiede pointed out that Jim's estimate for Varney Road did not depict regular paving and Jim said that it wasn't recommended, as it wouldn't hold up. D. Kerr asked how long ago Varney Road had been paved and Jim told him it was 13 years, but had been done in sections. Kerr commented that the regular paving which would cost about the same as the top coat only (using the concrete injection paving) lasted 13 years. Jim agreed, but added that a lot of repairs had been done during that time. P. Tiede pointed out that the project costs did not include any of the costs of the Highway Crew. E. Tasker asked how long the project would take and Jim stated that he told Pennichuck they had to be done by September (they will start in May).

E. Tasker referred to the monthly work schedule and asked Jim about the progress being made. Jim commented that they are sticking to the schedule fairly well but a couple things did sneak up on them such as the company calling to do the topcoat on Shackford Corner at the same time the other company wanted to start the reclaiming of Pitman Road. The group discussed several roads and various improvements. Jim told the group he crushes the big rocks that they find from the ditching and grading to be mixed with sand and used on the mud areas in the Spring. E. Tasker asked what was more cost effective – using all the money and doing 1 road or spreading it out and doing just sections of several roads. Jim felt it was better to do 1 whole road but explained that right now he's trying to fix the bad spots all over town. P. Tiede asked about the road from Birchwood and Jim explained the problem with Red Oak and the drainage in that area. He added that he has a swail to help with the runoff. E. Tasker asked if he had traffic counters and Jim told the Board that 20 of them will be here this week. It was felt that some of the counters could be left on a road for 1 week then moved to another location. The conversation turned back to Varney Road and D. Kerr commented that he would rather see just the regular pavement used. Jim stated that not all roads will need the concrete injection process and cited Parade Road. D. Kerr explained that he understood the importance of that process, but it is just not practical with the money the town has. G. Preston mentioned getting a 5 year bond and Kerr reminded them that it takes a 2/3's vote and that the school was working on a bond for 2018 (in the millions).

E. Tasker commented that the Road Agent was doing work on roads that hadn't been done in 15 years and Kerr pointed out that once the proper ditching and drainage is in place, the roads may not need the concrete injection and 2 layers of pavement. P. Tiede said that Jim had given them a list of the roads that he felt should have the concrete injection which included Pitman & Gray Roads. Jim agreed, stating that it was 10 miles of road and that the paving prices had dropped \$1.00 per ton. G. Preston suggested talking with the school to see if they could hold off until the roads were finished (with a bond). Jim informed the group that by the end of summer, he should have the GPS coordinates and list of all culverts, the road data and the traffic counts – which he will put on a spreadsheet to show the true costs. G. Preston reminded the group that the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association (comprised of 7 towns) have been discussing for a couple years towns purchasing big item pieces of

equipment together to save money. The Road Agent lastly presented the group with information on an attachment for the excavator that would be able to reach 40' high and cut limbs 14" in diameter to remove the canopy of trees throughout town that have become problems. The cost of the item is \$19,000 and Jim explained that there was money in his budget tree removal budget as well as in the sub-contractor lines. He added that with this piece of equipment, he would not have to request \$15,000 in the budget each year for tree removal. D. Kerr asked if we have put out a bid to other companies for removing the canopy and Jim told him we had not. D. Kerr wondered why PSNH hadn't purchased this type of equipment where they deal with this issue all the time. He further pointed out that subbing the work out would not tie up 2 of the 6 man highway crew. After a brief discussion, the Board determined they could look at it for the budget next year. R. Duane suggested looking at other towns to see if anyone has one of these.

**Public Input:** 7:07 p.m. Bruce Grey commented that Nashua may not be continuing with Pennichuck which would include Pittsfield, Barnstead and Bristol. E. Tasker asked Bruce his view on the piece of equipment the Road Agent was looking at and Bruce stated that he felt it should be in next year's budget. Carol Tiede addressed the Board at 7:10 p.m. to report that she drove John Tasker Road this weekend and was surprised the Road Agent hadn't gotten a lot of complaints as it was a mess. P. Tiede told her it was scheduled for maintenance this Thursday.

**Appointments:** The Acting Fire Chief was unable to make his appointment.

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 7:12 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) made by D. Kerr and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 7:26 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** to go into non-public at 7:27 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) made by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 9:03 p.m. and **on a motion** by E. Tasker and seconded by P. Tiede; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 9:04 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; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 9:12 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

**New Business:** Karen informed the Board that one of the springs in the overhead garage doors at the police station had broken and the repair (which replaced both springs) was \$40.00. It was also reported that the top hinge on an interior door at the station was broken as well and Karen contacted someone to look at it. The Board commented that if it was a hollow door, then it should be replaced. The Building Inspector ceased work on the Elementary School roof because to the SAU explaining the

necessity of permits (even though there's no charge for the municipal building). Karen reminded E. Tasker that the Safety Committee was meeting tomorrow morning at 9 a.m.

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

**Old Business:**

P. Tiede left the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 9:23 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by D. Kerr and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 9:35 p.m. and **on a motion** by E. Tasker and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m. on **a motion** made by R. Duane, seconded by D. Kerr; and passing with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Montgomery, Selectmen's Administrative Assistant & Office Manager

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Gordon Preston, Chairman

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Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

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Richard Duane

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David Kerr

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Edward Tasker