

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Signatures: Payroll and Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 7/14/15, (2) letters of hire, (1) Appointment, (1) Purchase and Sales Agreement, (1) Training Agreement and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:03 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) made by D. Kerr and seconded by R. Duane; 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 5:16 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

The Board discussed the results of the sand and gravel bids with the Jim Doucette, Road Agent pointing out the differences in the sand. After a brief discussion, P. Tiede made a motion to accept the proposal from Docko's for the 1 ½" gravel and to get the sand from Earth. E. Tiede seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

The group next discussed paving all of Varney Road next year as Pennichuck is replacing all the water lines and has agreed to pay 20% of the paving costs. The Road Agent stated that he would use the concrete injection process (that was done on Shackford Corner). R. Duane told the group he had spoken with a lady who works for Pike and uses the concrete injection and she didn't suggest using that because when a water line has to be repaired or replaced, it's very hard to break the paved area and even harder to repave with the same stuff. Jim stated that if Pennichuck had to dig up the road they can replace that area with the concrete injection without affecting the rest of the pavement. E. Tasker asked what guarantee the town would have that Pennichuck would do that and D. Kerr explained that Pennichuck has to get permission from the Road Agent to do anything on the roads. G. Preston asked where the water lines would be (on the road) and Jim explained that the water main would go down the middle of the road with lines going out to each residence. D. Kerr felt it should be down in 3 sections and Jim explained that Pennichuck would remove all the pavement on the whole road and if the town only paved 1/3, it would leave the new water main unprotected. D. Kerr suggested leaving the ground-up material on the road to protected the water mains and Jim told the group that there would be a lot of complaints from people. G. Preston felt it would be cleaner to just do the whole road and P. Tiede suggested agreeing to something now. P. Tiede made a motion to go forward Varney Road and Pennichuck as discussed by the Road Agent and Rick Duane seconded the

motion. E. Tasker pointed out that R. Duane and D. Kerr had both made some good points and felt that when they got closer to budget season they would look at the costs of different levels of paving that is available. Jim asked that the Board not decide to go with just the 2" paving (no concrete injection) without speaking to him first and they agreed. The Chairman called for the vote on the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

On a motion to go into non-public 5:41 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by E. Tasker 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 6:00 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

The Board relocated to the Town Hall where the Chairman swore in Jason Leavitt as part-time police officer pending entrance and successful completion of the part-time police academy which begins on August 15, 2015 through November 21, 2015. Several members of the community and police department were in attendance.

On a motion to go into non-public at 6:06 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) made by P. Tiede and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P Tiede 6:50 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes

Public Input: 6:51 p.m. Bruce Grey reported that 23 people were in attendance for the first night of archery (some kids were away at camp etc.) but there is typically between 25-30 every night. He stated that there were 4 junior leaders and that everyone is having a great time. Closed: 6:53 p.m.

Appointments: 6:54 p.m. Dave Allen met with the Board to discuss the Master Plan. Chairman Preston began the meeting with a brief discussion regarding social media and discouraging the use of it by members of public office as the public perceive their comments to be of an official nature. Dave Allen informed the Board that he went to take down his comments and found they had already been removed. Dave confirmed that a member (or 2) would be meeting with the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Committee on August 12 to submit projects that aren't covered by the other departments. Dave explained that he is planning on making the CIP a living document and that the Committee will meet yearly before budget season to make final recommendations. Dave commented that some things on the CIP cannot possibly be gotten and also sometimes they are voted down by town meeting. G. Preston requested seeing how much the Town spends on capital improvements without the school figures. E. Tasker added that it would be good to know where the capital budget has been over the last 5 years. R. Duane told the group that he and Dave Kerr are on the CIP Committee and there are peaks and valleys but it's around 1.75 million. R. Duane added that a lot of work has been done on the CIP and complimented Dave Allen for his work. Dave stated that he has had total cooperation from everyone he's asked to participate.

Dave Allen distributed pages from the Master Plan noting that there were half a dozen items directed to the Select Board. He continued, saying that the Planning Board adopted the recommendations but obviously could not direct the Select Board on what to do, so was asking for their input as to which ones the Select Board would support. D. Kerr stated that the Board would discuss and say yes or no. Allen pointed out that this is a 10 year plan and the Planning Board would like to know when, during those 10 years, that they'd like to take up the recommendations and D. Kerr said, "If at all". Allen told the group the Planning Board wants to track these and check off when they've been completed, but Chairman Preston pointed out that some of things on here the Board has not control of. He added that they would need time to read and digest the material. Dave Allen mentioned that he would like to enlarge the recommendations portion and put up at town meeting with the Select Board's comments. He asked for the Select Board to let the Planning Board know in writing when they (Select Board) would be finished going through it all. D. Kerr commented that it would be interesting to see when the Planning Board wants to act on the recommendation to have a minimum lot size of 20 acres. E. Tasker told the group that many years ago they tried to pass a 5 acre minimum (which lost by 1 vote) but to propose a 20-acre on would not pass. D. Kerr informed Dave Allen that he had a scheduling conflict on the 29th and would not be able to attend the CIP Committee meeting. Dave Allen left at 7:23 p.m.

The Board next met with Acting Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy who explained that he, the Fire Marshall, Wendell Beck (from fireworks company) and property owners Ken and Ann Carr had all met at the Carr's property and worked out the details to be able to launch the fireworks from there. The group discussed moving the band concert hours from 7-9 (instead of 6-8) so the fireworks could start right after the band and keeping the road open to emergency vehicles. Shawn will speak with the Police Chief regarding coverage for that event.

Shawn updated the Board on his conversations with the engineer for Dollar General and relayed that a cistern, with automatic fill and an alarm system would be required. He expressed the huge benefits the cistern would add to the town for fire protection measures on Maple St. JJ Goodwins, and Beauty Hill Road (to name a few). The Acting Chief next told the Board that an invoice had come that appears he ordered uniforms over the \$500 purchase limit but explained that the vendor had never invoiced him for items purchased at an earlier date. Shawn stated that the new ambulance is on a slight delay as there is a backlog on the chassis. He reported a scratch on the ambulance cabinet door that was not properly latched when they pulled out of the station. He stated that it was something that could be buffed out.

The next topic was regarding the computer upgrade and Shawn and John Drew met with Jon Rich of Cybertron to discuss tying the two buildings together (Town Hall and Fire Station). Cybertron will be submitting a detailed plan and suggested having MetroCast put in a fiber optic dark line at no cost between the two buildings. Shawn mentioned that Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid (LRMFA) is having some issues with transmitting since they went to simulcast and would like to put a transmission site on the Hartshorn tower or Barnstead Parade Fire Station. He asked if the Board could find out who he needed to get in touch with on the Hartshorn tower to find out if we reserved a place on it for the

town. Shawn told the group that he'd like to get a new laptop and put the entire NFPA on there so he could bring it up at meetings etc. He explained that the laptop he has is too old. Lastly, he mentioned that he needed to get some communication equipment and batteries but it was all in his budget. E. Tasker asked how the Explorers were doing and Shawn said that they are doing well, but having to get used to the new rules.

D. Kerr made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign the 9-1-1 Liaison forms changing the initial contact person from Carol Locke to MaryJane Dascoli. P. Tiede seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

At 8:03 p.m. P. Tiede told the Board that her husband had checked into the information of when they put a bid on the town-owned property on South Barnstead Road and their paperwork said the existing trailer had to be removed, but the one that is buying it now is looking at fixing up the trailer.

E. Tasker informed the group that Fred Goodrich was offering the use of his home on John Tasker Road to the Historical Society and the group will be meeting at the Parade Station this Thursday to discuss it. Tasker stated that Mr. Goodrich has asked for the Historical Society to do the upkeep and added that when the Conservation Commission worked with Bear Paw on a huge project, they were \$10,000 shy and Mr. Goodrich wrote a check for the balance.

Select Board Member Priscilla Tiede left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

On a motion to go into non-public at 8:11 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by E. Tasker and seconded by D. Kerr; 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 8:23 p.m. and **on a motion** by E. Tasker and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

New Business: The Board reviewed the monthly BCEP report. D. Kerr commented about the police scheduling and a brief discussion ensued. The group discussed the CIP projects and E. Tasker thought they should meet on a different evening to prepare the material. D. Kerr pointed out that it was on last week's agenda and they had decided that each Board Member would give it some thought and e-mail their suggestions to Karen. There were no decisions made.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Old Business:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 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

Gordon Preston, Chairman

Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Richard Duane

David Kerr

Edward Tasker