

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES OF JULY 28, 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 7/21/15, (1) Abatement, (1) Timber Tax Warrant, (2) Deed Waivers and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:02 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 5:29 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:30 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 5:47 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

The Board had a brief discussion on the progress of the Capital Improvements Plan Committee, BCEP and the NH Public Works Mutual Aid agreement. The group next talked about sharing resources with other Towns and it was determined that a letter would be sent to Pittsfield to see if there was any interest in mutually buying pieces of equipment. G. Preston commented that the Suncook Valley Regional Town Association group has discussed this. The conversation turned to utilizing one of the two generators (we obtained from government surplus) to power a local store in a disaster so the town equipment could fuel up. Several controversial issues were raised and it was pointed out that the tank at the Highway Garage is a 2000-2500 gallon capacity and should be sufficient. G. Preston explained that he had been checking out the concept of having an agreement with the store owner, but didn't have all the facts yet.

Public Input: 6:13 p.m. Kathy Kelley informed the Board that she had signed up for Parks & Rec and currently announces the bands that perform at the Parade Grounds on Saturday evenings. She offered to make any announcements for the Select Board if they desired. Parks & Rec is also encouraging people to submit beautiful pictures of Barnstead that are being displayed at the Oscar Foss Memorial Library. Kathy stated that she wants to continue bringing people together in a positive manner. Closed: 6:18 p.m.

Appointments: 6:19 p.m. The Select Board met with Erin Darrow, of Right Angle Engineering to discuss the 4 Hazard Mitigation projects she had submitted for grants. She explained that she has worked with the Road Agent on determining the 4 major sites that would be eligible for funding through Homeland Security and FEMA and of those (Depot St., North Barnstead Road, New Road and Bartlett Road) the last 2 sites really met the requirements of the grant. Erin explained the process, noting that all projects required engineering services and a complete Dredge & Fill permit from the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The New Road project would cost \$14,300 (\$6050 for grant application, benefit cost analysis, and engineering services and \$8250 for dredge & fill permit, site survey, wetland delineation, hydrologic analysis, and final engineering design - all required by DES). The grant pays 75% of the total costs and the town's 25% obligation can be in-kind services for their share – saving the town money. It was pointed out that because of the timing, there wasn't any money in the 2015 budget for this and it was suggested that the funds be requested in next years' budget. Erin explained that the deadline for this round of funding was in October and that all projects would have to have the Dredge & Fill Permits done, which are good for 5 years (with a 5 year extension available). It was determined that the project met the necessary requirements of the Emergency Management Expendable Fund (current balance is over \$74,000) and E, Tasker made a motion to expend the sum of \$14,300 from that fund to go forward with the mitigation project on New Road. D. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. E. Tasker further suggested that the Board submit a warrant article in 2016 to establish a mitigation project expendable fund. The Board thanked Erin for her time and she left at 7:17 p.m.

On a motion to go into non-public at 7:18 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by P. Tiede and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted: G. Preston (not present for vote); P. Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 7:57 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

New Business: The Board reviewed the monthly ComStar Report, the progress of the old town vehicles that are being sold through an on-line auction and a newspaper article regarding Town Administrators. Karen relayed that the On-Site Alcohol and Drug testing program requires supervisors to attend a "Reasonable Suspicion" training, which will be held in Concord on September 8, 2015 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. A memo will be sent to the Police regarding issues with State gas cards, special detail paperwork and documentation of the two State grants; EUDL and DWI.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence. D. Kerr spoke to the group about the recent unfunded State mandate requiring all town vehicles to be re-inspected by the end of September in order to change their next inspection due date to September 2016, rather than the current due date of March 2016. This mandate will cause all budget lines in each department to be over-expended and the State is not providing any remedy for this. It was determined that D. Kerr would contact our State Representatives to find out who supported this changed.

Old Business:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on **a motion** made by P. Tiede, 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