

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker (5:13 p.m.).

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 7/28/15 (4) Tree Removal letters (for Colbath & Brindle Pond Roads), (2) Deed Waivers and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms. P. Tiede made a motion to allow the Chairman to sign a contract agreement with Right Angle Engineering, the Public Works Agreement Ballot, a payment request form for radio in the new ambulance, (1) vacation request, and a DES Wetlands Permit for Depot St. on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by D. Kerr and passed with a unanimous vote (4-0).

The Police Department's "Night Out" event was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled for October 6, 2015. The Board reviewed the changes to the personnel policy and P. Tiede made a motion to accept the changes. D. Kerr seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. P. Tiede made a motion to have Karen Montgomery and Lisa Magerer attend the Employment Law seminar on Sept. 17 in Concord, which was seconded by D. Kerr and passed with a unanimous vote. Treasurer Terry informed the Board that Suncook Lake was being treated for milfoil and the beach area had been posted. Karen reported that Lisa Carazzo will be meeting with the Board next week and is interested in starting up the Old Home Day event for next year.

At 5:25 p.m. the Board discussed possible projects for the CIP which included a moderate place for the Selectmen's meetings, voting and the space needs of the Town Hall offices. E. Tasker mentioned utilizing the basement area; noting that it had been shot down at town meeting but felt it should be revisited. Karen pointed out that ½ the basement area is now being used for the required storage needs of the records and documents of the town. She added that the basement also needs a dehumidifier that the Board discussed last year. G. Preston did not agree with using the basement or having people down there as the cost of a lift or elevator etc. would be huge. D. Kerr next spoke about a wood chip burner and GP mentioned that he will contact Winnisquam School who uses one. R. Duane told the group that Pleasant View Gardens researched the idea for 4-5 years before they purchased one to heat their greenhouses. E. Tasker suggested having someone come in to lecture on this and to invite the public, Budget Committee etc.

At 5:40 p.m. the Select Board discussed the areas of the Master Plan where Selectmen response was requested. D. Kerr reported that BCEP accepts hazardous waste from residents and that the change in

hours at the facility has been brought up 4 times and defeated. He added that it has been studied and several costly improvements would have to be done to be open at night. The next topic was establishing an Agriculture Commission and after a brief discussion pointing out that it has no authority and that the Conservation Commission is active it, it was determined that the Board would look at this in the future (2020). Regarding roads, the Board and Road Agent is currently preparing estimates on town wide road maintenance (including re-paving, new pavement and improvements on dirt roads etc. The equipment in the Highway Department has been being replaced regularly and will continue. The Board is looking at Class VI roads to determine what level of upgrade (if any) would be in the best interest of the Town. It was mentioned that traffic lights and improvements or changes to Routes 28 or 126 are under the State jurisdiction. Karen informed the group that she contacted the State regarding a Park & Ride and it would have to be in the Master Plan, but also must be in Lakes Region Planning Commission's Plan (LRPC), which would then go to the State for funding but LRPC indicated that these are not high priorities and there were no plans for one in Barnstead. Karen added that you can have municipally owned and operated Parks & Rides but the State does not maintain them.

Public Input: 5:58 p.m. Bruce Grey informed the Board that someone had dumped trash/furniture at the intersection of Route 28 & Oxbow Road, that's been there for a week. The State will be contacted. Closed: 6:04 p.m.

D. Kerr mentioned that beginning January 1, 2015, votes to seal the minutes must be done in public session. He commented that there was a lot of work spent getting the lights in the police cruiser and the Chief had told them last week that it was getting decaled but hadn't been done yet. Kerr was concerned that the warrant article was for \$40,930 and \$40,005 had been spent so far. G. Preston complimented the police in their response time and handling of an issue last week up near his property.

New Business: The Board reviewed the monthly Fire Rescue reports, the Onsite Drug Testing Agreement, vacation requests and the bidding progress of several town vehicles on the Gov Deals site. P. Tiede asked if the Police Chief had gotten tractor trailers through the government surplus site and G. Preston stated that he thought it was low beds. P. Tiede told the group that she would like the Chief to contact Karen and let the Board know before he orders anything else. G. Preston explained that it takes time to look through the site and when an item comes up you have to grab it. E. Tasker expressed frustration over the fact that the Board never discussed what they wanted to get. P. Tiede asked if the Board wanted to prepare a list of items to obtain and give it to the Chief. E. Tasker mentioned that the next piece of equipment they would be replacing for the town would be a loader. P. Tiede commented that a lot of items have to be used by the police for 1 year before they can pass it on. R. Duane recalled, with concern, that last week the Chief had told them he got a canvas covered 6 wheel troop carrier. Duane stated that Kerr and he had seen the 2 generators and they were great but would require about \$700 each to be usable. He added that when the trailers etc. are brought into town, they still have to be registered and inspected. E. Tasker stated that if the Select Board didn't deem the items necessary, they should not be gotten. R. Duane reminded the group that that is not the intent of the

program and Tasker commented that we did not need a troop carrier. Duane agreed and said the Board should instruct the Chief that if it's not on the list then he doesn't get it. The group mentioned a loader and dump trucks and G. Preston stated that it was a fulltime job just to keep up with the site. Duane asked how the Chief does his other police work if the site was a fulltime job and Preston told him that the Chief isn't on the site all the time, only when he can. P. Tiede stated that she would like to see any purchases in the future for only what they need. Preston stated that the Chief does call the Road Agent when he sees something he thinks Jim might be interested in.

D. Kerr informed the group that he and R. Duane went up to the Highway Garage last week and the diesel tank is 2000 gallons, which the Road Agent said would last 8 storms. Duane wondered if there was even a need to take a town generator to a store for gas or diesel and then mentioned that the Country Store will have a generator.

Appointments: 6:24 p.m. The Select Board met with Cindy Roberts, Animal Control Officer (ACO) and discussed having a backup as Cindy works fulltime. G. Preston asked when the best time to reach her would be and she told him at night. Cindy was very receptive to having a backup for her during the day and spoke about Pittsfield's ACO, Ann Taylor. Cindy informed the group that the town had purchased a wand (which is at her house) to check for chips in dogs. P. Tiede told Cindy they had someone who was interested in helping out and Cindy stated that she would work with whoever came on. R. Duane asked how many calls she had last month and Cindy said she had 4 dogs that she picked up and returned to their owners. The Board thanked Cindy for her time and she left at 6:36 p.m.

Acting Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy told the group that he would contact Eversource regarding the tree at the Parade Station. He next informed the group that ambulance is having the high pressure oil pump replaced which would be between \$1,000 - \$1,500 and it was the backup ambulance, but the repair would help with the resale value. Shawn stated that if he had a day, he would be able to do the repairs and G. Preston asked if there was any local places that could do it. Shawn stated that there was a diesel place in Pittsfield, or it could go to Grappone's or up to Lakes Region Fire Apparatus and added that it is out of service until it gets fixed. Shawn next told the group that he had received the site plans for Dollar General.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed the Legislative Bulletin, and miscellaneous correspondence.

Old Business:

On a motion to go into non-public at 6:45 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (d) made by E. Tasker and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, (not present for the vote); R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of the non-public session at 6:50 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on **a motion** made by DF. Kerr, seconded by R. Duane; 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