

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

TOWN HALL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston (left at 5:50 p.m.), Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, and David Kerr. Edward Tasker was unable to attend until 5:50 p.m. There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

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 8/18/15, (2) Intents to Cut Wood, (1) Raffle Permit, a Quitclaim Deed and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:01 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (d) made by D. Kerr and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; R. Duane, yes; and D. Kerr, yes. P. Tiede recused herself. The Board came out of the non-public session at 5:30 p.m. and **on a motion** by R. Duane and seconded by D. Kerr; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Appointments: The Board met with Fab Cusson, Building Inspector to discuss mechanical permits. He explained that where he doesn't have set hours here at Town Hall (other than Tuesday evenings), it isn't practical to make people wait for him to sign mechanical permits before they can begin. He told the Board that other towns have the clerk sign, as long as they have copies of the licenses (electricians & plumbers) and Mary Jane is fine with it. Fab explained that this is for service work, not for new homes etc. and that he or Rod would still be doing the inspections. P. Tiede made a motion to allow Mary Jane to sign the mechanical permits according to Fab's direction. The motion was seconded by D. Kerr and received a unanimous vote.

The Board relayed to Fab that they had gotten a letter from the Pittsfield Select Board to see if there was any interest in sharing a deputy building inspector. Fab explained that this came up a year ago when Pittsfield's inspector went on vacation and Fab helped them out. P. Tiede asked who assists Fab when he's not here and Fab told her it was Rod Boyd. Fab indicated that he has plenty of work and has actually had to turn down some in Barnstead. He added that New Durham had asked him if he was interested in working part-time for them, but he turned them down. Fab stated that he would help Pittsfield out when needed but he wasn't interested in a shared position. Fab asked if Rod was retiring and the Board told him he was. It was determined that a letter would be sent to Pittsfield indicating that the Building Inspector's would help each other out but they didn't feel there was a need for a new position.

New Business: The Board reviewed the Fire Rescue monthly schedule, the BCEP monthly report, a vacation request and approved the waiving of the permit fee for a home that had a recent fire. Karen

informed the Board that Carnic would be submitting a proposal for a dehumidifying unit in the basement and that she had contacted the Road Agent to have the crew do the roadside mowing on Hartshorn Road before the fireworks this weekend. P. Tiede asked why they weren't doing the concrete injection on Maple Street like they were on other roads and D. Kerr explained that it would have required everything to be torn up, that the pavement was not beyond repair and that an overlay was all that was necessary. Karen next told the group that the Bulletproof Vest program had been extended from August 31st to October 16, 2015.

E. Tasker mentioned to the Board that he had spoken with Road Agent, Jim Doucette, about the roads and Jim was concerned with meeting all the requirements (public hearing etc.) if they were going to proceed with a bond. Tasker asked that it be placed on the agenda next week so the Board could have a discussion on it. E. Tasker also explained to the Board that part-timer Arthur Locke has not been able to do much roadside mowing due to the vacations at his other job but will be returning next week. Karen inquired about the 3 invoices for a new hire on the police department (\$1,437) and the Board approved it, but wanted the Chief to shop around comparing prices of other vendors. Karen mentioned that with Paula's computer now being available the Health Officer is being set up with access to it.

Public Input: 6:00 p.m. Bruce Grey asked for a copy of the Labor Department's inspection report on the Parks & Rec Building to find out what is supposed to be stored in there and what should not. He told the Board that the woodstove is still there and pallets (that are used for the Fire & Ice event). D. Kerr mentioned that it wasn't as restricted as other buildings because there aren't people working there. Karen thought perhaps it was due to a new group of people on the Parks & Rec Committee who did not even know about the report. A copy of it will be sent to Lyla. E. Tasker informed everyone that a lot of brush is growing up around the ice rink that should be removed before the roots grow and start lifting the rink. Bruce stated that he did not know who was doing the maintenance over there. E. Tasker next asked why the Highway Dept. wasn't emptying the trash there and D. Kerr felt the Committee should be taking care of that. Bruce felt that after the small events that take place, it's usually late and then forgotten about. E. Tasker asked about the lights at the recreation area and Bruce told him that he shut them off, but they do have a timer so he will put them back on in the winter.

Francis Kelley of North Barnstead Road told the Board that his wife was driving her new jeep on Pitman Road and one of the small granite pieces cut her tire. He stated that she was going slowly and that he has never seen a stone rip apart a tire – right through the steel belt. He was concerned with the product that the Town was using and D. Kerr told him that he put ¾" fractured gravel on his driveway and it caused a slow leak in one of his tires. Mr. Kelley stated that he was not asking the Board to pay for it but just wanted to report it to them. E. Tasker asked where the location on the tire was that this happened and Mr. Kelley stated that he had not seen the tire yet but would go up to Arnie's garage and then come back to the meeting.

On a motion to go into non-public at 6:25 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by D. Kerr and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted: P. Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board

came out of the non-public session at 6:38 p.m. and **on a motion** by R. Duane and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Mr. Kelley returned with the tire and the piece of small stone to show the Board. It was mentioned that the stone looked more like slate than granite. Public Input was closed at 6:40 p.m.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed the miscellaneous correspondence. E. Tasker referred to the brochure of the Town of Barnstead and Karen explained that it didn't cost the town anything; that the company producing them seeks local businesses wishing to advertise in the brochure. E. Tasker felt the Board should do this with the town report, as it would help defray the cost.

Old Business:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 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