

## TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

### TOWN HALL

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

### MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2015

**Attendance:** Chairman Gordon Preston, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. There were 5 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 8/11/15, (2) Report of Cut Warrants, and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

**Appointments:** The Board met with Rob Tiede at 5:00 p.m. regarding the Town-owned property at 328 South Barnstead Road. He stated that he had bid on the property with the stipulation that the mobile home had to be removed, but when he spoke with the Building Inspector, he was told the mobile home had not been condemned. P. Tiede commented that Rob's bid was based upon having to remove the trailer and Rob said "that isn't it, - I own all the land around it and based on my figures, it doesn't meet setbacks". R. Duane asked if Rob had a copy of the ad, (which he did not) but showed him the contract with his offer. Rob said that he put a \$1000 deposit down, but hasn't gotten that back. Karen explained that the Town has not received a check from the potential buyer of the property as he wanted to check out the well and septic system. P. Tiede stated that there wasn't a septic system only a holding tank and Rob Tiede added that it was put in pre-1965 by Bill Gosse. E. Tasker felt the Board needed to speak with the Building Inspector and the Realtor and R. Duane commented that the issue is with the Realtor not the Board of Selectmen.

Rob next told the group that the person buying it told Rob's son that he was going to fix up the place and rent it. Karen stated that there has been no permits taken out and that this person doesn't even own it yet. Rob said he didn't understand why the Town doesn't get rid of all the non-conforming lots; felt it was like the Town had 2 sets of laws and wondered why these lots aren't offered to the abutters. D. Kerr stated that the town does offer non-conforming lots to abutters (that are land-only) and this lot has a pre-existing building which means a new building would have to be allowed (in the same footprint). Rob stated that a new building would have to be built to 2015 rules, not 1965 and that it can't meet setbacks. Kerr again explained that if a building existed on a piece of property, it could be rebuilt in the same footprint and not have to meet setbacks. Rob next stated that the Realtor told him that everything needed to go from the property – the building, septic and well and R. Duane pointed out that that was not what his contract said – it was just the building. Following a brief exchange the Board determined that they would speak with the Realtor.

At 5:20 p.m. P. Tiede spoke about the 2 recent fires in Barnstead explaining the amount of work involved and praising the Fire Rescue workers. D. Kerr mentioned the amount of time spent on Pitman Road and wanted to know what the total cost of the project was including the employee time and equipment usage. It was also mentioned that the part-timer for the roadside mowing was busy at his other job and not able to put in much time for the Town. Karen told the Board that the Road Agent had come in to review a couple highway applications that had been dropped off and stated that he would like to hire another part-timer to operate the roadside mower. D. Kerr stated that there was overtime in the budget and the crew only works 4 days. E. Tasker felt they should be offered overtime and G. Preston asked how many of them could operate the mower. P. Tiede commented that they should all know how to. P. Tiede said that her road (Wes Locke) has usually been done by now. G. Preston asked about removing the tree/branch canopy and D. Kerr told the group he didn't like the idea of the roadside mower being used to cut the canopy as the angle of the arm sends wood materials flying everywhere.

G. Preston asked if Lisa Carazzo had picked up the Old Home Day notebook and Karen relayed that she had and that Lisa had 10 people who volunteered so far. D. Kerr asked if anything further had been done with the Animal Control Officer and Karen stated that the couple on North Barnstead Road may be interested in housing strays as well. Donna Gagnon will be contacted regarding her offer to assist with ACO calls. The Board briefly discussed issues with animals and it was decided that a call should be placed to Pittsfield's ACO person. Karen relayed the e-mail regarding the a/c units at the police department and it was determined that Jay Howe would be contacted. P. Tiede mentioned that on the police department Facebook page, the Chief was going to announce "Facilitators" for the crime watch program and that the insurance company needed specific information in order to determine the liability that may be involved. The Board commented that new programs etc. must be presented to them to be approved before they are started. E. Tasker spoke about the Community Watch program. A memo will be sent to the Chief requesting information. The group next talked about the new police cruiser that remains unmarked and a memo will be sent to the Chief informing him that there is only \$934 left in the warrant article to be spent.

**Public Input:** 5:56 p.m. Bruce Grey announced an adult archery competition on Thursday evening from 4 – 8 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person or a non-perishable food item with the proceeds going to the food pantry. Bruce told the group that there will be a certified instructor present. Carol Tiede mentioned the ad that was put out selling the Boston property and asked if the Town owned the property. G. Preston told her that the Town did own it. She next asked if the Board had the authority to offer to have someone remove the building for free and it was explained that the Select Board thought the property might sell quicker if they removed the trailer, but that would cost the town money, so they advertised to have it removed for the scrap. Carol felt the town could not give away property and R. Duane stated that it was a valid question. He asked what the ad said and Sue Tiede stated that it said, "Free for the taking". It was mentioned that nothing was ever done and the building still remained when other offers to buy the property came in. Closed: 6:03 p.m.

Acting Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy met with the Board and gave them an update on the two recent fires. E. Tasker asked if either one was suspicious in nature and Shawn said they were not. P. Tiede asked if the Wes Locke Road house was off limits and Shawn told her that he has allowed the owner to get some stuff from the place, but cannot stay there. He added that the property will need an electrician to look at it. G. Preston asked if Shawn had spoken with Elaine Swinford (welfare officer) and Shawn said that he had not, that he was going to let the State handle this where they've been involved in this particular case for two years.

Shawn next informed everyone that he would be leaving on Friday for vacation and would be back on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Chairman asked who would be in charge while Shawn was gone and Shawn said that it would be Captain Gary Doucette and Captain John Drew. Shawn will send their contact information to Karen in the morning. P. Tiede commended the Fire Rescue administrative person noting that there were a lot less hours than the previous person. The Acting Chief reported that the new filter system was in place at the Parade Fire Station and they replaced the faucet. He stated they would have to replicate the water test. G. Preston asked where the lead was coming from and Shawn stated that it was the faucet and with the new filter system it should eliminate any issues. P. Tiede noted that Nick Rott had done the work and given the Town a discount. Shawn told the group that he wanted to publicly give kudos to a couple officer from the police department for their assistance at the recent fire and to the White Buffalo for sending pizzas. The next topic was regarding the radios and batteries that are scheduled for replacement. Shawn stated that he would e-mail the information to Karen and would be discussing it at the next meeting. Lastly, The Acting Chief asked if the roadside mowing could be done on Hartshorn Road before the fireworks on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** The Board reviewed a letter form HealthTrust. D. Kerr referred the Board to a letter they received from 3 residents complaining about a possible wood cutting business. After a brief discussion, it was determined that a copy of the letter would be sent to the Planning Board to see if they could address the issue. D. Kerr inquired about having the Town Hall basement cleaned and it was mentioned that there was still an issue with moisture. Carnic Plumbing had been asked about an automatic draining dehumidifier several months ago and would be contacted again.

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

**Old Business:**

**On a motion** to go into non-public at 6:30 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (d) 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 6:41 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 6:42 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

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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