

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

TOWN HALL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Vice-Chairman Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. 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, a Customer Account Form, a Payment Request Form and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms. P. Tiede made a motion to have the Chairman sign the customer account form and the payment request form on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by E. Tasker and passed with a unanimous vote.

The Board questioned an invoice for a repair on the new Highway truck and it was determined that the bill would not be paid until they could speak with the Road Agent. The Chairman questioned an invoice for the replacement of a seal on the Fire Department's generator and pointed out that the generator is only 1 ½ years old.

P. Tiede informed the Board that the police department has refused to sign the forms stating they received the new personnel policy. The consensus was that anyone with questions about the policy should contact the Selectmen's Office first. She next relayed a call from a resident regarding an issue with a dog and the police told them the Selectmen have said the police do not handle these calls. P. Tiede stated that the Selectmen are responsible for making sure these issues are being taken care of by the police. E. Tasker commented that they should have done what was proposed 15 years ago – to build a temporary shelter to keep dogs at the police department for a day or two. E. Tasker made a motion to contact the party that was interested in being the animal control officer and P. Tiede seconded the motion. It passed with the following vote; G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, no; and E. Tasker, yes. Karen Montgomery relayed the information she obtained from Gilmanton and Pittsfield whereby their officers handle the dog/animal calls including transporting them to the SPCA. Karen told the Board that she specifically asked about parasites etc. from dogs being in the cruiser and was told that a 1/10 bleach and water ratio will sterilize everything. It was also mentioned that carrying humans in the cruiser posed much more risk of exposure. It was pointed out that per the RSA it is the police officers duty to handle these calls. D. Kerr suggested obtaining seat covers for the cruisers and the Board agreed. Karen mentioned that the Pittsfield ACO cautioned that if the town got an ACO – that person would be an employee and would have to be trained. The group spoke about a job description and rabies shots. It was mentioned that a non-public session would be needed later on that evening regarding the ACO.

Chairman Preston informed the Board that he received a phone call from a resident regarding the Barnstead Country Store and their concerns about possible rats. R. Duane told the group that he had looked at the property and peered in the windows. He stated that there were still some perishable items on the shelves (candy) but no indication of rats or mice. It was determined that the Health Officer would be contacted and asked to perform a site assessment.

E. Tasker made a motion to move the public input portion to 5:30 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m. P. Tiede seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Public Input: 5:30 p.m. Treasurer Jeannie Terry inquired about the missing metal pipe fencing that ran from behind the church along Houle's fence and over to the Town Hall. No one present knew anything about the fence but E. Tasker felt that its removal did not constitute the breaking of a law. D. Kerr pointed out that the boundary point is a stake or pipe; according to the deed, but he was unable to locate it. Bruce Grey gave a brief update on the archery program. The Chairman closed public input at 5:40 p.m.

New Business: The Board reviewed the letter from Senator Cataldo regarding the proposed 2016-2017 that was vetoed by the Governor. Both P. Tiede and E. Tasker asked for copies of the letter. E. Tasker spoke briefly about the restructuring of the pistol permit process. Karen verified the September 29th final meeting of the Emergency Operations Plan update with Emergency Management Director Wayne Santos at the Parade Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. The Board will end their Selectmen's meeting at 6:15 p.m. that evening.

The group discussed North Barnstead Road and the concrete injection process. R. Duane stated that he watched it and felt that it wasn't really injection – they use a sheep foot roller then they reclaim the material using the grader and pack it with cement. E. Tasker felt the traffic count reports, which should be here by the end of next week, would be very revealing to them.

D. Kerr told the Board he spoke with the Town Clerk about her recent conference and learned that all clerks received digital cameras that will be used to take photos of registered voters who either don't have or won't show their photo identifications.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:54 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by P. Tiede 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 6:25 p.m. and **on a motion** by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Appointments: The Board met with Acting Fire Chief Shawn Mulcahy and the first order of business was regarding part-time police officer Joe Dyrcaasz, who is also a firefighter/emt and who had applied to the fire rescue department. E. Tasker made a motion to approve Joe Dyrcaasz as firefighter/emt for the Town of Barnstead and D. Kerr seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. Shawn relayed that future new members will go before a committee comprised of firefighters and emt's in

order to provide Shawn with necessary information and to ease some of the burden of the hiring process. Shawn stated that he needs a couple more people that can fill various areas of shifts and relayed that Ben Arey's wife had a baby boy; to which the Board offered their congratulations.

The Acting Chief informed the group that Bryan Locke will be doing the repair of one of the cisterns and thought the cost would be around \$2,000. Karen relayed that the Cistern Expendable Fund had a balance of \$8,200. The group discussed the location and installation of another cistern by the Town and E. Tasker felt they should review the current list of cistern sites. Shawn explained that some of the cisterns have 4 ½" fittings that need to be retro-fitted to 6" as that's what the fire trucks use. E. Tasker asked Shawn to make a list along with the cost. Tasker next asked about dry hydrants and Shawn said that he had spoken with Bryan about that. The group discussed cisterns near the Gilmanton Town line and Pittsfield Town line and wondered if the respective towns would split the costs with Barnstead.

E. Tasker asked about the sale of surplus equipment and Shawn told him that he was considering using the same site the Selectmen had but they had a lot of items to dispose of and a lot of people were interested so they would probably go with private bid. E. Tasker asked if they would have a minimum bid and Shawn said they would not. R. Duane commented that the exposure through the site the Town used was huge; with responses from Pennsylvania etc. Shawn next presented the Board with information on a skid mount unit for the Kubota that would slide right into the back of the vehicle and used in the forest/woodlands. The group briefly discussed the potential of major forest fires.

The Road Agent, Jim Doucette stopped in at 6:48 p.m. and the Board asked him about the invoice on the new Highway truck and he explained that someone put diesel in the wrong tank. Jim stated that he doesn't know how it was done, as it would have taken a funnel to get it in that tank. He checked the cameras and told the Board that no one who filled the truck with diesel went near that tank, as it's located in the back. He stated that as soon as the check engine light came on, it was immediately serviced. He added that this is not the first time someone has tried to sabotage the trucks. P. Tiede asked if he had any record of those and he said he did not as it hasn't happened since he took over. D. Kerr pointed out that someone would have to know what they were doing in order for this to happen. Shawn stated that he has seen this before and that it happens. E. Tasker moved that they pay the invoice and D. Kerr seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed the miscellaneous correspondence.

On a motion to go into non-public at 6:55 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 7:37 p.m. and **on a motion** by R. Duane and seconded by E. Tasker; the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

D. Kerr gave the group an update on the 10-year plan.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. on **a motion** made by P. Tiede, seconded by E. Tasker; 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