

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

TOWN HALL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 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.

On a motion to go into non-public at 5:02 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (b) made by P. Tiede and seconded by R. Duane; 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 6:08 p.m. and on a motion by R. Duane, seconded by P. Tiede the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the meeting.

Signatures: The Board approved and signed the Payroll & Weekly Manifest, Minutes of 11/03/2015, an Intent to Cut Wood, the 2015 Equalization Certificate and Inter-Office Memos/Letters/Forms.

Public Input: There was none.

Appointments: At 6:12 p.m. Acting Chief S. Mulcahy reported that he had received a quote for \$4,700 from Bryan Locke for the Wes Locke Road cistern repair, which could be done by the end of the year. G. Preston noted that there is \$8, 200 in the cistern fund. E. Tasker stated that he feels that the cisterns required by the Town are far better than fire ponds with dry hydrants that don't work. There may be others in Town who might donate land for cisterns like the Bartons' did. **On a motion** made by P. Tiede to expend \$4,700 from the cistern expendable fund for repairs to the cistern on Wes Locke Road, seconded by R. Duane, the motion passed unanimously.

S. Mulcahy noted that the Fire and Rescue budget was over-expended but the fulltime budget under-expended. He requested to make 2 purchases out of his budget; one for communications equipment (\$13,100) and the other for 4 full sets of turn-out gear (\$10,800). **On a motion** made by E. Tasker to authorize the Acting Chief to expend funds within the limits of the budget for communications equipment and turn-out gear, under the personal equipment line, and, seconded by R. Duane, the motion passed unanimously.

The Acting Chief next reported that the Barnstead Firefighters Association voted to purchase a skid unit with a 55 gallon tank and pump and foam system that they are donating to the community. A brief discussion ensued regarding the success of Rodney Boyd's retirement party, and the nice plaque that he was awarded. The discussion ended at 6:30 p.m.

New Business: K. Montgomery noted that the 2016 budget request of \$3,700 for LGC dues had been received and payment is due on January 1, 2016. She still has not heard back from the engineer on funding for the repairs to the Hannah Nutter Bridge. The Board reviewed a proposal from Terminex for

pest control, but it was determined that it was not necessary. There was an issue regarding bees and Handy Dad will be contacted to remove the wall air conditioning unit at the station.

Old Business: Relative to the contract with Huckleberry for oil, the Town is not locked into a specific number of gallons (\$2.11 a gallon from 9/2016 to 6/2017 and the current contract is for \$2.36 per gallon). K. Montgomery mentioned that there is a home that was taken in lieu of taxes that the owner wants to re-purchase. There was discussion of a 10 acre parcel of land on Peter Byron Road, off of Pitman Road that was taken by the Town in lieu of taxes. It is an old subdivision that never sold. E. Tasker would like to see this property turned over to the Conservation Commission to be managed as open space in perpetuity. It could be part of a greenway that is being worked on by the Bear Paw Group. It is also near the Blue Hills Foundation Land set up by George Lovejoy. **On a motion** made by E. Tasker and seconded by R. Duane to turn the 10 acre parcel over to the Conservation Commission for management as open space; there was discussion on the motion. D. Kerr would like to see the property sold and remain on the tax rolls as he feels that there is an abundance of conservation land in Town. He would prefer to see the property generating revenue. E. Tasker explained that his motion is intended to keep land in open space as a long term investment. The Board voted: E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; P. Tiede, no; D. Kerr, no; and G. Preston, voted yes; to break the tie.

The Board reviewed the revenues for the year. K. Montgomery reported that the tax bills have gone out, and monies are anticipated to be coming in soon. Health Insurance rates will be discussed under non-public session. A meeting with the Provider is tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2015. D. Kerr reported about two conferences that he had recently attended. The Law Enforcement Conference for Police Chiefs focused on: body cameras, the law and data storage issues; use of excessive force and liability; and the Fire Rescue Conference focused on hiring practices and the NFPA Occupational Medical Program. Further discussion of physicals for police officers and fire fighters resulted in the consensus that there is a need for a policy. D. Kerr noted that they have a copy of one from Tilton/Northfield that can be reviewed as an example from a similar area. E. Tasker recommended that the Board meet with the Fire and Rescue and Police Departments, hold a public hearing, and put a physical policy in place. There is a need to determine what needs to be in the 2016 budget to cover the cost. Karen Montgomery relayed that the Budget Committee needs the preliminary budget before Christmas and wondered if the Board needed to do this on a night separate from the Tuesday meetings. It was determined that they will meet on Friday November 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. and Karen will post the appropriate notices. K. Montgomery distributed a hand out on Health Insurance options.

Correspondence: No correspondence was discussed by the Board.

On a motion to go into non-public at 7:45 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (c) made by D. Kerr and seconded by R. Duane; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 8:06 p.m. and on a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by R. Duane to seal the minutes, the Board voted unanimously for the motion.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. on a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by R. Duane and passing with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Latawiec, Recording Secretary

Gordon Preston, Chairman

Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Richard Duane

David Kerr

Edward Tasker