

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

TOWN HALL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker (arrived at 5:40 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: P. Tiede asked if the Highway Department got the replacement tire for the Roadside Mower and was told yes, but that it cost \$1125. A brief discussion ensued about the incident. P. Tiede reported that the Annual Employees Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. P. Tiede asked if there were any questions on the Payroll and Weekly Manifest and as there was none, the documents were unanimously passed and signed.

Chief J. McDowell dropped off some material to be discussed in non-public session. D. Kerr asked about the tasers that the Police Department currently has and proposes to acquire. Chief McDowell stated that 4 tasers were purchased in 2014 and he has the old model that has been discontinued.

Appointments: On a motion to go into non-public session at 5:20 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; and D. Kerr, yes. The Board came out of non-public discussion at 6:21 p.m. and on a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by D. Kerr, the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of that meeting.

Public Input: At 6:26 p.m. G. Preston opened the meeting for public comment. Acting Fire Chief S. Mulcahy reported that the light at the fuel pump at the Highway Garage is not working. A fixture is there, but it is not operable. There was discussion about the invoice for the new fire truck chassis. A 2015 chassis had been ordered for a predetermined price but due to some delays by Dodge, the Town will be receiving a 2016 chassis and wants to charge the Town \$1,600 more because they will be receiving the newer unit. S. Mulcahy will hold them to the originally agreed upon price. A new interface for the truck has been completed. Some of the staff from Barnstead will be traveling to Michigan to inspect the equipment, which should be delivered to Barnstead by Christmas. There was discussion of what alternatives may be viable if the proposal for the new pumper truck is not pursued. S. Mulcahy will be scheduled for an appointment at 6:00 p.m. in a non-public session next week, relative to promotions. S. Mulcahy reported that both the old ambulance and Engine 1 are temporarily out of service.

2016 Budget: The discussion of the budget commenced at 6:50 p.m. K. Montgomery noted that Stacey Mulcahy will update the Fire Rescue Department's website but there is a need to purchase a \$186 software package called Contribute in order to do this. This will replace a

more costly annual fee that is charged by the previous software company. D. Adjutant, the Town Website Manager, will work with Stacey on this effort.

J. Doucette has indicated that one of his part time seasonal plow employees has given his notice, and accepted a full time position elsewhere. He will be bringing forth the names of a few potential replacements at the next meeting. G. Preston further asked for comments on the proposed Town Employee Physical Policy from Town Department Heads. The Board revisited the Police Department portion of the 2016 budget. There was discussion about the tasers, where they got 4 new tasers in 2014 which have a 5 year life, and should be good until 2019. There was \$4,000 in the 2015 budget for this purpose, with only \$809 used so far this year and \$4,000 proposed for 2016.

On a motion: made by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker; to authorize the Police Department to expend \$3,000 from the 2015 budget for tasers, and reduce the 2016 figure for that line item to \$2,000; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; and D. Kerr, yes. The board spent the remainder of the evening reviewing the 2016 budget, determining the figures they were submitting. There was considerable discussion about the funding for salt for road application in the Highway Department budget. Following that discussion, **on a motion** by E. Tasker and seconded by R. Duane the Board agreed to revise the road salt budget line to \$53,800. Francesca left at 8:55 p.m. and the Board completed the 2016 budget at 9:10 p.m.

New Business: The Board reviewed the 2016 County Budget and the sales monitoring report from the Department of Revenue; noting that Barnstead passed in all aspects. A brief discussion ensued about grader operators and schooling. E. Tasker commented about Carpenter Road and the Road Agent will be contacted for an update. E. Tasker suggested that the Board accept the Prosecutor's offer but ask for a 3 year contract. The Board discussed the Police Chief's request regarding vacation time and determined that he should take 8.5 days this month but be allowed to carryover the remaining 5 days (due to understaffing) which must be taken in the month of January, 2016. A letter will be sent to the Chief after the Board has reviewed it.

Old Business: The proposed physical policy is still being reviewed by the department heads, who will submit their suggestions next week.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed miscellaneous correspondence.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m. on a motion by D. Kerr, seconded by R. Duane and passing with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Latawicz, Recording Secretary

Gordon Preston, Chairman

Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Richard Duane

David Kerr

Edward Tasker