

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD
TOWN HALL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 22, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker. Karen Montgomery was the recording secretary. Two members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Signatures: The Board approved the minutes of 12/15/2015, the weekly payroll and manifest, a timber tax warrant, an elderly deferral, a letter to a resident and interoffice memos. P. Tiede made a motion to have the Chairman sign the Public Works Agreement and the payment request form for Stryker on behalf of the Board. The motion was seconded by R. Duane and passed with a unanimous vote. E. Tasker made a motion to have the Chairman sign a wetlands permit for a culvert on New Road and it was seconded by D. Kerr and passed with a unanimous vote.

Appointments: Karen Montgomery announced that the 6:30 appointment had been cancelled. The Board met with Road Agent Jim Doucette who informed the group that the oil analysis had been completed and it was okay; which leads Jim to believe it was a radiator issue. The Road Agent will have it flushed to see if that corrects the problem. He handed out 2016 paving proposals depicting new pavement for Colbath & Vail Road (\$102,332.46), overlay for Pitman Road (116,740.80), reclaim, gravel and asphalt base for Parade Road (\$186,871.76) and reclaim Varney Road (\$17,453.05) for a total of \$490,412.17. The budget and warrant amounts to be raised remain the same as last year at \$500,000. The proposal also showed Varney Road being paved in 2017 and overlaid in 2018 with Pennichuck contributing 20% (\$81,071.51) to the project. The group discussed paving at great length and which projects to go forward with. The proposal also listed various roads that needed chip sealing. The Road Agent told the Board that the old Massey Ferguson (Roadside Mower) was at auction. He also passed on to the Board that a resident on Parade Road inquired about a grant for a bike lane from Bosco Bell to Parade Road to the end of Rabbot Lane.

On a motion to go into non-public session at 5:39 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) made by D. Kerr and seconded by P. Tiede; 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 6:25 p.m. and on a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by R. Duane the Board unanimously voted to seal the minutes of that meeting.

Public Comment: G. Preston opened the meeting for public comment at 6:28 p.m. Bruce Grey thanked the police and highway departments for taking care of an issue that occurred on Danbury but felt that the road was worse. The Police Chief was in attendance and explained

that a person was there digging for Pennichuck and hit a water line. The company was called back out but put in so much stone that it pitched the drainage and was ruining the road. The Road Agent explained that the company had attempted to repair the road without notifying him, so Jim went out and put up cones. Jim stated that he would go back out and have it graded. R. Duane asked who would be paying for the grading and Jim stated that he would, as no one had a grader to do the job. Bruce Grey pointed out that it was washing out his driveway and it was determined that the grading would be done tomorrow.

Bruce Grey next commented that there was no one from Locke Lake Colony in the Milfoil group and that the Colony has been spending \$15,000 a year on treatment. He added that they appreciate the \$6,000 from the Town but wondered about other communities. Chairman Preston informed him of the discussion they had last week with Ed Neister and Bruce felt that the permits were not being applied for on time. R. Duane added that the group is trying a different approach and not using the 24D at all. The public input session was closed at 6:40 p.m.

On a motion to go into non-public session at 6:42 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) made by E. Tasker 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 non-public session at 7:12 p.m. and on a motion by R. Duane, seconded by D. Kerr the Board unanimously voted to seal the minutes of that meeting.

K. Montgomery relayed to the Board that the water test results were okay for all buildings except the police station and written results will be forthcoming. The police station uses a bottled water company for drinking purposes. Karen next updated the Board on offering on-line dog registrations, and motor vehicle registrations and payment by credit cards. She explained that there is no cost to add these features and that most other towns already offer this. The Board will speak with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector next week.

New Business: The BCEP Apportionment will remain the same as last year. D. Kerr informed the Board that he and Selectman Tasker attended the BCEP Budget meeting and voted no for the raises. BCEP will watch the prices on metals etc. and if it doesn't come up, they will not go forward with the raises until they speak with the towns.

On a motion to go into non-public session at 7:36 p.m. per RSA: 91-A 3II (a) 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 non-public session at 7:55 p.m. and on a motion by R. Duane, seconded by E. Tasker the Board unanimously voted to seal the minutes of that meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on a motion by R. Duane, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Montgomery, Recording Secretary

Gordon Preston, Chairman

Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Richard Duane

David Kerr

Edward Tasker