

TOWN OF BARNSTEAD

TOWN HALL

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 29, 2015

Attendance: Chairman Gordon Preston, Priscilla Tiede, Richard Duane, David Kerr, and Edward Tasker.

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

Signatures: The Board approved and signed the payroll, weekly manifest, minutes of 12/22/2015; Cybertron Contracts; Huckleberry Oil Agreement; Vacation Request; Interoffice Memos/Letters/Forms _G. Preston asked if there were any questions about the paperwork before the Board. There was a question about rental of a U-Haul Trailer by the Police Department to pick up towers and chairs for the Department from Pease. During discussion on the fuel contract, D. Kerr suggested that the Town's fuel expenses be negotiated in a separate contract from the schools in future years. R. Duane suggested that a separate contract be negotiated for diesel fuel for the Town in the future. He expressed his concern that the agreement with Huckleberry for fuel extends way too far into the future, given the on-going changes in oil prices. Payments to Huckleberry will be done on-line by email. G. Preston asked if there was any follow up on forestry operations that have received an intent to cut permit. E. Tasker replied that the County Forester does visit the sites. **On a motion** made by D. Kerr and seconded by R. Duane, to approve the contracts, agreement and vacation request as presented; the Board Voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: There was discussion of potential changes relative to provisions of the drug testing that is required for Town employees which include such additions as testing for some prescription drugs and changes to the timing and frequency of testing. Making these changes would have a financial impact on the annual funding request for this service submitted to the Budget Committee. It was a consensus of the Board to stay with the currently drug testing services. K. Montgomery noted that the Fire Department call people are subject to testing, and that the current provider will be attending the monthly Fire Fighters meeting to provide information.

There was a discussion about use of Narcan, the heroin antidote, by emergency response personnel. Concord Hospital has a protocol for use of the medication that can be implemented by Town personnel. The Acting Fire Chief's vehicle needs new tires, at a cost of approximately \$860. **On a motion** made by P. Tiede and seconded by R. Duane, to approve the purchase of tires for Fire Car 1 out of the 2015 Budget; the Board voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes. The motion passed unanimously. K. Montgomery noted that the part time candidate for the Highway Department position has accepted a position elsewhere. There is still another individual interested in the available position. There is a need for the Board to review the warrant articles proposed for 2016 Town Meeting and

identify the appropriate individual(s) to present each article to the public. G. Preston has indicated that he will be proposing an amendment to his original warrant article proposal. There was discussion of encumbering monies for the Hannah Nutter Road Bridge project and the cemetery maintenance projects. **On a motion** made by P. Tiede and seconded by E. Tasker, to encumber \$879,600 for the Hannah Nutter Bridge project, and \$6,330 for the cemetery maintenance projects; the Board Voted: G. Preston, yes; P. Tiede, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Duane, yes; D. Kerr, yes. The Board expressed the need in having a schedule submitted to them on a monthly basis detailing Police Department coverage.

Public Comment: G. Preston opened the meeting for public comment at 5:50 p.m. B. Grey thanked the Highway Department for fixing the road conditions at 26 Danbury Road. Gary Mullen, a new resident in town was present to observe the meeting. B. Grey reported that the 4-H group would like to continue with their meeting schedule of the first Friday of the month. The exception would be that the January meeting will be held on the 8th, as the first Friday of the month is New Year's Day.

In general discussion, prior to the public hearing on emergency lanes, G. Preston asked about the length of the roads that are proposed for this designation. E. Tasker responded that he thought it was approximately 50 – 75 feet on Carpenter Road and approximately 1/8th of a mile on Strickland Road. K. Montgomery reported that she and C. Treadwell, Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be visiting a town that currently utilizes a system for on-line registrations and credit/debit cards for payment of fees so that it can be utilized in Barnstead. D Kerr suggested that a letter be sent to the Fire and Rescue Department thanking them for the donation of the fire truck. Public input was closed at 6:10 p.m.

The Chairman announced that the Board would hold the public hearing scheduled for tonight.

Appointments: 6:45p.m. Acting Fire Chief S. Mulcahy reported that he will have further discussions with his staff on personnel policies. The Department currently has Narcan in both capsules and IV's available on the ambulances and personnel have the ability to administer doses of the drug in increments, as opposed to the 100% dose that is given by people getting the product over the counter which is known to result in violent reactions to patients to whom it is administered. Emergency response personnel are working with the Governor's office to resolve a policy on the issue of Narcan. S. Mulcahy also reported that he got a better price of \$818 for the tires on Fire Car 1. K. Montgomery reported that there may be a need to budget for additional hours for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to be able to fulfill new unfunded state requirements.

On a motion to go into non-public session at 6:58 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 7:55 p.m. and on a motion from R. Duane, seconded by E. Tiede, the Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of that meeting.

Adjournment: On a motion by D. Kerr, seconded by P. Tiede, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francesca Latawiec, Recording Secretary

Gordon Preston, Chairman

Priscilla Tiede, Vice-Chair

Richard Duane

David Kerr

Edward Tasker