

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, December 28, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Beijer called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Present: Diane Beijer, Chairman, Richard Therrien, Vice Chair, Paula Penney, Ed Tasker, Karen Montgomery, Town Administrator, Andrew Horohov, Recording Secretary. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** D. Beijer tables the minutes of December 21, 2021 and the letter of hire.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The Board reviewed and signed the following items: Payroll & Manifest. E. Tasker motions for the Chair to sign the Ambulance Title. G. Madden seconds and it passes with a unanimous vote. R. Therrien motions for the Chair to sign the Sanders Lien Research Agreement. G. Madden seconds and it passes with a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS: A) Disposing Municipal Vehicles:** K. Montgomery relays a request from the Fire Chief to find out how the Board wants to proceed with disposing of the oldest ambulance. D. Beijer asks what they did in the past. K. Montgomery says it depends, sometimes they advertised on a website, in the paper, and the Fire Chief mentioned another Fire Department in the state that had some interest. G. Madden says they should find out what the other Fire Department thinks before making a decision. D. Beijer asks if they have a policy for municipal vehicles. K. Montgomery says not on disposing. The Board agrees to wait for more information before making a decision.

**B) BCEP Apportionments:** D. Beijer announces that Barnstead's apportionment is \$257,792.35 and they are the largest of all four towns. E. Tasker says this is based on population and this is the first time Barnstead has the most out of the four communities.

**C) 2022 Holiday Schedule:** G. Madden motions to accept the 2022 Holiday schedule. R. Therrien seconds. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

**D) Rooms & Meals:** Diane notes that Barnstead has received \$349,314.41 and been notified that the state has released 31 million total more for all communities but doesn't know the exact figure Barnstead will receive.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** K. Montgomery reports that the Police Chief is extending his vacation for one week longer. K. Montgomery informs the Board that they have new figures on the trade in value of the 2018 cruiser. The new value is \$11,500 as is, and the Tahoe is \$9,000, bringing the cost of a new cruiser down to \$14,000. K. Montgomery says they will be able to use the lights and everything else from the old cruiser if they do this. E. Tasker asks what would be used for the animal vehicle if they trade in the Tahoe, and K. Montgomery says the Chief said he would use one of the cruisers. E. Tasker asks what is wrong with the Tahoe for it to be traded in. K. Montgomery says it's old and has around 90,000 miles. R. Therrien asks if the \$11,500 is the ford explorer and K. Montgomery says it is. D. Beijer asks if that is before or after repairs and K. Montgomery says before repairs. D. Beijer asks for K. Montgomery's recommendation. K. Montgomery says if they could use some of the money from the 2021 budget, it would be great for the town but there is no specific line item to purchase police

vehicles. K. Montgomery says she can check with the Department of Revenue and see what they say. R. Therrien says he would like more information about the Tahoe. K. Montgomery says the reason the budget will allow for this is because the Police Department has not had the full seven full time officers that was budgeted for. R. Therrien asks if the amount left over and K. Montgomery says there will be around \$40,000 left in it. P. Penney says if they decided they wanted to, they could use the crime equipment and machinery line since vehicles could fall under equipment. D. Beijer says to wait until they find out if they can do it.

**Encumbrances:** G. Madden motions to transfer \$20,000 from the Police Health Insurance line to the general government buildings repair and maintenance line. P. Penney seconds. The Board voted unanimously in favor. P. Penney motions to encumber \$20,000 for the library repairs. E. Tasker seconds. The Board voted unanimously in favor. G. Madden motions to treat warrant article number 7 as non-lapsing article for a maximum of one year. P. Penney seconds. The motion passes with the following vote: D. Beijer, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, yes; and E. Tasker, abstained.

G. Madden says people have to be patient with the ice arena before they're allowed to go on it. D. Beijer announces that budget meetings start on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and will be available via Zoom. K. Montgomery says all this information is on the town website.

**PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET:** The Board reviewed and approved the proposed 2022 budget.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** D. Beijer opened Public Input at 6:16 p.m. L. Kelley says she would like to thank G. Madden for posting about road conditions in the community page. P. Penney says the Highway Department has done a very good job. G. Madden says K. Montgomery worked very hard on the budget and made it easier for them and thanked her. D. Beijer closed Public Input at 6:17 p.m.

**NON-PUBLIC:** On a motion made by D. Beijer and seconded by P. Penney to go into a non-public session at 6:17 p.m. per RSA: 91-A:3 II (a) the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, yes; E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of a non-public session at 7:15 p.m. and on a motion to seal the minutes made by G. Madden, seconded by P. Penney, the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, yes; E. Tasker, yes

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion by D. Beijer, seconded by P. Penney, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Horohov, Recording Secretary

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Chairman D. Beijer

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Vice-Chair R. Therrien

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G. Madden

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P. Penney

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E. Tasker