

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 11th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beijer called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

Present: Diane Beijer, Chairman, Richard Therrien, Vice Chair, Gary Madden, Paula Penney, Ed Tasker, Karen Montgomery, Town Administrator, and Andrew Horohov, Recording Secretary. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

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

AGENDA REVIEW: K. Montgomery requested the purchase of a road distance measuring piece of equipment for the Road Agent that costs \$898. Currently, they need a hand held measuring device requiring walking the distance. K. Montgomery reached out to J. Leavitt and he suggested this piece that is GPS based and can fit in any of the trucks. K. Montgomery says the equipment will assist in determining the amount of pavement applied to the roads and the Board can expend it out of the 2021 budget or other funding that is available. E. Tasker asks if G. Drew asked for this and K. Montgomery says yes. R. Therrien motions to purchase the measuring device for \$898 using funds from the 2021 budget. E. Tasker seconds and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

ACTION ITEMS: The Board reviewed and signed the following items: Payroll & Manifest, 1 Veteran's Credit, 2 Intents to Cut, and a Letter of Hire. G. Madden motions for the Chair to sign the titles for an old international and the new diesel truck. R. Therrien seconds and the Board votes unanimously in favor. E. Tasker motions for the Chair to sign the grant to reprogram the radios. G. Madden seconds and the Board votes unanimously in favor. E. Tasker motions to accept the bid for Command Corps Monitoring Services for the Fire Rescue. G. Madden seconds and the Board voted unanimously in favor. R. Therrien comments that the nitrous oxide unit for the Fire Rescue was a donation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Highway Garage Improvements:** K. Montgomery explains that due to the time constraint she wasn't able to get more quotes but did get a microwave and a toilet donated. The Vice Chair is going to look at a couple of places where they can obtain cabinets and countertops that are used to save money. K. Montgomery suggests that the labor costs come out of the 2022 budget under the municipal building account. After discussion, and deduction of the microwave and toilet costs, D. Beijer motions to approve the materials for modification at the Highway Garage with the cost not to exceed \$3,500 which will come out of the 2021 budget. R. Therrien seconds and the Board voted unanimously in favor. D. Beijer says when it comes to labor, they will wait for all the bids to come in.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: The Board reviewed miscellaneous items. D. Beijer says in regards to Covid, they know numbers are increasing and they will be monitoring it every other week and doesn't think any action right now is warranted. D. Beijer says they offer sanitation and masks in the building. G. Madden reports that the skating rink is close to being done and Parks & Rec will be making an announcement within a day or two.

APPOINTMENTS: Harold and Susan Conrad met with the Board to discuss the paving of Province Road and ask P. Penney about her comments made in the minutes of November 30. P. Penney says she has concerns on the paving costs and wanted G. Drew's feelings on maintaining it as a dirt road and if it was cost effective to not pave it. H. Conrad relays the history of the road being asphalt since the 1960s and felt that not paving the road is going backwards. H. Conrad asks when was the last time was that the tar was removed and E. Tasker explains that the tar was not removed – it was reclaimed and put into the road bed. E. Tasker says he is not opposed to P. Penney's idea to not pave the road and has seen the road in conditions that H. Conrad hasn't seen. E. Tasker comments that the roads in Barnstead are not bad and G. Drew does an excellent job maintaining them. E. Tasker asks if H. Conrad has had a problem since the road has been ground up and H. Conrad says it has been in complete disrepair and in very poor condition now. E. Tasker says he doesn't see it that way but rather as a return to common sense suggesting that they don't need a paved road to live and go to work. H. Conrad asks when a paved road in Barnstead was turned into a dirt road. A. Sylvester says that would be Oxbow Road and that was within the last 15 years. H. Conrad says they bought a house on a tar road and they are decreasing their property value. E. Tasker asks if H. Conrad would say the speed of traffic has increased, decreased or stayed the same. H. Conrad says it has stayed the same and that would be cured if the police department rotated speed traps.

R. Therrien explains that when they dug that road up, G. Drew had a difficult time and he went from 300-600 feet of boulders in the road so repaving was not an option at the time. R. Therrien says G. Drew did a significant amount of work to prevent the road from going bad and brought in a lot of gravel this past fall. G. Madden adds that they had to rebuild that whole stretch with gravel. H. Conrad says that's not unusual when you're dealing with roads. R. Therrien says that it shouldn't have happened like that and the road has never been fixed property and that was the idea with the reclaim. R. Therrien says G. Drew felt he could maintain it or put it in better condition. R. Therrien says if you look at the past couple of months, you had horrible weather conditions that created a mess for the road. H. Conrad says in the past that roads only received crack sealing. E. Tasker says that road was worked on in three different pieces in the past when they originally paved it.

K. Montgomery explains that there is a difference with the property assessment if you live on a paved road versus a dirt road. K. Montgomery says if it stays unpaved past April 1, everyone's assessment will reflect that. H. Conrad says that's good to know. H. Conrad asks if a sanctioned survey was done regarding paved vs. dirt roads and G. Madden says no. D. Beijer states that they haven't made a decision yet on whether to pave the road or not. H. Conrad asks if they discussed grounding up Parade Road as well and G. Madden says it was under consideration. K. Montgomery adds that the engineer said the washouts would be horrible and the Board decided not to include Parade Road until all drainage is corrected. H. Conrad questioned what determines roads to get worked on and K. Montgomery says Lakes Region Planning Commission performed a road study. E. Tasker says there are some roads like John Tasker that probably has more rocks than dirt and doesn't think it's possible for the road to be dug up and built back without tremendous expense. H. Conrad asks when John Tasker is scheduled to be done. E. Tasker says he doesn't know. H. Conrad asks when Province Road will show up on the schedule to be done. D. Beijer says they asked the Road agent to create a schedule for roads. H. Conrad asks when Province road was put on the reclaim list. E. Tasker says they don't know the exact date. E. Tasker says there were studies done on Province Road such as a traffic counter. H. Conrad says he doesn't remember when a traffic counter was done. E. Tasker says H. Conrad can

come to town hall to see the study. H. Conrad says he assumes Province Road was first brought up to be reclaimed and not tarred in November and asks if that is accurate. D. Beijer says that's correct. H. Conrad says he would like the project to continue as originally planned and thanks the Board for their time.

N. Carr, Planning Board Chairman met with the Board to discuss the major subdivision (13 lots) coming on Vail Road. N. Carr says on page 15 in the Subdivision Regulations it lists all studies that the Planning Board can request and the applicant has to pay for. N. Carr says they requested most of them but would also like the town attorney to draw up an agreement between the town and the applicant so the applicant can pay for it and do the studies. N. Carr says they would also like the town to hire the engineer to do studies as well. N. Carr says what is proposed is a 900 foot road with a bridge, and over 400 feet of culvert pipe. N. Carr says personally she doesn't want to see the town take responsibility for this. E. Tasker asks where the bridge is proposed. N. Carr says it's right off of Vail Road and the applicant already started work which hasn't been approved per the regulations (page 19, # 49). N. Carr says in the maps that were presented, a lot of information was missing that the Board asked for. N. Carr says a 13 lot subdivision can have a potential of 26 more vehicles on Vail Road and points out that the regulations also allow for the applicant to bear some of the costs of off-site improvements (page 23). Other Planning Board regulations associated with this are; DES approvals, driveway permits and utility approvals (page 29); fire cisterns (page 15); and a performance surety agreement (page 32 section 16). It was also pointed out that page 33 section 18, states that the Planning Board administers the applicant, but it's up to the Select Board and their agent to enforce the regulations. N. Carr says the applicant has to follow the strictest ordinance. N. Carr suggests the town attorney be approached to do an agreement and also to have someone track the project, such as an engineer or someone who doesn't have a monetary interest. G. Madden inquires if the driveway and road curbs are in the plans and N. Carr says they are not but the applicant will come back in February with updated plans.

P. Penney says they need to be in touch with their town attorney and make sure they have some understanding over this big subdivision and they need to get it right. D. Beijer says they need the performance bond and talk to the attorney. D. Beijer asks what happens if the town refuses to accept the road and what the applicant can do. K. Montgomery states that the applicant has to ask the Select Board to put the road on as a warrant article and if they chose not to, he has the option to put it in as a petitioned warrant article. D. Beijer says if he does petition it and the taxpayers so no, the applicant needs to know this can happen. N. Carr says she told the applicant that he should form a private road association to deal with this and doesn't think the townspeople need to pay for another road. K. Montgomery says her and N. Carr have discussed this in the past. K. Montgomery relates that what happens is that someone plows the road and takes care of it but then stops and if there isn't an association the road is unmaintained. K. Montgomery says they want something guaranteed that will take care of the road. P. Penney says an engineering study should be done and N. Carr says there are a lot of studies they asked to be done such as engineering, road, and wetlands. N. Carr says they need to look at the impact on Vail road and if Vail road needs improvements, the subdivision should pay for it and not other taxpayers. N. Carr states that at the first meeting, abutters commented that the work that is already done has disturbed the wildlife and caused issues for them. G. Madden says he heard the road that is put in now is a logging road. K. Montgomery says the applicant applied for an intent to cut and he owns the land. K. Montgomery says typically logging companies put in a road to access the logs and move them. The logging road was done correctly and is closed back up. K. Montgomery says she doesn't know if that is all that has occurred but does know they filed that correctly. D. Beijer says K. Montgomery can have a discussion with the attorney. K. Montgomery says she will make sure N. Carr

is involved with all the correspondence with the attorney. N. Carr says E. Stone told her one engineer was already hired to be involved with the study and told her to hold them off because they should be hired by the town. E. Tasker asks if they know they have to install cisterns. N. Carr says they are aware of that and have one site. N. Carr says an easement was drawn up but hasn't seen a copy of it. N. Carr says the fire chief was given the plans to look at. E. Tasker says they can require more cisterns and this was done in the past. E. Tasker says N. Carr should learn from mistakes Barnstead made in the past where numerous subdivisions had various things overlooked such as Meadows Edge Road where nobody owns it. E. Tasker says that should not be allowed to happen again and there has to be ownership in some way where Barnstead isn't saddled with the road. N. Carr says that's why they should have an agreement with the town where the road remains with the homeowners and doesn't go to Barnstead. N. Carr says they want the agreement before February 3rd so they can give it to the applicant at the next meeting.

E. Tasker asks if they disturbed 100,000 feet of property. N. Carr says she doesn't know. E. Tasker asks if the February 3rd meeting is a public hearing. N. Carr says she doesn't know if there will be a public hearing or not and a public hearing doesn't happen until the application is complete. E. Tasker asks if this project includes S. Vail's property. N. Carr says no and this property is owned by Peters Construction. E. Tasker says if they disturbed 100,000 feet of that property they need DES approval and asks if they have that yet. N. Carr says supposedly. N. Carr says they already have state subdivision approval before coming before the Planning Board. P. Penney says the stricter rules will take precedence.. D. Beijer motions for K. Montgomery to contact the attorney regarding the studies requested by the Planning Board and with the Planning Board Chair's input. E. Tasker asks if hiring an engineer is more important. R. Therrien says this is an agreement to have these studies completed by a nonbiased engineer and have the applicant pay for it as well. R. Therrien says they need the performance bond as well to make sure the roads aren't ruined and the town has to pay for it. G. Madden seconds. E. Tasker says he would like frequent updates on the situation. D. Beijer says K. Montgomery will update them on what the attorney states. The Board voted unanimously in favor. N. Carr announces that if anyone has questions about what they talked about tonight, they can come to the Planning Board meeting on Thursday.

Warrant Articles: K. Montgomery distributes the draft warrant articles and D. Beijer says they will review them and come back next week to vote on them.

PUBLIC INPUT: D. Beijer opened Public Input at 6:28 p.m. and as there was none, Public Input was closed at 6:29 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC: On a motion made by R. Therrien and seconded by E. Tasker to go into a non-public session at 6:30 p.m. per RSA: 91-A:3 II (c) the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, yes; and E. Tasker, yes. The Board came out of a non-public session at 7:20 p.m. and on a motion to seal the minutes made by P. Penney, seconded by G. Madden the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, yes; and E. Tasker, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of January 4, 2022 on a motion made by P. Penney, seconded by G. Madden and receiving a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by P. Penney, seconded by R. Therrien, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Horohov, Recording Secretary

Chairman D. Beijer

Vice-Chair R. Therrien

G. Madden

P. Penney

E. Tasker