

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beijer called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Present: Diane Beijer, Chairman, Richard Therrien, Vice Chair, Gary Madden, Paula Penny, Ed Tasker, Karen Montgomery, Town Administrator, Andrew Horohov, Recording Secretary.

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

AGENDA REVIEW: The Board discussed what, if any, action should be taken regarding the Covid 19 variant cases. E. Tasker felt they should act preemptively and take steps before it's an issue. R. Therrien says he doesn't want to go back to masks. D. Beijer felt they should monitor the situation and could put the social distancing back. P. Penny says Town Hall is still doing one entrance and one exit. G. Madden agreed that they should keep an eye on things. K. Montgomery mentions that small groups are using Town Hall but must meet the requirements for additional sanitizing. She suggests checking with T. Robbins, Infectious Control. The Board determines they will continue to offer masks, reinforce the 6 foot distancing and monitor the situation. The Board ratifies the vote to trade the highway vehicles for a 2009 Mack Truck with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board reviewed and approved the minutes of July 6, 2021 on a motion made by G. Madden and seconded by R. Therrien. P. Penny and E. Tasker abstained from voting as they had not reviewed the minutes yet.

ACTION ITEMS: The Board reviewed and signed the following items: Payroll & Manifest, 2 Letters of Hire, 1 Appointment Form, 2 Intent to Cut Wood, 1 Timber Tax, Dog Warrant, and Leave Request. G. Madden motions for the Chair to sign the Request for COVID fiscal recovery funds. E. Tasker seconds and the Board voted unanimously in favor. E. Tasker motions for the Chair to sign the titles and registration in the vehicle exchange. G. Madden seconds the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor. G. Madden motions for the Chair to sign the credit application. P. Penny seconds. E. Tasker says he would like more information. K. Montgomery explains this is a company that G. Drew purchases products through and this is just opening an account to do business with them. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) **Milfoil Update:** E. Neister says he sent out a 4 page article that responds to the claims made by Locke Lake. E. Neister says the summary is basically that the town of Barnstead should have a policy working with associations in the town. E. Neister says they haven't done that because they usually had good cooperation and partnership. E. Neister says it worked fine with Suncook Lake and other local lake associations. E. Neister says the bottom line is if there is any milfoil in Barnstead, it will move from lake to lake and the objective is to always get rid of milfoil in the town. E. Neister says the most important thing is to take care of the properties involved with taxes. E. Neister states that A. Smagula from DES has recommended that the Selectmen put a policy with certain rules in place and one suggestion is that each lake association would need to have or form a three member committee involved in maintenance of their water way. Then each of the committees would prepare a plan and approach the Milfoil Committee requesting funding and assistance with the Select Board having the final say in what goes on the warrant. E. Neister

says he doesn't think it's their place to work on a lake without any help from the associations. E. Neister says Half Moon has been doing well on that part and been right on top of that situation and have about 6 or 7 people involved. E. Neister says the Barnstead Milfoil Community and Locke Lake needs to come to an agreement regarding the process to get rid of the milfoil. E. Neister says what is unique about Locke Lake is that the State says they cannot receive grants because it is a private entity with restricted access and is not a natural lake. E. Neister says where that puts Locke Lake is if they don't do anything, the milfoil will grow and cause problems. E. Neister says what they can do is work together and ask the town to approve a warrant article. E. Neister says they should have some structure to this in case they have any questions. E. Neister says if the lake association doesn't have a committee or working on a plan to get rid of the milfoil, they will not ask the town for funding to help them. E. Neister says if they want help from the town, they should offer help as well. R. Therrien says this sounds fair and you can see the whole point is to direct it so that if they do need something done, it specifies how to go about it.

R. Therrien says he's not sure that E. Neister recognizes there is a problem in Locke Lake this year and maybe they just didn't recognize it or just weren't told or there wasn't research done in the past. E. Neister says that is part of the meetings the Milfoil Committee has in September and October and they have meetings with the divers as well. E. Neister says they're going to be surprised how effective the diver will be this year. E. Neister says the sample that was brought it was new this year and wasn't flowering. E. Neister says the herbicide they used in the past worked well but the seed can last three years and that is what scared them. E. Neister says this year was the perfect year for milfoil and as soon it starts flowering, it can start spreading seeds. R. Therrien says Locke Lake has a diver and that Suncook doesn't have a diver. E. Neister says Suncook have 4 divers and they do work every year. R. Therrien asks what they do with the data they get from the divers. E. Neister says they record all the data they collect. E. Neister says they will always see plants from 1-3 years due to the seeds but they use the divers instead of the herbicide to take care of that because it's more specific and costs less. E. Neister says he thinks they are on the downside of milfoil and hopes to head into the management phase of it. D. Beijer says to recap, they're going to get the lake association members to go to the meetings and if they don't participate, they won't be expected to have any help. K. Montgomery suggests they draft a policy, as E. Neister mentioned and have it ready by the next meeting. K. Montgomery reports that she sent an email to M. Cipriano because she pulled her records out and the Town of Barnstead did pay Locke Lake Colony \$6,000 last year, which paid almost half of their bill. K. Montgomery requests the Board's permission to put what E. Neister sent them regarding the milfoil on the website. The Board agrees and thanks Ed Neister for his time.

- B) **Dog Licensing Report:** The Board reviewed the list of dog owners who have not registered their dogs yet and authorized the Town Clerk to charge a \$25 fee after August.
- C) **Highway Annual Tank Test:** K. Montgomery reports that Diesel Tank and area passed.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: K. Montgomery says the Fire Chief sent an email that states Barnstead Fire and Rescue commenced a water drill at Timco tonight at 5:30 with other Towns. K. Montgomery says the Chief also submitted a request to consider possibly allowing vacation buyback time. K. Montgomery says right now the policy allows only a certain amount of hours to be carried over each year and upon leaving the Town does pay out vacation time if the certain conditions are met. She is reviewing and will prepare something for the Board. K. Montgomery says he is also asking for a security system to be installed at station 1 which was passed in the budget so they will be going forward with that. Lastly, the Fire Chief wanted the Board to know that the command vehicle will be arriving in August.

K. Montgomery reports that the new website is moving along on schedule and a training is taking place with the department heads tomorrow. D. Beijer announces that the public can now pay for their registration renewals and dog licenses online through the website.

PUBLIC INPUT: D. Beijer opened Public Input at 5:50 p.m. L. Kelley says she hopes with this new lake committee procedure, they can get along with the Locke Lake because they are still part of Barnstead and they should be working together. D. Beijer closed Public Input at 5:51 p.m.

NON-PUBLIC: On a motion made by E. Tasker and seconded by R. Therrien to go into non-public session at 5:52 p.m. per RSA: 91-A:3 II (c) the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; P. Penny, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:10 p.m. and on a motion to seal the minutes made by D. Beijer, seconded by P. Penney, the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penny, yes; and E. Tasker, yes.

NON-PUBLIC: On a motion made by G. Madden and seconded by R. Therrien to go into non-public session at 7:11 p.m. per RSA: 91-A:3 II (c) the Board voted; D. Beijer, yes; P. Penny, yes; E. Tasker, yes; R. Therrien, yes; G. Madden, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 7:30 p.m.

P. Penney briefly discussed businesses that operate without following the conditions required by Planning or Zoning and who is responsible for taking action. She asked that the topic be placed on the next agenda and the Board agreed. G. Madden motioned to discuss the request by a citizen to pursue an Agricultural Commission and R. Therrien seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the Board will not pursue.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by P. Penney, seconded by R. Therrien, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Horohov, Recording Secretary

D. Beijer, Chairman

R. Therrien, Vice-Chair

E. Tasker

G. Madden

P. Penny