

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 28, 2023
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by Vice Chairman Beijer.
Present: Vice Chair D. Beijer, Board Members G. Madden, Paula Penney, Edward Tasker, and newly elected member Priscilla Tiede, Town Administrator Karen Montgomery, and Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone present participated.

As the Vice Chairman, Diane Beijer made a motion to entertain nominations for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Gary Madden and passing with the following votes: Diane Beijer, yes; Gary Madden, yes; Paula Penney, yes; Edward Tasker, yes; and Priscilla Tiede, yes. Member Tasker made a motion for Paula Penney to become the Chairman of the Board, seconded by Member Tiede and passing with the following votes: D. Beijer, yes; G. Madden, yes; P. Penney, abstain; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. Member Tasker motioned for Gary Madden to become Vice Chairman of the Board, seconded by Member D. Beijer and passing with the following votes: P. Penney, yes; G. Madden, abstain; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; and P. Tiede, yes.

ACTION ITEMS: The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 7 and March 14, 2023 meetings. Vice Chair Madden made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by D. Beijer and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, abstain. The Payroll and Manifest were reviewed and signed; 2 Land Use Change Tax Forms were reviewed and signed; 1 Forest Fire Deputy Warden re-appointment form was reviewed and signed. The BMSI Payroll conversion proposal was discussed. The Town Administrator explained this is an update to the current program. Member Beijer made a motion for the Chair to sign, seconded by Vice Chair Madden and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. Three (3) Vendor Applications were reviewed. Member Beijer made a motion for the Chair to sign the vendor applications, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes.

APPOINTMENTS At 5:30 pm the 2023 Paving Bids were opened by Chairman Penney.
Advanced Paving – quantity and price per unit listed but no total amounts;
Busby – Walker - \$41,259, Province - \$163,266, Parade Hill - \$148,775.05 and Colbath - \$83,915.60;
GMI - Walker - \$40,550, Province - \$164,297, Parade Hill - \$168,524.25 and Colbath - \$98,543.50;

R & D - Walker - \$37,248.50, Province - \$153,068.50, Parade Hill - \$105,635.45 and Colbath - \$61,772.10.

The Chairman requested the Town Administrator put the bid information on a spreadsheet for them to review and check to see if the bid specifications were followed. Town Administrator Montgomery informed the group that she has reached out to an independent individual who has the expertise to prepare the spreadsheet.

NEW BUSINESS: The Selectmen determined the Board appointments and committee list (see attached). The 2023 Diesel Grant award was reviewed and approved. Pennichuck Water Supply sent both DES and the Town a final report relative to the resolution of the water issue in Locke Lake Colony. The Board determined they wanted more information before lifting the ban on issuance of building permits.

PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Public Input was opened at 5:48pm.

The Road Agent addressed the Board relative to the condition of the roads in Town – stating that the roads are solid and the signs for posting the roads are coming down. His department has started to grade some roads and will be continuing the grading plus picking up trees and brush on side roads. The plows have been removed and the trucks have been greased. Winter was good and nothing major broke down - even the Election Storm came and went without any issues. The road crew starts working their 10 hour day/4 day work week next week.

Town Moderator Carr addressed the Board with a concern that while the Barnstead Elementary School has more parking and easier access for handicapped voting, they do not have a generator. Discussion followed recalling that the previous Emergency Management Director was working on getting a grant for a generator but it didn't happen. It was decided to set up a meeting with the School Principal and see if there are any funds available there. Dale Twitchell commented that if B.E.S. is a shelter, they may be eligible for one, but she was advised that Prospect Mountain High School is the shelter for Barnstead and Alton residents. The Town Moderator commented that she felt the Town Meeting and School Meeting, both held at the Barnstead Elementary School Gymnasium, went quite well.

Jeff Twarg from R & D Paving in Franklin stated that it sounded like they were the low bidder. He thanked the Board for their time and stated he appreciated and enjoys working in Barnstead. It was reiterated that review of bid requirements and a spreadsheet would be done. Public Input was closed at 5:57pm.

NON-PUBLIC: A motion was made by Member Beijer to go into Non-Public at 6:02pm, per RSA 91-A:3 II (b), seconded by Vice Chair Madden and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes, P. Tiede, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 6:48 pm.

NON-PUBLIC: A motion was made by Member Beijer to go into Non-Public at 6:49 pm, per RSA 91-A:3 II (b), seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes, P. Tiede, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 6:54 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Member Beijer to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm, seconded by Vice Chair Madden and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes, P. Tiede, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Dascoli
Recording Secretary

Chairman Paula Penney

Vice-Chair Gary Madden

Diane Beijer

Edward Tasker

Priscilla Tiede

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