

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by Chairman Penney.

Present: Chairman Priscilla Penney, Vice Chair Gary Madden, Board Members Diane Beijer, Edward Tasker, and Priscilla Tiede; Town Administrator Karen Montgomery and Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli. Members of the public included George Drew and Andrew Sylvester.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone present participated.

AGENDA REVIEW: The Town Administrator handed out the spreadsheet with paving bids to the Board explaining that she sent all the bids to Jason Leavitt and he compiled the data. She stated that two of the bids, Advanced, & R & D did not meet the specs requirements. She further explained that she asked Jason to include the figures of all bidders so that the Board could at least see what the totals would be for all. It was noted that there was only a difference of about \$3,000 between R&D and Busby. More discussion ensued and it was decided to award the bid to Busby. E. Tasker asked Road Agent G. Drew if he had any preference and he said that he just wanted the taxpayers to get the best bang for their buck. The Chair asked how Busby did last year and the Road Agent told everyone it was good but they had a grader issue on one road so he (Road Agent) did some fine grading but would not be able to do that this year, as the department has too much work to do. Also, the Road Agent stated when their workers showed up in the morning, they were ready to work and did a great job. Busby is a little bit more than R & D on the quote, but the Road Agent said they are worth it. Chairman Penney made a motion to award the paving bid to Busby, seconded by Member Beijer and passing with the following vote: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; and P. Tiede, yes. The Board Members agreed if Busby cannot do the job, they all need to come back to the table to discuss it. G. Madden inquired about crack sealing and G. Drew stated there wasn't much to do.

The Road Agent requested approval for \$6,200.00 from his budget to treat knotweed, an invasive plant that is growing out of control. P. Tiede asked where he would be treating and G. Drew said North Barnstead Road and a few other places. Member Beijer made a motion to expend the funds and treat this invasive plant, seconded by Member Madden and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes.

ACTION ITEMS: The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 4, 2023 meeting. Member D. Beijer made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes; and P. Tiede, yes. Also approved and signed were the Payroll and Manifest; the MS232

Town Meeting Appropriations; six Gravel Levies; one Intent to Excavate; One BCEP Appointment; a letter from William Haynes for the Emergency Management Director; and a letter to Atty. Shannon regarding a duplex conversion.

NEW BUSINESS: The Health Officer, Fab Cusson, sent a letter to the owners of 39 Windsor Way came in and copied Locke Lake Colony regarding the huge accumulation of trash and giving them a deadline to remove it. The Town Administrator added that the Health Officer drove by the property today and 2 people were cleaning it up and stated that a dumpster would be arriving the next day.

The Board reviewed the monthly Building Permit report and the Community Action Report from the Dept. of Revenue Administration which is a review of the assessor's data. P. Tiede noted that 9 new homes were on the list.

PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman opened public input at 5:58 pm and as there was none, closed public input at 5:59 pm. The Town Administrator announced that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office will be closed tomorrow for a Conference with all three attending. G. Madden announced that Town Cleanup Day is April 30th and a dumpster from BCEP will be set up for the event. BCEP Board Member Tasker stated BCEP is doing well and will be buying new trucks.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Vice Chairman Madden commented that the Farmer's Market is moving from the location on Maple Street at the Church to the Parade grounds and needed permission from the Board to allow them to use the bandstand for music during the market. Member Tasker made a motion to allow the use of the bandstand for music playing during Farmer's Market, seconded by Vice Chairman Madden and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; D. Beijer, yes; E. Tasker, yes, and P. Tiede, yes. Member Tasker commented that new signs are needed and publicity for Old Home Day. The Town Administrator mentioned that she is still awaiting a list of Old Home Day members so she can prepare the appointment forms.

APPOINTMENTS: Road Agent George Drew spoke regarding grading the roads in town, adding that winter is over but the roads are in good shape. They will be grading, rolling and putting culverts in. He sent two crewmembers to backhoe training; and he and Kathy will be attending an all-day class in Rochester.

NON-PUBLIC: A motion was made by Member Beijer to go into Non-Public at 6:00pm, per RSA 91-A:3 II (c), 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 6:50 p.m.

The Town Administrator informed the Board that the Cleaning Company reached out to say that they will be unable to provide services to us at this time.

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