

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, May 2, 2023
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:25 pm by Chairman Penney.

Present: Chairman Paula Penney, Vice Chair Gary Madden, Board Members Edward Tasker and Priscilla Tiede; Town Administrator Karen Montgomery and Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli. Select Board Member Diane Beijer was unable to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone present participated.

AGENDA REVIEW: The Town Administrator, Karen Montgomery, informed the Board that the Road Agent reported one tire blew and another tire keeps getting low on air on the backhoe. The price per tire was quoted at \$900.00 - \$950.00 and that includes a service charge as we cannot drive it. Vice Chair Madden made a motion to purchase 2 tires for Highway Department, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes.

ACTION ITEMS: The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting. E. Tasker made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. The Payroll and Manifest were both signed; one letter of hire relative to the Fire Department. The Busby paving contract was brought up and discussed by the Board. K. Montgomery relayed to the Board that the R&D Paving representative visited the Town Hall asking for the spreadsheet to be released (that was created and completed by an outside individual for the Board). The representative was given copies of the bids and argued that the figures were not correct to the point where the representative suggested something didn't seem right. K. Montgomery stated that she brought this up with the Police Chief here as she didn't not want any unfair accusations to arise. Vice Chair Madden made a motion to sign the Paving Contract for Busby, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. The E911 Data Letter was discussed and signed; six (6) Old Home Day Appointment forms, two (2) Intents to Cut Timber; three (3) BCEP Appointment forms and one (1) Planning Board Appointment form was reviewed and signed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Governor declared this week, May 1 – 5, 2023 Municipal Clerk's Week in order to recognize all the Town Clerk's in New Hampshire. A report from the DRA regarding monthly Data Monitoring Reports was received and reviewed by the Board. The Highway Block Grant payment was discussed. A motion by Vice Chair Madden was made to approve the payment for the Highway Block Grant, seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes.

PUBLIC INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Public Input was opened at 5:43pm. Vice Chair Madden reported that Clean Up Day was held Sunday, April 30th with Parks and Recreation. There were volunteers from two Church Congregations working together; they all did a great job and filled half a dumpster. It was noted that Jeannie Eastman and some volunteers are looking to paint the Bandstand on South Barnstead Road and the Board approved. The Town Administrator added the Hazard Mitigation Meetings will be held Mondays, May 8th, 15th, 22nd at the Town Hall at 1:00pm. The Town Administrator then added that they hope to get the tax bills sent out the week of May 22nd. She mentioned the budget and stated that it may be necessary to remove a paving project from the schedule for next year due to lack of funds. Public Input was closed at 5:45pm.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: Chief Poirier updated the Board relative to the Police Department. He said there will be Active Shooter Training held at the B.E.S. on May 21st. The Week of May 14 – 20 is recognized as Nursing Home Week and Teresa Wright has requested the Ice Cream Truck. The Special Olympics are coming up in June and that is always an enjoyable event. Chief Poirier submitted a donation check for \$100.00 and asked that it be deposited into the Canine Account. He added that he was speaking with Jason Fiske, who has been a Canine Officer for 30 yrs. and he explained the importance of having a release button in the vehicle as well as on him. In the event that you have a suspect that may be uncooperative or may be combative with the Officer, and if you are outside of the vehicle, you press a button, the door opens automatically and releases the dog for assistance. Chief Poirier added he has two officers attending Mountain Bike School Training, an upcoming Accreditation Class for Supervisors, Elderly Abuse Training and Wellness Training. Chief Poirier reminded the public that there is a “Drop box” in the lobby of the Police Department for discarded prescriptions.

NON-PUBLIC: A motion was made by Vice Chair Madden to go into Non-Public Session at 5:50pm, per RSA 91-A:3 II (b), seconded by P. Tiede and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 5:58 pm.

NON-PUBLIC: A motion was made by Vice Chair Madden to go into Non-Public Session at 5:58pm, per RSA 91-A:3 II (a), seconded by E. Tasker and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; P. Tiede, yes. The Board came out of non-public session at 6:08 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Vice Chair Madden to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm, seconded by E. Tasker and passing with the following votes: Chairman Penney, yes; Vice Chair Madden, 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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