

MINUTES
SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010

Board members present: Selectmen Theodore Faris, Jeremy Roberts, and Gary Bunnell.

Others present: Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Thomas Gould, and Cristina Rousseau.

Recorder of minutes: Theodore Faris

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

Entered executive session at 7:04 p.m.

All those listed as present at meeting above were participants in the executive session.

Discussed several issues regarding the return to work of Thomas Gould, a Barnet Highway Department employee who is currently on workers compensation leave:

- **The question of potential future surgery.** Mr. Gould stated that future surgery is not indicated as a possibility.
- **A medical report summarizing job skills Mr. Gould is capable and incapable of doing, dated November 3, 2009.** This report is no longer valid. Mr. Gould has been medically cleared to work full-time with no restrictions.
- **Job application elsewhere.** Faris indicated that he recently received a phone call from a potential employer of Mr. Gould, asking for a job reference. Mr. Gould stated that this phone call was the result of a job application he submitted to this particular employer before his employment with the Town of Barnet.
- **Potential "ramp-up" of resumption of work.** The Board offered to allow Mr. Gould to return to work gradually, working less than full-time hours to begin his return. Mr. Gould stated that he is not interested in the "ramp-up" approach, and would rather return "full-bore."

Action taken: Board agreed upon schedule and terms of Mr. Gould's return to work. Mr. Gould will return to work full-time with no restrictions on February 1, 2010.

Exited executive session at 7:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk