

MINUTES- SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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

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

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Beach Committee Member Robert Zita, Sally Cook (Caledonian-Record), Adam Klein (News 7), David Warden, Michelle Wilcox (News 7).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Roberts to approve minutes of regular meeting held January 25, 2010. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

APPEARANCE BY BEACH COMMITTEE MEMBER ROBERT ZITA REGARDING BEACH-RELATED MATTERS

Mr. Zita appeared to discuss with the Board several matters related to the 2010 summer beach season:

- Restated a concern discussed at the Board meeting of September 14, 2009: erosion along the beach-line causing the potentially dangerous exposure of tree roots and a steep embankment between the grass and sand shoreline of the beach. Bunnell and Mr. Zita met at the Beach in the autumn to view the erosion and determine a best course of action.
 - After brief discussion, the Board agreed to cut down the tree causing the hazard. The Board indicated that this work would be performed in time for the Barnet Elementary School to use the Beach for their school-year-ending festivities in June.
- Asked the Board about the status of the Town's sale of the Brock house at the Beach.
 - The Board indicated that there are currently no actively interested buyers.
- Discussed the condition of the fencing at the Beach. Mr. Zita stated that the fencing is in poor condition. It has received many repairs in recent years and will be in need of replacement in the near future. However, Mr. Zita stated that it would be preferable to delay its replacement until after the sale of the Brock house.
 - After brief discussion, no action taken regarding this matter.
- Noted the decision by the Beach committee to alter a payroll policy. In 2010, the Beach will pay employees a minimum of \$20.00 per day for appearing at the Beach, regardless of hours worked. This policy change is in response to a rainy 2009 season during which employees often left work shortly after arriving due to unfavorable beach weather.

Sally Cook appeared to ask Mr. Zita if anything could be done regarding weeds growing in the swimming area of the Beach. Mr. Zita responded that the weeds are a result of problems with water flow at the lake outlet near the Beach. This problem is currently being addressed, but until it is resolved the weeds will remain. The buoys marking the perimeter of the swimming area cannot be moved to deeper water due to Red Cross standards. Beach-goers may swim outside the buoys, but are asked to inform the Lifeguard that they are doing so, and must do so at their own risk.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING TOWN HIGHWAY GRANTS

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed Standard Grant Agreement forms for Town Highway Structures Grant Program and Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Grant Program.

The Board instructed Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt to contact Shauna Clifford of the Agency of Transportation's District 7 to discuss potential grant projects for Barnet.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING REGARDING HARVEY'S LAKE DAM PROJECT

Read email from student Matt Gamelin and several emails from Professor Emeritus Dr. Richard N. Downer, P.E.

- Mr. Gamelin's email requests that the Board provide information regarding the distance from the edge of the road to the dam and stream flow data during different weather conditions.
 - The Board will investigate the road-to-dam distance. Flow data is in a hydrology study at the Town Clerk's Office.
- Dr. Downer's first email is in regard to an October 2, 2003 memorandum of the Agency of Natural Resources regarding an application to alter the dam. Dr. Downer lists criteria of future application submissions based on this memorandum.
- A second email from Dr. Downer contains the submission of a "scope of work" plan by the students assigned to this project.

ESRI MAINTENANCE QUOTATION

Reviewed quotation detailing the proposed agreement between ESRI and the Town of Barnet concerning the delivery of user support for listers' mapping software. The cost to the Town for this support is \$400.00.

After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to sign the quotation. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Faris signed the quotation.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

Reviewed and approved fleet permit application of Newport Sand & Gravel Co. Inc. /Carroll Concrete Co., Inc.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GARAGE

Total cost of construction of new garage to date is \$464,636.87 (not including land purchase).

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS
(VLCT)**

Noted the receipt of the February 2010 edition of "VLCT News," a newsletter of municipal news and information.

TOWN GARAGE OPEN HOUSE PICTURES

Noted the receipt from Shirley Warden of photographs taken at the January 16, 2010 Open House of the new Town Garage.

2009 EQUIPMENT PARTS EXPENSES

Noted the receipt of a document detailing equipment parts expenses of each Town-owned piece of equipment in 2009, as compiled by Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

Entered executive session at 7:30 p.m.

No action taken.

Exited executive session at 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk