

**MINUTES- SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TOWN OF BARNET, VT**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 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, Paul Shaw (Lyndon State College News 7), David Warden, Shirley Warden, and Michelle Wilcox (Lyndon State College News 7).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Roberts to amend draft minutes of regular meeting held February 22, 2010 to remove notes included in the section entitled "Executive Session Regarding Personnel Matters" so that the section includes only times entered and exited executive session. Seconded by Bunnell. Approved by voice vote.

Motion made by Roberts to approved these minutes as amended. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

1. Chairman: Motion made Bunnell to appoint Co-Chairs of Theodore Faris and Jeremy Roberts. Motion made that nominations cease. Theodore Faris and Jeremy Roberts appointed Co-Chairs.
2. Date and time of meetings: Board agreed to continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.
3. Road Commissioners: Motion made by Roberts to appoint Gary Bunnell as Road Commissioner. Seconded by Faris and approved by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REGARDING TOWN SERVICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT**

Read cover letter advising Board that the term of office of the present Town Service Officer expires April 14, 2010, and that Vermont law provides for the appointment of such an officer on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Motion made by Roberts to re-appoint Stanley Robinson as Town Service Officer. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM BARNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGARDING TRANSFER SWITCH INSTALLATION**

Read letter from Burleigh Huntoon, Facilities Director. Letter states the transfer switch was installed on August 18, 2009 by Murphy Electric. Requests that the Town transfer funds held in reserve for this project to the School's account.

Also reviewed invoices from this project (totaling \$22,501.30) and statement of balance in the Town's reserve account (\$4,863.37).

Motion made by Roberts to transfer the full amount in this reserve fund to the school's account. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

## **NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS) ADOPTION DOCUMENT**

Read document for designation of NIMS as the basis for all incident management in the Town of Barnet. Briefly reviewed NIMS descriptive document for Barnet Fire Department, as approved by Chief Ronald Morse on January 14, 2010.

After brief discussion, NIMS adoption document signed by Faris.

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING 2010 MOWING OF TOWN PROPERTIES**

Briefly discussed whether or not to request bids for mowing of Town properties for the 2010 season. Roberts stated that William Warden, a Barnet resident who has performed this work for several years, last year submitted a bid that was competitive with the other bids received.

Motion made by Roberts to not request bids for the mowing and to hire William Warden to mow the Town properties for the 2010 season. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

Shirley Warden appeared to discuss a tree that is down and may have damaged gravestones in the Palmer Cemetery. Faris responded that though the Board has been aware of this situation it has taken no action due to snow on the ground in the cemetery. Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs stated that he will address this situation.

## **TOBACCO AND LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATIONS**

Board reviewed and approved 2010 tobacco and liquor license renewal applications of Paul's Whistle Stop.

## **UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS**

Reviewed and approved fleet permit applications of: Gil's Construction; HA Manosh Corp; Limlaw Chipping & Land Clearing, Inc.; and Pouliot & Corriveau, Inc.

## **TOWN GARAGE TRASH AND RECYCLING**

- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs appeared to request that the Board permit him to rent from Casella Waste Management a three-yard trash canister. Gibbs stated that this would eliminate the necessity of his frequently driving to the Transfer Station to transport a few bags of trash. Cost would be \$45 per month (\$540 annually) for biweekly removal.
  - After brief discussion the Board agreed to approve this rental.
- Faris asked what Gibbs plans to do concerning recyclable items at the Garage.
  - Gibbs stated that there are several large barrels at the Garage in which he plans to store recyclable items for long periods of time before transporting them to the Recycling Center.
- Jeremy Roberts asked Gibbs what his plans are for moving the rest of the materials out of the old Town Garage so that the Town can sell the property.
  - Gibbs stated that he plans to rent a roll-off trash canister from Casella to dispose of remaining materials.

## **REPAIR OF PICK-UP TRUCK BODY**

Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs appeared to present the Board with an estimate to repair body damage to the Town's 2007 GMC 2500 pick-up. This damage has been present for several years. Reviewed JJ's Auto Body's estimate for repair of dents in body, replacement of bumper and straightening of hitch. Total cost estimated at \$2,263.62.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to approve the replacement of the bumper and straightening of the hitch at this time, but instructed Gibbs to postpone the dent repair until later in the budget year.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Read minutes of 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion made by Roberts to approve minutes as submitted. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Minutes signed by Faris.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AT TOWN MEETING**

Faris noted the receipt of a letter from a Barnet resident directly following the 2010 Town Meeting. Faris stated that this letter is kept in his personal files.

## **OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Entered executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding increasing wage of Thomas Gould, highway department employee returning from Worker's Compensation leave, to a rate commensurate with other highway department employees who have received raises in Gould's absence based on \$0.10 per hour for each non-mandatory highway maintenance class attended:

- Roberts stated that he recalls in 2009 the Board approving wage increases for highway department employees only on the basis of \$0.10 per hour for each non-mandatory class attended. Roberts stated that he understood this wage increase agreement to apply only to classes actually attended.
- Faris stated that this is how he recalls the agreement as well.
- Faris stated that it would appear the Board prefers that the Mr. Gould's wage reflect that he did not actually attend any non-mandatory classes during his Worker's Compensation leave.
- Bunnell stated that he is in agreement with Faris' above inference. Bunnell added that he would encourage Mr. Gould to take as many classes as possible now that he has returned from his leave.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

*A true copy.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Town Clerk*