

MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 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.

Meeting Chair: Co-Chair Theodore Faris acting as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Collector of Delinquent Taxes Lisa Bowden, Beach Committee Member Robert Zita, Michael Bigelow, Sally Cook (Caledonian-Record), Jason Evans, Leigh Larocque, and David Warden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 24, 2010. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

APPEARANCE BY JASON EVANS REGARDING USE OF PARKING LOT AT THE FORMER SITE OF THE PASSUMPSIC VILLAGE STORE

Mr. Evans and business partner Michael Bigelow appeared to discuss matters related to their start-up business for providing guide services to canoeists and kayakers on the Passumpsic River. They discussed with the Selectmen several matters relating to starting their business:

- Asked for permission to use the parking lot at the former site of the Passumpsic Village Store.
 - o Faris responded: Soil testing is still being conducted at this site. The Town will check with the laboratory conducting this testing to see if parking at the site creates any conflicts.
- Asked for permission to place orange cones on Route 5 in Passumpsic to warn of a pedestrian crossing.
 - o Faris responded that the business will have to contact the State of Vermont regarding this, as the Town has no jurisdiction over Route 5.
- Discussed creating a foot portage trail along the river bank through the Town Forest.

APPEARANCE BY HARVEY'S LAKE BEACH COMMITTEE MEMBER ROBERT ZITA REGARDING REMOVAL OF CLARA BROCK COTTAGE

Mr. Zita appeared to discuss with the Selectmen several Beach-related matters:

- Discussed the logistics of the removal of the Clara Brock cottage from the beach.
- Suggested that the Town remove the vending machines from the bathhouse. The Town is making little or no profit from these machines that are often the target of vandalism and burglary.
 - o The Board agreed to have these vending machines removed.
- Discussed several recent expenses encountered at the Beach. Swings at the playground were recently repaired, and umbrellas for the lifeguards and gate attendants will need to be purchased.
 - o The Board approved these expenses.

- Discussed a request for rental of the pavilion by a group that caused complaints of a loud, disorganized concert last year.
 - o The Board agreed that the Beach Committee should deny this request.
- Discussed taking action to deter vandalism and burglary, which have become major problems in recent years. Specifically discussed were placing locks on doors to the main entrance and to the vending machine room, and placing steel barriers on the windows of the bathhouse.

APPEARANCE BY COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES LISA BOWDEN REGARDING SELECTION OF ATTORNEY FOR TAX SALE

Ms. Bowden appeared to follow-up on her appearance at the Board meeting of April 12, 2010, at which the Board stated that it would select an attorney to facilitate upcoming tax sales.

The Board reported to Bowden that it has selected attorney Ernest Tobias Balivet to perform these services.

APPEARANCE BY ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHIRLEY WARDEN REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ZONING BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Warden reported that the four-year terms of Zoning Board/Planning Commission members Dennis McLam and David White are expiring.

Motion made by Roberts to re-appoint Dennis McLam and David White to four-year terms. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice-vote.

APPEARANCE BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE LEIGH LAROCQUE

Rep. Larocque appeared to discuss the state legislature's decision-making process regarding changes in valuation of hydroelectricity generating facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER SUPERVISOR BRUCE MARSTON

Read email regarding building an addition to the recycling center.

Roberts stated that he has already responded to this email and is addressing this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ENDYNE INC. REGARDING LANDFILL LABORATORY REPORT

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed results of analyses performed for samples collected at site of the former Barnet landfill.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REGARDING 2011 MUNICIPAL PARK-
AND-RIDE GRANTS**

Read letter soliciting proposals for creation of small park-and-ride facilities.

No action taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM REDSTART FORESTRY AND
CONSULTING REGARDING STEVENS RIVER WATERSHED
ASSESSMENTS**

Read email informing the Town that during the summer of 2010 Redstart Forestry and Consulting of Corinth, VT and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources will be conducting an in-depth scientific study of the Stevens River, Peacham Hollow Brook, and South Peacham Brook.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT NATURAL
RESOURCES BOARD REGARDING ACT 250 PERMIT OF KARME
CHOLING**

Briefly reviewed approved Act 250 permit.

**CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ACT 250 PERMIT OF MILAREPA
CENTER**

Briefly reviewed miscellaneous correspondence regarding Act 250 permit application.

Roberts noted that Barnet resident and State of Vermont employee Louis Bushey has volunteered to speak in this case on behalf of the Town of Barnet regarding a deer habitat cited in this correspondence as potentially endangered by approval of this application.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL CHANGE IN RESERVE
ACCOUNT INVESTMENTS**

Reviewed reports prepared by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt and Wells Fargo advisor Jacob Lavelly regarding the possibility of moving some of the funds currently invested in money market accounts into a ladder-structured certificate of deposit portfolio.

Board agreed to review these reports and address this matter at the next Board meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs appeared to report to the Board regarding Highway Department matters:
 - o The Town has not received any notice from the State of Vermont regarding funding for the construction project being conducted on Town Highway 4 (Groton Road). Gibbs recommends postponing paving on this project until next year.

- Discussion followed regarding capping of paving on Town Forest Road project that was started last summer.
- Faris requested that Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt call Vermont Secretary of Transportation David Dill to ask whether the Town Highway 4 project will be funded.
- Spoke regarding several profane messages left recently on Town Garage voicemail.
- Leigh Larocque spoke regarding emergency generator grant funds recently awarded to the Town by the State of Vermont.
- Shirley Warden spoke, indicating that she is willing to volunteer her services at the hazardous waste collection date at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center on June 16, 2010.
- Faris noted the receipt of a final report from University of Vermont Civil and Environmental Engineering students regarding their study of redesigning Harvey's Lake Dam.
 - The Board briefly reviewed this report.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

Approved single vehicle permit application of C & C Bunnell Excavating, LLC.

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 8:30 p.m.

Decision to deny the request of Lister David Warden to receive wages less than other Town of Barnet listers and to continue to pay all listers at the same rate for the full number of hours worked.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk