

MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, JULY 12, 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 Jeremy Roberts acting as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Sally Cook (Caledonian-Record), and Shirley Warden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 28, 2010. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN AGENT JAY ABRAMSON
REGARDING APPEAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT'S
DECISION

Read letter and accompanying Notice of Appearance and Certificate of Service regarding the appeal of Patricia Wood, Trustee of the Gibson Wood Family Trust. These documents give notice of the appearance in this matter of Abramson on behalf of the Town of Barnet.

Read letter and accompanying documents from State of Vermont Superior Court, Environmental Division regarding a Statement of Questions that the appellant desires to have determined by the court.

Read letter regarding an agreement to conditions of Abramson's representation of the Town in this matter.

- After brief discussion, the Board signed this agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN AGENT JAY ABRAMSON
REGARDING PURCHASE AND SALES AGREEMENT FOR CLARA
BROCK HOUSE

Read letter dated 6 July 2010 and reviewed accompanying executed agreement.

Read letter dated 7 July 2010 and reviewed accompanying letter from Richard and Robin Horn requesting a 30 day extension in the agreement's contingency deadline for the purchaser entering an agreement with a structural mover.

- After brief discussion, Faris signed an agreement to such an extension.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS WITH PETITION AND ORDER FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS ON HARVEY MOUNTAIN ROAD

Read cover letter and reviewed request to place temporary anchors on poles on Harvey Mountain Road to allow for moving of the Clara Brock House.

After brief discussion, the Board signed this petition.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM LISTER DAVID WARDEN

Read letter stating Warden's resignation as Lister.

Discussion ensued regarding the appointment of a replacement for Warden's position until the next Town Meeting.

- The Board agreed to appoint George Pierce to fill this vacancy. In anticipation that Pierce will agree to fill this role only as a short-term replacement for grievance hearings, the Board also agreed that if this is to occur it will advertise the availability of this position in the Caledonian-Record.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF TAXES REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2011 EDUCATION TAX RATES

Read letter and reviewed rates. The non-residential tax rate is to be \$1.3590 and the homestead tax rate \$1.3305.

DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING OF 2010 MUNICIPAL TAX RATE

Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt discussed the current scenario affecting the setting of the municipal tax rate. Delay in receiving the results of a State of Vermont appraisal of hydroelectricity-generating facilities has caused a delay in the listers' timetable. The Board of Listers requested and was granted an extension of time by the Division of Property Valuation and Review. Therefore, the dates for grievance hearings and for the lodging of the Grand List are significantly later than in most years. The Selectboard cannot set a tax rate until the Grand List is lodged.

After brief discussion, the Board took no action regarding this matter.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM ZONING ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SHIRLEY WARDEN REGARDING ZONING PERMIT OF LINDA BUNNELL

Briefly reviewed copy of permit received by Selectboard due to the Town of Barnet being an abutting property owner.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM LINCOLN APPLIED GEOLOGY, INC.
REGARDING GROUND WATER MONITORING AT FORMER
PASSUMPSIC VILLAGE STORE**

Reviewed invoices associated with ground water monitoring and signed Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Request for Reimbursement form.

**CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ACT 250 PERMIT OF CALVIN AND
CHERRYLL BUNNELL**

Briefly reviewed miscellaneous documents relating to Act 250 permit application.

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

Briefly reviewed approved Act 250 permit.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Faris discussed recent communications with Barnet Fire & Rescue member Wayne Achilles regarding creating a dry hydrant at a pond on the property of Kenneth Norris.
 - o Bunnell agreed to visit the suggested site and make recommendations.
- Roberts discussed the Board's search for a used welder to purchase for the use of the Highway Department.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

Approved single vehicle permit application of William E. Pinkham, Jr.

OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk