

MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, JULY 26, 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, Joe Benning, David Warden, and Shirley Warden.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Roberts to amend the section of the draft minutes of the regular meeting held July 12, 2010 entitled "Correspondence from Town Agent Jay Abramson regarding Purchase and Sales Agreement for Clara Brock House" to reflect that a letter dated 7 July 2010 was received from "Richard and Robin Horn," not "Richard and Robin Hunt" as stated in the draft minutes. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

Motion made by Roberts to approve the above-referenced draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

APPEARANCE BY JOE BENNING, CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE

Mr. Benning appeared as a Republican candidate for State Senator representing the Caledonia-Orange district. He introduced himself and gave a brief talk stating the reasons he is running for office and the issues important to him.

SETTING OF 2010 TAX RATES

Reviewed certification of tax rates for 2010, as prepared by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt.

After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to approve the tax rates as presented. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Board signed certification.

Total homestead tax rate (including all municipal and education taxes) to be 1.7749; total non-residential tax rate to be 1.8034.

REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN HALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF BARNET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Barnet Historical Society President David Warden appeared to request the use of the Town Hall on the evening of Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to approve this use.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM EDWARD SWOSZOWSKI REGARDING HARVEY'S LAKE CONTAMINATION

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed attachments thanking Barnet Health Officer Theodore Faris and other town officers for their efforts in addressing the recent contamination at Harvey's Lake.

Faris discussed the current status of ongoing testing of lake and river water. Also mentioned an offer made by the Lake Harvey Association of \$5,000 to be used for upgrades to the Harvey's Lake Dam at such time as these upgrades are ready to be implemented.

Roberts thanked Faris for his efforts in addressing this contamination issue.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTHERN COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION REGARDING AMENDED PETITION TO VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC GOOD

Briefly reviewed and discussed petition.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ACT 250 PERMIT APPLICATION OF CALVIN AND CHERRYLL BUNNELL

Briefly reviewed email and attached memorandum of decision and order.

APPLICATION FOR HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT

Reviewed application of Leigh and Beverly Larocque for an entrance to a family cemetery on Old Silo Road.

After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to request that the applicant provide a sketch of the proposed access prior to the Board taking action regarding it. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Faris requested that the Board approve expenditures associated with installing a plate for repair of the blast gate at the Harvey's Lake Dam.

The Board agreed to approve this expense.

OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Entered executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Exited executive session at 7:40 p.m.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Motion made by Roberts to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:05 p.m.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk