

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TOWN OF BARNET, VT**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Sally Cook (Caledonian-Record), Dylan Ford, Mike Hennessey (Lyndon State College News 7), Ross Page, Shirley Warden, and Bryan White (Lyndon State College News 7).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 13, 2010. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**APPEARANCE BY ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN DYLAN FORD**  
**REGARDING BARNET PUBLIC LIBRARY USE OF HARVEY'S LAKE**  
**PUBLIC BEACH PARKING LOT**

Ms. Ford appeared to request the use of the Beach parking lot on October 31, 2010 for a Library children's Halloween event. A story hour and decoration of cars are planned to coordinate with trick-or-treating. Between eight and ten cars are to be decorated. The event is to take place from either 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Library will be responsible for clean-up of the parking lot after the event.

After brief discussion, motion made by Faris to approve this use of the Beach parking lot. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM BOARD OF LISTERS REGARDING**  
**GRAND LIST ERRORS AND OMISSIONS**

Co-Chair Roberts read letter requesting the Board's approval in addressing an Errors and Omissions change to the 2010 Grand List. This change decreases the value of transmission lines of Vermont Transco (parcel ID #0017-01-13) from \$735,000 to \$682,500 per Vermont Transco's letter of April 12, 2010. Briefly reviewed a copy of this letter attached to Lister's letter.

After brief discussion, motion made by Faris to approve the above-referenced Errors and Omissions adjustment. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM ERNEST AND VIVIANNE BEGIN WITH**  
**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Read copy of letter submitted to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt on September 24, 2010 with notice of appeal from tax appeal decision of Board of Civil Authority to the Director of Property Valuation and Review.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM ATTORNEY PAUL P. HANLON WITH NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR GREGORY AND CELIA JACKMAUH**

Read copy of letter submitted to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt on September 27, 2010 with notice of appeal from tax appeal decision of Board of Civil Authority to Superior Court, Caledonia Unit.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM GREEN MOUNTAIN POWER WITH PETITION FOR LOCATION OF POLES, GUYS, AND WIRES.**

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed petition and plan for placement of poles, guys, and wires on Garland Hill Road and Symns Pond Road.

Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs appeared to discuss his communications with Green Mountain Power regarding this matter. This project will be in conjunction with a project planned by FairPoint Communications and discussed at the Board meeting of August 9, 2010. Both Green Mountain Power and FairPoint plan to bury cable on Garland Hill Road under an overpass bridge of Interstate Highway 91.

After brief discussion Roberts signed the petition with the Board's approval.

## **APPEARANCE BY ROSS PAGE OF THE BAYLEY-HAZEN ROAD SNOWMOBILE CLUB**

Page appeared, as is his annual custom, to discuss the upcoming snowmobiling season with the Board. For the 2010-2011 season he requested that the Board allow snowmobile access on Bony Woods Road, Laird Road, and Somerhill Road to connect trails, as has been the practice in previous years.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to grant the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club road access as requested by Page.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES, INC. REGARDING 2010 TAX MAP MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT**

Briefly reviewed proposal and contract for services provided to the Town by Cartographic Associates, Inc. for data recorded during the time period of April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. Services include the professional maintenance of Town tax maps according to data provided by the Town. The cost to the Town for this time period is \$1,950. This amount and the details pertaining to the proposal and contract remain unchanged from the 2010 Maintenance Proposal and Contract.

After brief discussion, the Board signed the 2011 Maintenance Contract.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Co-Chair Faris discussed several matters:

- Instructed Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs to obtain quotes for replacement of a portion of West Barnet Road damaged by a car fire.

- Inquired with Gibbs regarding the progress of the planned cold-patching project on West Main Street.
  - o Gibbs reported that the project is planned for either next week or the week after, depending on the weather.
  - o Faris requested that at the time the West Main Street project is completed the Highway Department also use cold patch to lengthen the approach to the bridge on Anderson Street.
- Suggested that the Board begin the process of selling the former Town Garage building on Granger Street. Inquired regarding what remains to be done to the building to prepare for its sale.
  - o Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs responded that the only task remaining to be completed is the removal of garbage from the building.
  - o Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt agreed to request that the Board of Listers assign a value to the property.

Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs appeared to discuss Town-owned cell phone currently used by the Road Foreman. Gibbs stated that he is unable to renew the contract for this phone because the service provider no longer does business directly with municipalities. Gibbs suggested that the Town discontinue this cell phone in favor of using his personal cell phone on the rare occasions that a cell phone is required for Town business.

- After brief discussion the Board agreed to discontinue this cell phone.

Co-Chair Roberts announced that the addition to the Recycling Center is complete; congratulated the Highway Department for their good work on the project.

- Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt reported that Transfer Station and Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston wished to express his thanks for crew's work and congratulations for a job well done.

## **OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

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

Motion made by Faris to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:55 p.m.

No action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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