

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2014**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Chair Jeremy Roberts, Gary Bunnell, and Dylan Ford.

Others present: Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held December 22, 2014

Mr. Bunnell reported that the draft minutes, on item number three under the first bulleted motion, indicate that Mr. Bunnell made the motion and Ms. Ford seconded the motion; actually Ms. Ford made the motion and Mr. Bunnell seconded it. Discussion ensued. Mr. Bunnell moved to approve, as amended to indicate that on item number three under the first bulleted motion Ms. Ford made the motion and Mr. Bunnell seconded it, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 22, 2014. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Review applications for Highway Department position (executive session)

- Mr. Bunnell moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a) (3) to review applications submitted for the open Highway Department position. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:02 p.m. Those present in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Road Foreman Keith Gadapee.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:12 p.m.
- The Board agreed to call a special meeting to be held Friday, January 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office to interview candidates for the open Highway Department position.

3. 2015 budget discussion

The Board discussed with Mr. Gadapee and Mr. Heisholt financial management practices for Highway Department revenues and expenditures, specifically with regard to whether such monies should be assigned a separate accounting "fund" with separate surpluses/deficits, or be combined with the General Fund so that Selectboard and Highway budgets share a single surplus/deficit.

- The Board agreed to continue to combine Selectboard and Highway budgets in a single accounting fund, with a single surplus/deficit, but to include within this single fund subtotals for each category (i.e. Selectboard and Highway).

The Board reviewed the second draft of the budget, as presented by Mr. Heisholt, and began to discuss the Selectboard budget line-by-line, making several amendments. The Board agreed to continue to review the budget at its regular meeting to be held January 12, 2015.

4. Other business

- a. Correspondence from Board of Listers regarding 2014 Errors and Omissions.** Mr. Roberts read a letter from the Board of Listers requesting approval to change the following six properties in the 2014 Grand List to correct errors in values and Current Use exemptions: 1) Somers, Hezzie & Marion (parcel ID #0008-01-42); 2) Roy, Bruce & Catherine (parcel ID #0021-21-04); 3) Remick, Howard & Laura (parcel ID #0024-01-77); 4) Jackmauh, Gregory & Celia (parcel ID #0004-01-30); 5) Case, Neko (parcel ID #0012-01-43); and 6) Knights, Roderic et al (parcel ID #0009-02-23). The total change in property taxes assessed based on these changes is an increase of \$281.27. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to approve these changes.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk