

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015**

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 Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and William Graves.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held May 25, 2015

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 25, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

3. Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters

- a. **Street sweeping.** Mr. Chase reported that street sweeping for this year is complete.
- b. **Pit stripping.** Mr. Chase reported that pit stripping for this year is complete.
- c. **Routine maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has continued to grade roads, rake where appropriate (the Highway Department recently refurbished the rock rake), and apply chloride when necessary.
- d. **Wash-outs.** Mr. Chase reported that there have been a few minor wash-outs during rain events. The Highway Department has been working to repair these and to improve ditching where necessary.
- e. **Donald Easter and Harvey's Lake boat wash.** Ms. Ford indicated that Mr. Easter, who supervises the boat wash at the Harvey's Lake boat access, expressed his thanks to Mr. Chase for moving speed limit signs to better deter speeding past the boat access area.

4. Opening and consideration of bids for crushing of gravel and screening of winter sand in town pit

The Board opened and reviewed bids, which are summarized as follows:

- Sand screening: 4,500 cubic yards ½ inch screened sand
 - Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc.: \$2.15 per yard
 - J.A. McDonald, Inc.: No bid submitted
- Gravel crushing: 8,000 cubic yards 1 inch crushed gravel (square screen), 3,000 cubic yards 3 ½ inch road base material, and 1,000 cubic yards 1 ½ inch clean stone
 - Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc.: \$5.54 per yard
 - J.A. McDonald, Inc.: \$5.83 per yard

Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the bid of Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. for sand screening and J.A. McDonald, Inc. for gravel crushing. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

5. Consideration of purchase of tractor and mower for mowing roadsides

Mr. Bunnell discussed the private sale of a tractor/roadside mower that he believes is well suited for the Town's requirements. Mr. Bunnell traveled to the private residence in Eden, Vermont and spoke with the owner. The tractor is a 2007 Massey Ferguson with 1,974 hours. It is four-wheel drive; comes with a boom mower (for mowing roadsides, over guardrails, etc.) and also another mower for mowing ditches, etc.; Mr. Bunnell indicated that the tractor is in excellent condition with horsepower and other

specifications sufficient for the Town's use. The asking price was \$65,000; Mr. Bunnell negotiated the price down to \$60,000. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Roberts moved to purchase the tractor/roadside mower using funds in the Equipment Reserve Fund. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

6. Application for Highway Access Permit of Tyler Smith for access on Brook Hill Road

The Board reviewed the application for an access at approximately 624 Brook Hill Road. Road Foreman Mark Chase reported on his review of the site. He indicated that it is a very suitable location with good visibility and no culvert required. Mr. Chase only requires that the driveway be flat entering the roadway. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve the permit; Mr. Roberts signed the permit accordingly.

7. Consideration of meeting with surveyor Andrew Dussault regarding Town Hall property land survey

As per the discussion at the previous meeting, the Board discussed a date and time for a meeting at the offices of Mr. Dussault.

- The Board agreed to meet at 4:30 p.m. on a day in the week of June 15 through June 19 that is convenient for Mr. Dussault.

8. Correspondence from Planning Commission/Zoning Board regarding proposed revision of Town Plan

The Board reviewed a proposed version of the Town Plan as amended by the Planning Commission/Zoning Board. An accompanying reporting form indicates that the amendments are proposed "in order to add a flood resilience element as required by State statute, with goals and recommended action steps. In addition, various sections of the plan were updated to include the most currently available data..." Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to warn a public hearing for Monday, July 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office to hear public comment on the proposed revision.

9. Correspondence from CAI Technologies with 2016 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal and Contract

The Board reviewed proposal and contract. Terms of proposal and contract are the same as the 2015 proposal and contract.

- The Board signed the contract.

10. Consideration of listing of unlicensed dogs

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that although the Board reviewed a list at their previous meeting, the review was not in compliance with the new Animal Control Ordinance (Ordinance). Pursuant to Section 11, Part G. of the Ordinance the Board must annually perform a certification of the list of unlicensed dogs or wolf-hybrids as of May 30. The Board's previous meeting was prior to May 30.

- Ms. Ford moved to appoint Second Constable David Stevenson and Josephine Guertin to serve as Animal Control Officers, along with the First Constable, to administer the Ordinance, pursuant to Section 2, Part D of the Ordinance.
- The Board authorized the Town Clerk's Office to deliver to these Animal Control Officers the lists of unlicensed dogs with instruction to enforce the Town's Animal Control Ordinance with respect to unlicensed dogs.

11. Correspondence regarding application of AT & T Mobility Wireless to the Vermont Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good in connection with a proposed wireless communications facility project off West Barnet Road in Barnet

The Board reviewed the 45-day Notice and Request for Recommendation Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a (e), including a project narrative, and various drawings, maps, simulations, specifications, etc. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to not submit a recommendation at this time.

12. Other business

- Roy Mountain Road dog concern.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he had spoken to Town Attorney Jay Abramson regarding these dogs, which are the subjects of recurring complaints. Mr. Abramson is working on a recommended remedy.
- Memorial Day flags.** Ms. Ford indicated that the Lakeview Grange has offered to present flags at future Memorial Day services if the Veterans of Foreign Wars post is not available.
- Recycling law.** Ms. Warden brought to the Board's attention the aspects of Act 148, the Universal Recycling & Composting Law, that are effective July 1, 2015. Discussion ensued.
- Hiring for screening sand.** Road Foreman Mark Chase asked the Board if they wish to hire contractors or additional employees for hauling winter sand during the sand screening process. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to offer a part-time/occasional driver position to Barnet resident Mark Fuller.
- Brush cutting and sediment removal at Harvey's Lake Dam.** The Board discussed at length various logistical aspects of the proposed sediment removal project.
 - The Board agreed to utilize the Highway Department in cutting brush for the project.

13. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

14. Discussion regarding legal proceedings in the tax appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.

The Board reviewed email correspondence from Attorney Christopher Boldt indicating that Mr. Boldt's application for admission *pro hac vice* in this matter has been approved.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk