

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015**

Meeting convened at 6:30 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: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Planning Commission/Zoning Board member William Biddle, Planning Commission/Zoning Board Chair Dennis McLam, Planning Commission/Zoning Board Secretary Shirley Warden, and Janice Parsons.

1. Public hearing for review and comment on proposed Barnet Town Plan pursuant to 24 VSA Chapter 117

Mr. Roberts read the notice for this hearing, as printed in the Caledonian-Record and posted at the Town Clerk's Office and at least two other places in the municipality. Discussion ensued, summarized as follows:

- Ms. Ford praised the Planning Commission/Zoning Board (PC/ZB) for their work on the revised Plan.
- Ms. Ford suggested that in the future the PC/ZB consider using the Town Plan to encourage participation in the State of Vermont's Lake Wise program, which awards lake-friendly building and landscaping measures.
- Discussion ensued regarding the State of Vermont's Shoreland Protection Act and other environmental concerns, particularly relating to Harvey's Lake and Warden Pond.
- Ms. Ford suggested that in the future the PC/ZB consider using the Town Plan to encourage recreational tourism at the Roy Mountain Wildlife area.
- Discussion was had regarding renewable energy sources, particularly solar.
- Ms. Warden indicated that the changes to the Town Plan in this revision are largely required by State statute.

Ms. Ford moved to adopt the Town Plan as presented in the draft discussed at this hearing, dated May 20, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

2. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk