

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JULY 27, 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, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

**1. Approve minutes of two special meetings held July 20, 2015**

Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the first special meeting held July 20, 2015, pertaining to a public hearing for comment on the revised Town Plan. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the second special meeting held July 20, 2015, pertaining to regular Selectboard business. 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. Gravel crushing.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department commenced gravel crushing for this year on Friday, July 24. The crusher required repair shortly after work began, and work has not yet re-commenced.
- b. Mowing.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department continues to mow roadsides using the leased tractor and mower.
- c. Paving projects.** Mr. Chase inquired about which paving projects the Board wishes to work on in 2015, in addition to the Vermont Agency of Transportation Class 2 Roadway Grant project on Comerford Dam Road. Mr. Chase and the Board reviewed proposed contracts from Pike Industries, Inc. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to perform paving work on all or portions of the following roads in 2015:
    - Town Forest Road – reclaim and pave base coat;
    - Granger Street – pave 2” shim;
    - South Main Street – pave 2” shim
    - Gilfillan Road – pave base and top coat;
    - Brook Circle – pave;
    - Monroe Road – reclaim and pave base coat;
    - County Hill Road – reclaim and pave.
  - The Board revised the Pike Industries contracts in accordance with the above decision; Mr. Roberts signed the same.

**4. Consideration of Harvey's Lake Dam project**

Mr. Bunnell discussed his communications with Project Manager Robert Desrochers. Mr. Bunnell indicated that he will instruct Mr. Desrochers to meet with Michael Vereline at the site, and to commence reviewing the project and soliciting bids with contractors.

**5. Correspondence regarding condition of Harvey Mountain Road**

The Board read a letter from resident Gene Redfield, which complains of poor, potholed road conditions on Harvey Mountain Road. Discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Road Foreman Mark Chase to apply fresh cold patch to pot holes on Harvey Mountain Road.

## **6. Certification of 2015 property tax rates**

Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt indicated that he was unable to prepare tax rates for this meeting because some Current Use data was not yet loaded in the Grand List. Mr. Heisholt indicated that he would have the rates prepared for a special Board meeting at some time prior to the next regular Board meeting.

## **7. Other business**

**a. Appliances, etc. at Transfer Station.** Ms. Ford indicated that Transfer Station & Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston had inquired about the Highway Department routinely using machinery to lift large items into the metal and construction dumpsters. Discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Road Foreman Mark Chase to routinely visit the Transfer Station and deposit large items near the metal and construction dumpsters into the dumpsters.

## **8. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

## **9. Consideration of Highway Department wage increases (executive session)**

### **a. Barry Snow**

- Mr. Bunnell moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a) (3) to discuss Highway Department wage increases. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:50 p.m. Those present in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, Road Foreman Mark Chase, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:58 p.m.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to increase the hourly wage of Highway Department employee Barry Snow per the discussion in executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

### **b. Mark Chase**

- Mr. Bunnell moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a) (3) to discuss Highway Department wage increases. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:58 p.m. Those present in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:06 p.m.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to increase the hourly wage of Highway Department employee Mark Chase per the discussion in executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

## **10. Adjournment**

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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