

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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, Steven Adler, Richard Downer, and Tyler Hall (Lyndon State College News 7).

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held September 14, 2015

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 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. Church Street excavation.** Mr. Chase discussed the excavation currently underway on Church Street near its intersections with US Route 5 South and Monument Circle. The project commenced when a water main broke and Barnet Fire District #2, owners of the Barnet Village water system, excavated to perform repairs. The process of excavation revealed rotted Town culverts, and exacerbated their collapse. The Vermont Agency of Transportation has also visited the site, and is taking the opportunity to repair and improve its drainage at the site while it is exposed. The Town is installing new culverts and drainage inlets. Raymond Heath Construction is performing the excavation and is tracking costs to divide between the Fire District, Town, and State. No prices or costs for the project are ready for reporting at this time.
- b. Cloud Brook Road.** Mr. Chase reported that he received approval from Patrick Ross of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation to perform remedial work on the Cloud Brook streambank, as discussed in previous Board meetings.
- c. Grant agreements.** Mr. Chase presented for Board signatures grant agreements for the 2015 Vermont Agency of Transportation Class 2 Roadway and Structures grants. Mr. Chase noted that the Structures Grant project, a box culvert installation on Barnet Center Road, will not be completed this year. The box culvert is now ready, but its construction was complete too late to install prior to this year's deadline for stream work. The project is planned for as soon as possible in the spring of 2016.
 - The Board signed the agreements.
- d. Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) Winter Maintenance Workshop.** Mr. Chase reported that the Town Garage will be hosting a VLCT workshop on October 15.
- e. Paving projects.** Mr. Chase reported that he has received indication that Pike Industries will be in Barnet performing paving approximately two weeks from the date of this meeting. The Highway Department has been seeding and mulching Comerford Dam Road the past several days.

4. Consideration of septic system design for Town Hall renovations

The Board discussed a recommendation from Building Committee Chair William Graves that the Town hire Timothy Ruggles of Ruggles Engineering to review the Town's documentation on the septic system design at the Barnet Public Library Building in order to determine if it is suitable for use by the renovated Town Hall.

- The Board agreed to hire Mr. Ruggles per Mr. Graves' recommendation.

5. Consideration of Harvey's Lake Dam sediment removal project and dam repairs and improvements

The Board reviewed a quote prepared by Fairbanks Mill for repairs and improvements of the dam. The proposal estimates costs of \$5,275 for the repairs to the low level gate operator, \$5,500 for installation of new safety rails, and \$1,565 for replacement of the access planking over the fishway channel.

Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to postpone implementing these repairs and improvements due to budgetary constraints.

Steven Adler and Dr. Richard Downer, P.E. of the Lake Harvey Association appeared and discussed with the Board the recently completed sediment removal project, and plans for future progress in improvements to the dam, channel, and health of the lake. Several issues were discussed, including the following:

- Dr. Downer suggested that the Board include a "trash rack" in any repairs or improvements to the low level gate.
- Mr. Bunnell indicated that the number of yards of sediment removed in the recent project is unknown.
- Mr. Bunnell indicated that he intends to hire a beaver trapper to remove the beavers from the lake outlet channel.
- Dr. Downer presented a report (dated September 28, 2015 and entitled "Re: South Peacham Brook and Harvey's Lake") that summarizes his observations and recommendations. Among these is his concern that the stream behind the West Barnet Garage is moving westward and is threatening to erode behind the fish ladder. To discuss options for remediating this problem, Dr. Downer has arranged an informal meeting with Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation officials at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22. The Selectboard and any other interested parties are welcome to attend.
- It is the opinion of Dr. Downer and Mr. Adler that the location of the beaver dam during the sediment removal project is a more optimal location for a future dam site than at the outlet of the lake itself.

6. Correspondence from Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC regarding petition of Vermont Transco LLC (VELCO) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d.b.a. AT&T Mobility for a Certificate of Public Good to install a new wireless telecommunications facility on West Barnet Road

The Board reviewed the Town's copy of the petition, including numerous descriptions, maps, and photographs. This is the same project as reviewed by the Board at an earlier date at the receipt of a pre-filing notice.

7. Correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) regarding application for variance for the collection of leaf and yard waste

The Board reviewed a copy of a notice regarding the NEKWMD's application on behalf of the Town of Barnet and twelve other District towns. This matter was discussed by the Board at their previous meeting. The notice includes a list of the newspapers, landowners, and governmental bodies to whom notices regarding the application will be sent.

8. Other business

- a. Roy Mountain Road dog complaints.** Mr. Roberts presented three letters received from resident David Baird Price (dated 20 April 2015, 14 September 2015, and 23 September 2015). Two of the letters complain of dogs owned by Kathleen Campbell being unrestrained, and one of the dog of Moses and Brandy Roy being unrestrained. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to instruct the Town Constables to impound the Campbell dogs. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- Ms. Ford moved to send a letter to Moses and Brandy Roy with a notice of the requirement to restrain dogs, and the penalties for non-compliance. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

9. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk