

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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, John Cook, Sarah Cook, Connor Cyrus (Lyndon State College News 7), Victoria Nicoletta (Lyndon State College News 7), Mike Dente, and Ross Page.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held October 12, 2015

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Consideration of snowmobile access on town highways for the forthcoming snowmobile season

Mr. Roberts read a letter from the Bayley Hazen Road Snowmobile Trail requesting snowmobile access for trail connection purposes during the 2015-2016 season on portions of Laird Road, Somerhill Road, Stevenson Road, and West Main Street, as has been granted in previous years. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to grant the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club access as requested for Laird Road, Somerhill Road, Stevenson Road, and West Main Street. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

3. Appearance by Hon. Roy Vance, Assistant Judge, Caledonia County

Judge Vance did not appear at this meeting as scheduled on the agenda.

4. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

- a. Routine maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been working the past two weeks on routine tasks such as stockpiling sand, grading, and ditching.
- b. Paving schedule.** Mr. Chase reported that Pike Industries has indicated that they will complete the scheduled 2015 paving beginning the week of November 2, 2015.
- c. Cloud Brook streambank work.** Mr. Chase reported that the streambank work along Cloud Brook Road, as discussed at previous meetings, is complete.
- d. VELCO Garland Hill project.** Mr. Chase reported that VELCO has ceased work on Garland Hill in connection with the project discussed at the September 14, 2015 meeting. VELCO will submit a revised underground cable request.
- e. Dump truck #008 repairs.** Mr. Chase reported that truck #008 is presently at Robco, Inc. undergoing repairs relating to a broken sub-frame.
- f. Calvin "Sherm" Bogie culvert installation.** The Board discussed the installation of a culvert by Shane Stevenson at the site of the Bogie Sugar House, as discussed at previous meetings.

6. Correspondence from Caledonia County Sheriff's Office regarding proposed patrol contract for 2016

The Board reviewed a contract with a term of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 for the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department to provide the Town with police services including the aggregate amount

of six hours per week from June 1 to October 31 and four hours per week from November 1 to May 30. Town expense for the contract includes officer time at the rate of \$35.00 per hour, court time at the rate of \$35.00 per hour, and a new \$37.50 dispatch fee for patrols outside of normal office hours.

- The Board agreed to enter the agreement; Mr. Roberts signed the contract.

7. Consideration of health insurance benefit for 2016

The Board reviewed rates for 2016 plans, and compared 2015 rates and health reimbursement account expenses. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table this matter until the next meeting, and requested that Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt produce reports giving detailed comparisons of 2015 plans versus 2016 plans, including both costs and deductibles.

8. Other business

a. Library repairs. Ms. Ford indicated that William Graves has completed the scheduled repair work at the library. The invoice totals \$5,701.44, which exceeds the estimate because Mr. Graves encountered an unexpected amount of rot. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve payment of the invoice from the Municipal Buildings Fund.

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 7:30 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk