

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

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

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 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. Barry Snow injury.** Mr. Chase reported that Highway Department employee Barry Snow was out of work with a back injury during the week of December 20, 2015 to December 26, 2015. Mr. Snow presented a valid letter from his physician requesting that Mr. Snow's employer excuse him from work. The cause of the injury is unknown, but Mr. Snow does not believe it to be work-related. Mr. Snow returned to work on the day of this meeting, December 28, 2015.
- b. Truck #006 repairs.** Mr. Chase reported that Dump Truck #006 has been returned to the Town Garage after receiving new body pins from by Robco, Inc. This repair seems to have improved the stability of the body.

4. 2016 tax anticipation borrowing documents from Union Bank

The Board reviewed and executed documents relating to the 2016 tax anticipation note, as decided upon at their December 14, 2015 meeting.

5. Other business

- a. Bridges.** Ms. Ford indicated that she had been contacted on two occasions recently regarding two different Barnet bridges:
 - The first was an inquiry from Karne Choling regarding the bridge over the Stevens River on Patneau Lane. Karne Choling has plans to build a large structure on their property at the end of Patneau Lane during the next several years; they are concerned that the existing bridge may not be adequate to support heavy equipment and materials required for construction. Discussion ensued.
 - The second was an inquiry from the School Board regarding the bridge over Rake Factory Brook on Joe's Brook Road. The School Board is discussing a possible bus route that would cross this bridge, and the bus company, believing the bridge to be in inadequate repair, declines to travel a route crossing this bridge. Discussion ensued.

6. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

7. 2016 budget discussion

The Board continued their review of the Highway Department budget, discussing with Road Foreman Mark Chase various proposed adjustments.

The Board began its review of the Selectboard budget, making various adjustments.

Mr. Bunnell moved to compensate the Board of Auditors at an hourly rate, rather than a flat fee, and to set this hourly rate at the same rate as the Board of Listers. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk