

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016**

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, Building Committee Chair William Graves, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held January 11, 2016

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 11, 2016. 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. Loader (2010) 2000 hour service.** Mr. Chase reported that the John Deere 2010 loader has approximately 2500 hours. In the previous week, John Deere completed the routine service scheduled for after 2000 hours. A leak in the valve control was found and repaired.
- b. Backhoe repair.** Mr. Chase reported that the backhoe's steering column came apart; Caterpillar performed the repairs.
- c. Tractor repair.** Mr. Chase reported that the packing on a cylinder in the roadside mowing tractor was loose; this was repaired by Northeast Farm Sales & Service.
- d. Sanding and painting equipment.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been working on sanding and painting any equipment that requires paint repair.

4. 2016 Town Meeting warning

Mr. Roberts read the proposed warning for the Annual Town Meeting to be held March 1, 2016. The Board signed the warning.

5. Correspondence from Swanton Wind Opposition regarding Rutland Town Resolution for increased input of municipalities regarding the siting of renewable energy projects

Mr. Roberts read an email and the Board reviewed the attached resolution. The email solicits the Board's endorsement of the Rutland Town Resolution. This resolution resolves to instruct the municipality's "state representatives and senators to develop amendments to the statutes that concern the siting and approval of renewable energy projects and to the procedures of the [Public Service Board] in order to ensure that Vermont municipalities have a more meaningful role in the [Certificate of Public Good] process and to require compliance with the appropriately-developed municipal siting standards." Discussion ensued.

- The Board signed the resolution.

6. Other business

- a. Recycling Center building electricity.** Mr. Roberts reported that the St. Johnsbury Academy electrical class installed lighting at the Recycling Center building. The cost to the Town is solely in materials, a portion of which will be reimbursed through an energy efficiency rebate.
- b. Barnet Village water system meeting.** Mr. Roberts reported that he attended a Prudential Committee meeting of Barnet Fire District #2 (Barnet Village). A number of issues relating to the water system were discussed. Regarding the Church Street construction project, the

Prudential Committee stated their position that the Selectboard's \$15,000 estimate for the Fire District's portion of the paving expense is too high. Mr. Roberts requested that the Prudential Committee provide the Selectboard with an alternative estimate.

- c. **Building Committee update.** William Graves, Chair of the Building Committee, appeared to discuss the proposed renovations of the Town Hall. The Board updated Mr. Graves on the most recent developments in determining property lines. Discussion ensued.

7. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of Barrett Trucking Co, Inc., Newport Sand & Gravel Co, Inc./Carroll Concrete Co., Inc., and VELCO.

8. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

9. 2016 budget discussion

The Board continued to review the budget as revised on the basis of their previous discussion and of new information received since their last discussion. A few further minor revisions were made.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to approve the final budget as discussed at this meeting. 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 8:40 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk