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MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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 and Dylan Ford.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Marianne Briggs, Edward Brower, Nancy Brower, and Jody Degree.

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

Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held April 11, 2016.

Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

- a. **Harvey Mountain Road dog complaint.** Marianne Briggs, Edward Brower, Nancy Brower, and Jody Degree appeared to lodge complaints about two dogs owned by Kathleen Campbell, resident at 1998 Harvey Mountain Road. Nancy Brower presented a calendar and photographs documenting the dogs as causing a nuisance and disturbance by making numerous uninvited visits on Browsers' property during the calendar year 2016. The documentation indicated that while on the Browsers' property the dogs damaged their property, harassed the Browsers, and defecated on their property. Marianne Briggs reported incidents wherein the dogs have caused her and her husband to fear bodily injury by threatening to attack while they were walking on Harvey Mountain Road. Ms. Briggs also reported having witnessed similar incidents involving other passersby. Jody Degree reported that he and his family have also been harassed by the dogs. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to instruct the Constables to apprehend and impound Ms. Campbell's two dogs, pursuant to the Animal Control Ordinance's Section 5, Part C and to send a notice of violation, pursuant to Section 12, Part C.4., with a civil penalty of \$500.00 for each of the two dogs, to Ms. Campbell. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting.

4. Correspondence from Northeastern Vermont Development Association regarding sale of TransCanada holdings

The Board reviewed an email and attached survey requesting comment from various individual town officials regarding the recently-announced plans of TransCanada Hydro Northeast to sell its holdings on the Connecticut River. Discussion ensued.

5. Consideration of Application for Fire Cost Reimbursement to Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

The Board reviewed the application, which documents total expenses for one fire as \$126.64.

- The Board signed the application.

6. Correspondence from SunCommon regarding information session on Community Solar Array on the property of Thomas and Sherry Tolle

The Board reviewed an email and attached flyer regarding a gathering to be held at 2742 US Route 5 South in Barnet on Thursday, May 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Attendees may learn how residents of Barnet, St. Johnsbury, and Peacham will have the first opportunity to become members of this Community Solar Array and save 7% annually.

7. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of Larry Flood and the fleet applications of AmeriGas and Darrell Mathews/Mathews Excavating.

8. Other business

a. Public library and Town Hall use. Ms. Ford, who is also a librarian at the public library, asked about using the Town Hall for an upcoming event wherein the library will host the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to allow the proposed use of the Town Hall pending satisfactory insurance coverage; they requested that Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt inquire about purchasing liability insurance for the Town Hall.

9. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk