

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Gary Bunnell and Dylan Ford (Ms. Ford as acting Chair).

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 25, 2016

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held July 25, 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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting; the Board did, however, discuss one Highway-related matter.

- a. Reports of tires punctured by gravel.** Ms. Ford reported her conversations with two Barnet residents who reported automobile tires punctured by gravel on Town roads. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that Mr. Bunnell will inquire with Mr. Chase regarding the gravel products applied recently, and the particular areas where the punctures occurred.

4. Consideration of application of Jared Bradley for Highway Access Permit on Anderson Street

The Board reviewed the application and Mr. Bunnell discussed his communications with Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bunnell indicated to Mr. Bradley that the Town would be amenable to providing an 18-inch culvert to be placed across the Town Highway at the site of the highway access and \$500 toward blasting ledge in the ditchline. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table action on this matter, pending receipt of proof of insurance from Mr. Bradley's contractor and a letter of approval from the Barnet Village Fire District regarding the deposit of water onto their property which would result from this proposed project.

5. Consideration of application of Ralph's Barn LLC for Highway Access Permit on Harvey Mountain Road

The Board reviewed the application and accompanying site visit notes of Road Foreman Mark Chase. Mr. Chase recommends approval, noting that no culvert is needed and visibility is excellent. Mr. Chase recommends the condition that the installation not interfere with the Town's culvert under the Town Highway. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve the permit application with the condition recommended by Mr. Chase; Ms. Ford signed the same.

6. Correspondence from Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden with notice of application for zoning permit of abutting property owners Jan Enthoven and Suzann Duquette on Church Street

The Board reviewed the application for a residential addition for the construction of a den. Discussion ensued.

7. Correspondence from resident Kathryn Vereline regarding dog complaint on Blaine Drive

The Board read a letter describing occasions of alleged aggressive behavior toward Blaine Drive pedestrians Ms. Vereline, her dog, and one other individual by Moon, a dog owned by George Hannon, on July 31, 2016, June 2, 2016 and “over dozens” of times during the spring and summer of 2016. Discussion ensued. A review of the animal licensing records revealed that Moon is not licensed.

- The Board agreed to instruct the Town Constables to advise Mr. Hannon that his dog must be licensed, and to investigate the reports of running at large and aggressive, threatening behavior.

8. Correspondence from Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC regarding Vermont Transco LLC Petition for Certificate of Public Good for project on West Barnet Road

The Board reviewed a letter and several attachments documenting a petition to modify a telecommunications facility.

9. Other business

a. Consideration of correspondence regarding Animal Control Ordinance violations of Kathleen Campbell (executive session)

- Mr. Bunnell moved that the Board make a specific finding that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning the legal proceedings related to Animal Control Ordinance violations of Kathleen Campbell, in which the Town is a party, would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- Mr. Bunnell moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E) to discuss the legal proceedings related to Animal Control Ordinance violations of Kathleen Campbell, as premature public disclosure of which would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:55 pm. Those present in executive session: Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:10 p.m.
- No action taken.

10. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk