

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held September 12, 2016

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 12, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

- a. Appearance by Transfer Station/Recycling Center employee Shirley Warden regarding vandalism of Recycling Center propane tank.** Ms. Warden reported that the controls to the propane tank at the Recycling Center were removed by someone other than the staff at some time since the last heating season. Discussion ensued.

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

- a. Culvert projects.** Mr. Chase reported that the Garland Hill culvert project is nearly complete; the road was re-opened to traffic the day of this meeting. The project on Town Forest Road is also progressing, as the forms for the second header wall are in the process of being built.

4. Correspondence from Green Mountain Power with petition for the location of primary underground cable crossing Kitchel Hill Road

The Board heard a report on the location of this project from Mr. Chase, as discussed at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Chase indicated that there should not be any road problem caused by the project within the marked project area. Discussion ensued.

- The Board signed the petition.

5. Consideration of appointment of additional Animal Control Officer authorized to administer the Animal Control Ordinance

The Board considered this issue further, as discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Ford suggested appointing the Assistant Town Clerk as the additional Animal Control Officer, rather than the Town Clerk. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

6. Correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) regarding proposed amendments to NEKWMD Charter

The Board read a letter from NEKWMD and an attached proposal. The proposed amendments have two purposes: “(1) to allow greater flexibility in how the District generates revenue and (2) to eliminate the Australian Ballot method of voting on the annual budget.” Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that it is in agreement with the proposed charter amendments.

7. Application for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of John B Lantagne DBA JBL Logging & Excavating.

8. Other business

a. Harvey's Lake Dam grants. Ms. Ford discussed her attendance at a meeting at Northeastern Vermont Development Association regarding grant funding that may apply for the Town's proposed project. Assisting members of the Lake Harvey Association also attended. Ms. Ford asked the Board for approval to meet with Robert Desrochers of Fairbanks Mill, Inc. to discuss dam information relating to potential grant applications. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve Ms. Ford's meeting with Mr. Desrochers for one hour.

b. Consideration of Animal Control Ordinance violations of Kathleen Campbell (executive session)

- Ms. Ford 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 Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- Ms. Ford 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 Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:30 p.m. Those present in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Ms. Ford moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:40 p.m.
- No action taken.

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 7:40 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk