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MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

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.

Others present: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Hugh Bogie, Joseph Call, and Mona Marceau.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held April 24, 2017

Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held April 24, 2017.

Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance by resident Mona Marceau with proposal to dedicate park-and-ride facility to Leigh Larocque

Ms. Marceau appeared to propose that the Board dedicate the park-and-ride facility on Bimson Drive to the recently deceased Leigh Larocque, and put up a sign marking this recognition. Ms. Marceau indicated that Mr. Larocque spearheaded efforts for improvements to the facility in 2003, including adding pavement, guardrails, lined parking spaces, etc., and was also instrumental in securing the original right-of-way for to create the park-and-ride at an earlier date. Ms. Marceau indicated that no other individuals in Town could make a similar claim for credit for the facility's creation and improvements. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that the park-and-ride is a Town-owned facility, entirely maintained by the Town, and that the State of Vermont would allow the dedication of the facility without notice or comment. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to agree in principle to dedicate the park-and-ride facility as proposed by Ms. Marceau, and to authorize Ms. Marceau to obtain prices for a proposed sign.

3. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

- a. **2017 construction and paving projects.** Mr. Chase reported that he received notice that the Town's grant application for a paving project on Harvey Mountain Road was not funded. Mr. Chase asked how the Board would like to proceed with 2017 construction and paving projects. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved with proceed with 2017 construction and paving projects, as discussed at the April 10, 2017 regular meeting, on Harvey Mountain Road, Town Forest Road, and Kitchel Hill Road, and to use funds from the Highway Construction Fund reserve account for culverts and gravel materials on the Harvey Mountain Road project. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

- b. **Harvey Mountain Road wetland area.** Mr. Chase reported on his site visit with Patrick Ross of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the wetland area discussed at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Ross indicated that there is little the Board would be permitted to do to mitigate the potential problem, apart from obtaining permission from the landowner below the wetland area to place a culvert. Mr. Chase also reported that he

discovered that the parcel containing the wetland area is owned by Phillip and Mary Sorrentino. Discussion ensued.

- c. **Patneau Lane maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported on his discovery of information regarding road maintenance near the terminus of the dead-end road Patneau Lane, as discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Chase indicated that in recent years the Town has not maintained the road all the way to the end of its 0.42-mile length. The reasons for this are not certainly known, but seem to be related to the Highway Department's turnaround location being frequently occupied by motor vehicles. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to re-commence maintenance of the road to its terminus, and to monitor and report on the availability of a safe turn-around location.
- d. **Green Up Day.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department's participation in Green Up Day was smooth and efficient. One six-wheel dump truck was filled with bags of trash, and one ten-wheel dump truck was approximately one-third filled with construction debris and other larger materials. No bags were left on the ground for the Highway Department to clean up.
- e. **Pit stripping.** Mr. Chase reported that he and Mr. Bunnell met at the gravel pit with Daryl Mathews of Mathews Excavating to discuss stripping of the pit for 2017; a plan was formulated. Mr. Mathews has agreed to perform stripping for the same price as in 2016.
- f. **Sand screening and gravel crushing.** Mr. Chase reported that he has commenced work on preparing bid solicitation for 2017 sand screening and gravel crushing.
- g. **Road Foreman personal time.** Mr. Chase reported that he would be out of work on Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday, May 10.

5. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding application of Phillip and Mary Sorrentino for permit for project at Harvey's Lake

The Board reviewed an email and attached copy of permit application for removal of concrete walls with a boulder wall located within the public waters of Harvey's Lake. Discussion ensued.

6. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of Donald Moore Jr.

7. Other business

- a. **Correspondence from Transfer Station/Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston regarding proposed addition to Recycling Center.** The Board reviewed Mr. Marston's drawing of a proposed addition, as submitted per the Board's request at their prior meeting. The proposal is for a 24-foot by 24-foot ell addition situated in front of the existing structure, to the right of the existing entrance. Discussion ensued, including the consideration of making the addition the full length of the existing structure (i.e. addition measuring 42' x 24'), and space constraints in the unloading area in front of the recycling building.
 - The Board agreed in principle to the proposal of an addition to the recycling building; they also agreed that Mr. Bunnell will perform a site visit and report to the Board with a recommended location and size for the addition.

8. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

9. Consideration of correspondence from Town Agent Steven Adler regarding animal control matters (executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 313 (a)(1))

- Ms. Ford moved that the Board make a specific finding, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(F), that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning confidential attorney-

client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body relating to animal control matters, 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)(F) to discuss confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body relating to animal control matters, 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 8:00 p.m. Those present in executive session: 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 8:10 p.m.
- No action taken

10. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk