

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017**

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, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Karla Cornelius, and Joseph Mangiapane.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held May 8, 2017

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 2017.

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. Routine maintenance. Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent much of its time performing routine road maintenance, including grading.

b. Paving/construction preparations.

- Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has nearly completed road preparation for construction and paving on Kitchel Hill Road and Town Forest Road, this work included ditching and berming.
- Mr. Bunnell and Ms. Ford briefed Mr. Roberts on their decision about 2017 paving projects, made at the previous meeting.
- The Board signed a contract from Pike Industries for paving on Harvey Mountain Road, Kitchel Hill Road, and Town Forest Road, per the Board's decision at the previous meeting.
- Ms. Ford discussed her conversations with Louis Bushey, resident on Harvey Mountain Road. Mr. Bushey alerted Ms. Ford to presence of water lines running through a number of culverts that cross Harvey Mountain Road. Mr. Chase indicated that there are five road culverts which will be replaced as a part of the Harvey Mountain Road paving project; it is unknown how many, if any, of these have water lines running through them. Discussion ensued.
 - ◆ The Board agreed to send a letter to all owners of property on the Harvey's Lake side of Harvey Mountain Road within the range of the project site, informing them of the project, and asking for information about water lines located within Town culverts.
- Mr. Chase asked the Board if they wish to hire a contractor to excavate for the Harvey Mountain Road project. Discussion ensued.
 - ◆ The Board instructed Mr. Chase to obtain prices from several local excavation contractors.

4. Report on site meeting at Harvey's Lake regarding Harvey's Lake Dam, and consideration of next actions to improve dam and channel

Ms. Ford reported on her May 10, 2017 meeting at the Harvey's Lake Beach with Danielle Owczarski (Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation), Ron Rhodes (Connecticut River Conservancy), Patrick Ross (Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation), Robert Dufresne (engineer/Lake Harvey Association), and Shane Stevenson (excavation contractor/resident). The purpose of the meeting was for Mr. Rhodes and Ms. Owczarski to propose that the Town hire Mr.

Rhodes as a project manager for determining the best possible solution for the Harvey's Lake Dam situation. Mr. Rhodes is a consultant working through the Connecticut River Watershed Council, specializing in dam removal. His scope of work on the project would begin with creating a request for proposals to hire a main engineer and get a preliminary cost estimate; this would reflect about 30% of the total cost. Mr. Rhodes would then secure funding for the Town and landowners, with the goal of no cost to the Town or property owners. Throughout the project he would work with a Board-appointed five-member committee to ensure municipal oversight. He indicated that although he works primarily on dam removal projects, he would be comfortable working with the Town on the assumption that the current dam would not be removed unless there was another structure in place to control the lake's water level. Ms. Ford also reported on her discussions with consultant Robert Desrochers. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to invite Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Desrochers to their next regular meeting (June 12, 2017) to discuss this matter.

5. Consideration of addition to Recycling Center

Mr. Bunnell reported on his site visit meeting to assess the options for building an addition. He indicated that the consensus was to add an addition of the same size as the current structure (20' x 42') off the back side of the current structure: situating the addition's 42-foot length along the existing 42-foot length opposite the existing entrances, creating a total 40 by 42-foot building. Mr. Bunnell indicated that fill would be required to complete sitework for the project. He also provided recommendations for a roofed structure to cover the roll-off construction dumpsters. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to request bids for the Recycling Center project from Jason Lapierre, Allan Marceau, and Dana Young.

6. Consideration of bids for delivery of fuel oil, diesel fuel, and propane for the 2017-2018 season

The Board reviewed bids submitted by Fred's Energy and Patten's Gas Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the bid of Fred's Propane & Heating Oil, purchasing heating fuel oil (#2) at the fixed price of \$2.19 per gallon, propane at the fixed price of \$1.39, and diesel fuel at the fluctuating price based on the rack price. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

7. Consideration of 2017 Memorial Day observances at Passumpsic Village and Barnet Village

Mr. Roberts indicated that he had made arrangements for the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, and bagpiper David Rock to be on hand on Sunday, May 28 at the Passumpsic monument at 9:00 a.m. and the Barnet Village monument at 9:30 a.m. Discussion ensued.

8. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding application of John and Dawn Coster for lake encroachment permit for project at Harvey's Lake

The Board reviewed an email and attached application for removal of damaged creosote wooden walls and replacement with stone, matting, and natural backfill.

9. Correspondence from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding Order Amending Licenses for TransCanada Hydro Northeast LLC/Great River Hydro LLC

The Board reviewed a notice of FERC's order to amend the name of the licensee from TransCanada Hydro Northeast LLC to Great River Hydro LLC

10. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of Stan Robinson Wood Procurement LLC.

11. Other business

- a. **McIndoe Falls Academy open house.** Ms. Ford reported that the Academy will be holding an open house on Saturday, May 27 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Ms. Ford plans to put a sign up advertising this at the school merger election polling place on Tuesday, May 23.
- b. **Planning Commission/Zoning Board appointments.** Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden reported that the terms of Planning Commission/Zoning Board members William Biddle and Kathleen Crown are expiring July 1. Mr. Biddle has expressed willingness to be re-appointed, but Ms. Crown does not seek re-appointment; the Planning Commission/Zoning Board does not have any recommendations for replacement of Ms. Crown at this time. Discussion ensued.

12. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk