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MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017

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

Board members present: Jeremy Roberts, Gary Bunnell, and Dylan Ford

Others present: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Dakota Butterfield, Angela Croteau, Raymond Croteau, Mary Dawson, Mary Jane Egerton, and George McGurn.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held September 25, 2017

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 25, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance by residents of County Hill Road regarding paving of County Hill Road

Dakota Butterfield, Angela Croteau, Raymond Croteau, Mary Dawson, Mary Jane Egerton, and George McGurn appeared to discuss the current condition of County Hill Road and to inquire about the timing of paving the portion of the road that is a paved surface, but was not re-surfaced when the rest of the paved portion of County Hill Road was re-surfaced in 2016. The discussion about the current condition of the road was of a nature similar to the letter received by the Board from Mary Jane Egerton, and discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Egerton presented photographs of the current condition of this section. Several of those present argued that this portion of the road is unsafe for travel, especially on a motorcycle. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that the portion of County Hill Road discussed at this meeting will be at the top of the list for 2018 paving projects; they also instructed Road Foreman Mark Chase to patch pot holes on County Hill Road with cold patch.

3. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by other members of the public.

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

- Grading.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent some of its time in recent weeks grading gravel roads.
- Re-visiting FEMA projects.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent a large amount of time performing finishing work, including the application of top-coat gravel, on roads damaged by July 1 flooding. These are projects slated for reimbursement of expenses through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Dump truck repair.** Mr. Chase reported that dump truck #4 is currently at the repair shop of John Bogie for replacement of the steering box.
- New hire.** Mr. Chase reported that new Highway Department employee Thomas Gould has commenced work for the Town, and is performing well thus far.
- Vacations.** Mr. Chase reported that Jason LeClair and Barry Snow are scheduled for upcoming vacations.

5. Consideration of disposition of donation from Milarepa Center

Mr. Heisholt reported that the Milarepa Center once again made a donation with their payment of property taxes, this year in the amount of \$196.80. He asked for the Board's direction regarding the disposition of these funds. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to deposit these funds to the Municipal Buildings Account in the Reserve Fund.

6. Correspondence from Great River Hydro regarding planned elevation lowering at McIndoe Fall Station facility

The Board read an email which states that "Great River Hydro has work planned at the McIndoe Hydro facility the week of October 16 through 20 where the elevation will be lowered about four feet."

7. Consideration of insurance claim based on complaint from resident Raymond Peterson regarding pot hole on West Main Street

The Board reviewed a claim submitted by Mr. Heisholt per the Board's decision at the last Board meeting. Mr. Heisholt indicated that no decision regarding the claim has yet been received. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter until receipt of a decision on the claim.

8. Consideration of correspondence from Northeastern Vermont Development Association regarding Local Emergency Operations Plan

With reference to discussion about this matter at the past several meetings, Ms. Ford indicated that she has completed the majority of the required ICS 100 course, with only the final exam pending.

9. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding reissuance of 401 water quality certification

The Board reviewed an email and attached notice containing the reissuance of the certification, including findings of the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' May 31, 2017 proposed General Permit for the State of Vermont. Discussion ensued.

10. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets regarding notification of revision of medium farm operation general permit

The Board reviewed an email announcing the revision of the Medium Farm Operation General Permit, and a public commenting period and public hearing associated therewith.

11. Correspondence from Vermont Natural Resources Board regarding Act 250 permit application of Green Mountain Power and FairPoint Communications for project on Kitchel Hill Road

The Board read an email and reviewed an attached notice regarding a hearing on this permit application, discussed at previous Board meetings, to be held on October 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

12. Other business

- a. Truck or Treat Library Event.** Ms. Ford indicated that the Library Trustees have decided to hold the 2017 Halloween event at the Barnet School rather than at the Harvey's Lake Public Beach parking lot as in prior years. The Trustees decided to try this new venue because it has better lighting, and will hopefully be safer. Discussion ensued.

13. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

14. Consideration of candidates for vacant Lister position

The Board reviewed applications received for the vacant Lister position. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to appoint Christen Emerson to fill the vacant Lister position. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

15. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*