

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015**

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, Steven Adler, and Robert Desrochers.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held June 8, 2015

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 2015. 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 road maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent much of its time the past few weeks in ditching and grading roads.
- b. Sand screening.** Mr. Chase reported that screening and hauling of winter sand for this year was completed the week prior to this meeting.
- c. Tractor/roadside mower.** Mr. Chase reported that the tractor/mower discussed at previous meetings has been purchased and is at the Town Garage. The Town was unable to withdraw from the 2015 lease of a tractor/mower; the Highway Department will therefore have the use of two mowers for a period of time.
- d. Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) highway grants.** Mr. Chase reported that VTrans has indicated that the Town will receive both a Class 2 Roadway Grant and a Structures Grant. At this time the projects are awaiting environmental approval. In connection with the Structures grant, Mr. Chase has obtained quotes from Calco, Inc. for a box culvert (approximately \$45,000), and from Classen's Crane Service for an hourly rate for setting the culverts.
- e. New part-time/substitute driver.** Mr. Chase reported that he has hired Barnet resident Mark Fuller as a part-time/substitute driver. He has worked two days (hauling sand) thus far.
- f. Truck #009 body repair.** Mr. Chase reported that the cracked body of Truck #009 was welded by Ted Faris; Mr. Faris indicated that the repair will not last long.
- g. Truck #004 body replacement.** Mr. Chase reported that the newest dump truck, the body of which was refused by the Board when the truck was delivered, is at H.P. Fairfield receiving a new body.
- h. New pick-up truck.** Mr. Chase reported that the new pick-up truck is almost ready, and will be picked up some time during the week following this meeting.
- i. Paving projects.** Ms. Ford asked whether any progress has been made on selecting paving projects for this year, other than the grant project. Mr. Chase reported that he has requested quotes for paving all or portions of the following: Town Forest Road, Gilfillan Road, Brook Circle, Monroe Road, and South Main Street. The Board instructed him to also request a quote for the base of County Hill Road. Kitchel Hill Road was also discussed. Discussion then ensued regarding Town Forest Road: the extent of paving versus reclaiming and future reconstruction of road base.
- j. Harvey's Lake Beach material.** Mr. Chase reported that he had delivered sand and gravel to the beach.

4. Appearance by Robert Desrochers of Fairbanks Mill regarding Harvey's Lake Dam modifications

Mr. Desrochers, project manager, appeared to discuss the progress of the project. He reported that the sediment removal stage of the project has received wetlands approval from the State of Vermont. This sediment removal stage will require a Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan. Mr. Desrochers recommends that the Board hire a professional engineer to prepare this plan. He has obtained a quote from D.L. Turner Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$2,500. Mr. Desrochers also discussed various logistical aspects of the overall dam project, including next steps in the project beyond sediment removal, test borings for future dam site, project administration, and project financing.

- The Board agreed to hire a professional engineer to prepare a Sedimentation and Erosion Control Plan.
- The Board agreed that Mr. Bunnell will be the Board's project point person, with authority to make Board decisions outside of public meetings, for the immediate future.
- The Board agreed that Ms. Ford will be tasked with researching grant opportunities.

5. Consideration of appointments to fill Planning Commission/Zoning Board offices with terms ending July 1, 2015

Planning Commission/Zoning Board Secretary Shirley Warden appeared, and advised that the terms of Benjamin Adams, Gary Briggs, and Bruce Denio are due to expire. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to re-appoint Benjamin Adams, Gary Briggs, and Bruce Denio to four-year terms on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board commencing July 2, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

6. Notice of Public Hearing on proposed amended Barnet Town Plan

The Board reviewed the notice of a hearing to be held July 13, 2015. It was noted, however, that two Board members are unable to attend the hearing on July 13. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to reschedule the hearing for July 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.
- The Board also agreed to reschedule the regular Board meeting for July 13, 2015 to July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

7. Correspondence from Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding zoning permit issued for property abutting Town property

The Board reviewed a cover letter and the approved zoning permit of Neil and Leah Benedict for a roof over an existing deck. Discussion ensued.

8. Consideration of Custodial Care application process for Barnet landfill

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt gave a report of his activity in pursuing Custodial Care status for the landfill. The Johnson Company, which prepared the original post-closure plan in 1990, has reviewed the sampling data providing the Endyne, the Town's sampling vendor. Samples from two of the wells continue to exceed the State's standard for iron and manganese content, rendering Custodial Care status unlikely at this time. The Town may, however, be able to reduce the frequency and extensiveness of its sampling, saving significant Town funds. Paul Tomasi of the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District advises that the Town should apply for a reduction in monitoring as soon as possible, in attempt to achieve this prior to the expiration of the current post-closure certification on December 31, 2016. A professional engineer is required to prepare the request for reduction in monitoring. Discussion ensued.

- The Board requested that Mr. Heisholt solicit bids from professional engineers to prepare a request for reduction in monitoring.

9. Application for Fire Cost Reimbursement to Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in connection with wildland fire May 3, 2015

The Board reviewed the application, which documents the total expenses for the fire as \$762.42.

- The Board signed the application.

10. Correspondence from the Federal Communications Commission regarding Section 106 filing by AT & T Mobility, LLC of a new tower submission packet

The Board reviewed the notice, which is filed in connection with a proposed project off of West Barnet Road in Barnet.

11. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Public Notice for Draft Indirect Discharge Permit of Agri-Mark, Inc. (DBA Cabot Creamery)

The Board reviewed a cover letter and the renewal permit, which is in connection with wastewater discharge having the Passumpsic and Stevens Rivers as a part of its drainage basin. The public comment period for this permit ends on July 14, 2015.

12. Other business

- a. Letter from surveyor Andrew Dussault regarding Town Hall survey.** The Board reviewed a letter prepared for delivery to owners of properties abutting the Town Hall property. Discussion ensued, and various amendments were made to the letter.
- b. Highway Department probation termination.** Mr. Bunnell indicated that the probation period for Road Foreman Mark Chase is expiring. Mr. Chase has indicated to Mr. Bunnell that he would be willing to forego an increase in hourly wage in exchange for use of the Town pick-up truck for traveling to and from work. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to allow Mr. Chase to use the Town pick-up truck to travel to and from work.
- c. Roy Mountain Road dog concern.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he has not received a response from Town Attorney Jay Abramson regarding enforcement of the Animal Control Ordinance with respect to the Roy Mountain Road dog concern. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board requested that Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt contact Mr. Abramson to inquire regarding the status of this matter.

13. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

14. Discussion regarding legal proceedings in the tax appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.

The Board agreed to table this matter.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk