

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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, and Ross Page.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held September 28, 2015**

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 28, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Ford. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that Lisa Bowden, Treasurer for Barnet Fire District #2, contacted him to clarify the minutes with regard to item #3.a. ("Church Street excavation"). She believes that the minutes are misleading because they indicate that there was a break in the water main that precipitated the excavation, whereas there was actually never a water main break. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that, regardless of the whether there was actually a water main break, the minutes accurately reflect the discussion at the meeting. Mr. Bunnell's motion approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearances by members of the public**

**a. Appearance by Ross Page of the Bailey-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club.** Mr. Page appeared to indicate that he had sent a letter to the Board with a list of requested Town Highway access for the forthcoming snowmobile season. He asked how the Board would like to proceed with approving or denying this request.

- Mr. Roberts indicated that the Board had received the letter, and that the review of Town Highway access would be warned for the October 26, 2015 Board meeting.

**3. Appearance by Building Committee Chair William Graves regarding Town Hall renovations**

Mr. Graves appeared to discuss several matters in connection with the proposed Town Hall renovations.

- Ms. Ford indicated that she will be meeting with abutting property owners and surveyor Andrew Dussault on October 13, 2015.
- Mr. Graves reviewed with the Board 1991 septic design plans for the library building. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that the septic tank for this system should be pumped.

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

**a. Routine maintenance.** Mr. Chase indicated that the Highway Department has been spending the majority of its time working on routine highway maintenance, such as grading, ditching, and stockpiling material.

**b. Paving update.** Mr. Chase indicated that he has not heard from Pike Industries, Inc. with a date certain for various Town paving projects.

**5. Other business**

**a. Septic pumping.** Shirley Warden suggested that the Board should develop a schedule and a budget for pumping various Town septic tanks. Discussion ensued.

**b. Town Forest harvesting.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he has spoken with the St. Johnsbury Academy forestry teacher about cutting some timber in the Town Forest. The project would

involve building a landing and a trail, and thinning some diseased and aging trees. The resulting wood may be given to local families for firewood. Discussion ensued.

**6. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**7. 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*