

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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, Hon. John Hall, and Sarah Walls.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held November 9, 2015

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held November 9, 2015. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance by Hon. John Hall, Assistant Judge, Caledonia County

Judge Hall reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 County budget line-by-line. Proposed budget has total expenditures of \$358,302, which is a \$10,282 decrease from the 2015-2016 budget. The Town's County tax for the 2015-2016 budget was \$29,349; the tax for 2016-2017 will be approximately the same.

3. Appearance by Sarah Walls regarding community safety meeting

Mrs. Walls appeared to discuss a proposed community safety meeting, which she is organizing. Mrs. Walls spoke regarding her concern for community safety and awareness of public safety best practices, in the light of several recent break-ins and suspicious activity. Mrs. Walls indicated that the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department has agreed to provide a presentation at no charge, and that the Vermont State Police have also been invited. The Barnet School and the Fire & Rescue Station are possible locations, and the evenings of December 9 and December 11 are possible times for the meeting. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that the proposed meeting would be beneficial, and that a member of the Board would be present at the meeting.

4. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

- a. **Routine maintenance.** Mr. Chase indicated that the Highway Department had spent much of the prior two weeks performing routine fall tasks such as ditching and installing roadside marker whips.
- b. **Radiators.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has replaced radiators on dump trucks #008 and #004. Mr. Chase indicated that production dump truck radiators seem to have a lifespan of three to four years. Discussion ensued about the possibility of upgrading the quality of radiators purchased.
- c. **Transfer Station & Recycling Center tasks.** Ms. Ford reported that Transfer Station & Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston communicated to her that the Highway Department has recently been providing excellent service with regard to the agreed-upon regular tasks they perform at the Transfer Station & Recycling Center.

6. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles regarding annual reporting of special weight limits for highways and bridges

The Board reviewed a letter and attached instructions regarding the Town's annual obligation to report special weight limits for highways and bridges. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to report the same special weight limits in 2016 as in 2015.

7. Correspondence from Sheri Colby Schenck regarding resignation from Barnet Public Library Board of Trustees

The Board read a letter dated November 1, 2015 indicating that Ms. Colby-Schenck has resigned her office as Barnet Public Library Board Trustee effective immediately. Ms. Ford, who is the Library Director, indicated that the Board of Trustees does not request that the Selectboard appoint a replacement Trustee, but prefers to wait until an election can be had at Town Meeting in March 2016.

8. Correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) regarding suspension of Vermont e-waste collection program

The Board read a letter indicating that effective Saturday, December 12, 2015 all NEKWMD facilities will suspend the collection of electronic waste. The program is being suspended because it "by law, is supposed to be funded through manufacturers of e-waste, but the NEKWMD had to subsidize it because the payments from the manufacturers (via the state and their contractor) were insufficient to cover all the costs of this important program." Discussion ensued.

9. Correspondence from SunCommon regarding application to the Vermont Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good for a net metered power system on the property of Bryan Adams located at 1770 Joe's Brook Road

The Board reviewed the cover letter, application, and various attachments. Discussion ensued.

10. Other business

No other business was discussed.

11. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

12. 2016 budget discussion

Mr. Heisholt presented a preliminary draft budget. Brief discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table further discussion of the budget until the next meeting.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk