

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016**

**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:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Harry Adamek, William Biddle, Leann Despins, and Shawn Larocque.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held February 22, 2016 and special meeting held March 7, 2016**

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held February 22, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the special meeting held March 7, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

**2. Organization of the Board:**

- a. Appoint Chairman.** Mr. Bunnell moved to appoint Mr. Roberts. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- b. Appoint Road Commissioner.** Ms. Ford moved to appoint Mr. Bunnell. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.
- c. Appoint Tree Warden.** Mr. Bunnell moved to appoint Stanley Robinson. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- d. Set date and time of meetings.** Mr. Bunnell moved to continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

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

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting.

**5. Annual Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory**

The Board reviewed a Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards, an annual requirement for submission to the Vermont Agency of Transportation, to indicate that the Board has reviewed, understands, and complies with the Town's own standards.

- The Board signed the Certification.

**6. Annual review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)**

Leann Despins and Shawn Larocque appeared as representatives of the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club, which is the entity requesting highway access. The Board reviewed a list and a map of town highways, or sections thereof, requested. The request is the same as the access granted in 2015, except that Little France Road, which was granted in 2015, is not requested in 2016. A restricted Club access addition to the request, which was granted but subsequently forfeited in 2015, is not requested in 2016. The Board reviewed an email from Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, which indicates that resident Susan Rankin

called to express her concerns about ATVs on town highways. Mr. Heisholt indicated that he had not received any complaints about ATVs on Town Highways in 2015. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to renew the Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) as adopted in 2010, with changes only in the modification of specified town highway use permitted; this new permitted use being as requested by the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club at this Board meeting, to include all or a portion of Anderson Street, Barnet Center Road, Bony Woods Road, Brook Hill Road, Chamberlain Road, Cloud Brook Road, Ferguson Road, Garland Hill Road, Gilfillan Road, Goss Hill Road, Joe's Brook Road, Keyser Hill Road, Knights Lane, Little Scotland Road, McLaren Hill Road, Morse's Mill Road, Roy Mountain Road, Water Andric Road, West Barnet Road, West Main Street, and Whitehill Rd. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

#### **7. Consideration of 2016 mowing of town properties**

Town Clerk Heisholt indicated that the Board did not request bids for mowing in 2014 and 2015 but hired Jeremy Bean of J & B Property Maintenance based on a quote of \$2,400. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to not request bids at this time, but to request a quote from Mr. Bean for 2016 mowing.

#### **8. Correspondence from TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. regarding temporary mud season closure of recreational areas**

The Board reviewed an email and attached maps, indicating TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.'s plan to close some recreational areas, including Pine Grove Picnic Area and Boat Launch in Barnet, to vehicular traffic during mud season. TransCanada solicits comment from the Town regarding this plan. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that they do not object to TransCanada's plan.

#### **9. Correspondence from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding Order Amending Mercury Monitoring Plan for TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.**

The Board reviewed a letter indicating an amendment to TransCanada's monitoring of mercury levels in fish tissue at Moore and Comerford Reservoirs.

#### **10. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Notice of Proposed Source Protection Area for Barnet Village Water System**

The Board reviewed a notice and attached map indicating that the Source Protection Area for the Barnet Village Water System is undergoing a State of Vermont approval process. Any written comment by residents must be received by March 18, 2016. Discussion ensued.

#### **11. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits**

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle applications of Daniel Brick, Jr., Stan Robinson Wood Procurement, LLC, and Arnold Withers; and the fleet applications of Agri-Mark DBA Cabot Creamery, and Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.

#### **12. Other business**

- a. Correspondence from Zoning Administrative Officer Secretary Shirley Warden regarding issuance of zoning permit to Town's abutting property owners Barnet Fire District #2/Andrew & Cindy Mosedale.** The Board read a letter and reviewed an attached permit issued for a chemical feed and control building at 320 Carter Street. Discussion ensued.
- b. Transportation Advisory Committee.** Mr. Bunnell indicated that it was brought to his attention that the Town does not have a representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Discussion ensued.
  - Ms. Ford moved to appoint Mr. Bunnell as the Town's representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

**13. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**14. Adjournment**

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

*A true copy.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Town Clerk*