

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 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:** Library Trustee Jane Casavant, Road Foreman Mark Chase, Beach Committee Member Christen Emerson, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Library Trustee Julie Roos, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and David Price.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held March 14, 2016**

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2016. 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 Library Board of Trustees regarding outdoor lighting at library building**

Trustee Julie Roos presented and discussed a letter from the Board of Trustees, which involved a request for lighting along the pathway leading from the parking lot to the library building. Currently there is a motion-sensitive porch light, which is not adequate to provide lighting for the majority of the pathway. The Board of Trustees believes this is safety concern; it is especially a problem during the winter months when it is dark outdoors at the close of the library business. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Roos agreed to return to a Selectboard meeting in October to continue this discussion with a view toward the 2017 budget.

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

**a. Routine road maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been performing a mix of winter and spring routine maintenance: sanding, salting, and filling mud holes.

**b. Hydroseeder opportunity.** Mr. Chase and Mr. Bunnell presented a proposal received from Caledonia County Natural Resources Conservation District. The program would involve having a hydroseeder housed at the Danville Town Garage that would be shared by five towns. There would be a \$500 start-up fee and an annual fee of \$250 thereafter. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that the cost of the program would outweigh its utility to the Town; the Board agreed to not participate in this program.

**c. 2015 Structures Grant – Barnet Center Road box culvert.** Mr. Chase indicated that he is preparing bid solicitation for excavation of the box culvert project. He asked if the Board would like the Highway Department to supply gravel and trucking for the project. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that the Highway Department will provide gravel and trucking for the project.

**d. 2016 grant applications.** Mr. Chase discussed the 2016 State of Vermont Structures and Class 2 Roadway grants, both of which have application deadlines of April 15. Various potential projects were discussed.

- The Board agreed to apply for a Structures grant for a culvert project on Garland Hill near its intersection with Whitehill Road, and for a Class 2 Roadway grant for a paving project on Harvey Mountain Road.

e. **Waterford Bridge Street paving.** Mr. Chase indicated that the Waterford Highway Department has reported that it will be performing paving in 2016 on the portion of Bridge Street that lies within the Town of Waterford. They have asked if Barnet is interested in performing paving on the Barnet portion of the road while the paving company is in the area. Discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Mr. Chase to obtain a quote for this project.

f. **Paving quotes.** Mr. Chase reviewed a list of Town Highways for which he has requested paving quotes for 2016. Discussion ensued. Mr. Chase also presented a quote from Pike Industries for reclaiming a 1.1 mile portion of Harvey Mountain Road, in the amount of \$19,962.

- The Board instructed Mr. Chase to request that Pike Industries add to the quote a short section of Roy Mountain Road near the Harvey's Lake public boat access.

## **5. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding Finance & Maintenance Agreement for project at Bridge Street railroad crossing**

The Board reviewed the agreement for the project, which will be entirely State-funded, consisting of "replacement of crossing signal wiring, railseal and the installation of a replacement culvert and minor roadway approach work." Mr. Chase indicated that this is the same project that the State had prepared to commence in 2015, but was delayed due to price quotes in excess of expectations. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Roberts signed the agreement with the Board's approval.

## **6. Consideration of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) access on Town Highways for Green Up Day**

Mr. Heisholt indicated that the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club has requested ATV access on all Town Highways on Green Up Day, as has been allowed in prior years.

- The Board agreed to grant the Club's request for permission to use all town highways for collection of litter on Green Up Day on May 7, 2016. The Club must provide the Town with a list of the members who will participate along with proof of driver's license, vehicle registration, and insurance. Numbered tickets will be issued to confirm receipt of this documentation, without which access will be denied.

## **7. Appearance by Harvey's Lake Beach Committee**

Beach Committee member Christen Emerson appeared and presented a letter of resignation from Committee member Susan Persson. Ms. Emerson requested that the Board accept Ms. Persson's resignation and to appoint Daniel Pearl, whom the Committee has nominated, to replace her.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the resignation of Susan Persson and to appoint Daniel Pearl to replace her on the Beach Committee.

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

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that he had spoken to Jeremy Bean of J & B Property Maintenance, as discussed at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Bean quoted a price of \$2,500 for the 2016 mowing season, which an increase of \$100 from the price for which Mr. Bean provided these services in 2015. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to hire J & B Property Maintenance to perform 2016 mowing services at Mr. Bean's quoted price. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

## **9. 2016 liquor license renewal applications of Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the Barnet Village Store and the West Barnet Quick Stop for 2016 Liquor License renewals.

**10. Correspondence from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC regarding Notices of Dismissal in TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc. vs. Town of Barnet tax appeal**

The Board reviewed an email and attached Notices of Dismissal, indicating that the tax appeal matters are officially over.

**11. Correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD) regarding proposed amendments to Charter**

The Board reviewed a letter indicating proposed amendments to NEKWMD's charter. The purposes of the amendments are twofold: 1) To give the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors more flexibility in generating revenue; and 2) To replace the Australian Ballot method of approving the District's annual budget. The NEKWMD Board of Supervisors will be taking action on this matter at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lyndon Public Safety Building. Discussion ensued.

**12. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits**

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of C & C Bunnell Excavating, LLC and the fleet applications of Amadon Construction, Inc., Austin Construction, Inc., and Blue Mountain Trucking & Excavating.

**13. Other business**

- a. **Consideration of overburden stripping in gravel pit.** Mr. Bunnell discussed with Mr. Chase 2016 stripping of overburden in the town pit.
  - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to ask Daryl Mathews if he is interested in providing overburden stripping services in 2016.
- b. **Appearance by David Price of Lake Harvey Association regarding grants for Harvey's Lake Dam project.** Ms. Ford and Mr. Price discussed grant writing opportunities they have investigated. Ms. Ford indicated that the most promising opportunity she has uncovered involves the Clean Water Initiative through the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. There is a \$400,000 grant that may be applicable for the dam project, but the application deadline is April 8. Due to the time-consuming and intensive nature of the application process, it will not be possible to meet this deadline for the 2016 grant cycle. Ms. Ford suggested that the Town take steps toward applying for the grant in 2017. Mr. Price indicated that he discovered a United States Department of Agriculture grant that may be a possibility. Discussion ensued.
- c. **Appearance by Shirley Warden regarding parking on Monument Circle.** Ms. Warden reported that recently vehicles have been parked in unmarked parking spaces around Monument Circle for many hours at a time; sometimes these vehicles are parked in the direction opposite to travel. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to request that the Sheriff's Department patrol the area.

**14. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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