

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 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 and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held December 12, 2016

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 12, 2016. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

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

Mr. Chase did not make an appearance at this meeting.

3. Consideration of appointment of Animal Control Officer(s)

Ms. Ford reported that she had left a message with the Town of Ryegate, per the discussion at the previous Board meeting, but that Ryegate had not yet returned her call.

4. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) regarding receipt of acceptance of Municipal Planning Grant agreement

Mr. Roberts read an email indicating that DHCD had received the Town's acceptance of the Municipal Planning Grant agreement, and instructing the Town to mail the original of grant agreement. Ms. Ford reported that she had completed the steps for acceptance of the grant, and had mailed the original.

5. Consideration of bids for 2017 tax anticipation borrowing

The Board reviewed bids for tax anticipation borrowing for calendar year 2017. Bids received from Passumpsic Savings Bank and Union Bank. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the bid of Passumpsic Savings Bank for a lump-sum loan of \$327,251 at a rate of 1.80% with reinvestment of proceeds in a deposit account with a rate of 2.40%. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

6. Correspondence from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding Notice of Application for Transfer of Licenses and Soliciting Comments and Motions to Intervene for TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.

The Board reviewed notices indicating that transferor TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc and transferee TransCanada Hydro Northeast LLC seek FERC approval to transfer the licenses for five projects, including the Fifteen Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project, from the transferor to the transferee.

7. Other business

No other business was discussed.

8. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

9. 2017 budget discussion

The Board continued their review of the Selectboard Budget, focusing discussion on funding for maintenance of the Town Hall. The Board agreed to level-fund the line-item for Town Hall maintenance at \$1,000.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk