

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**

**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, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

**1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held March 27, 2017**

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held March 27, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

**2. Public hearing to consider the following changes and additions to the enhanced 911 maps: on map #5 to add "Gunnar Lane" off Kitchel Hill Road at 1067 Kitchel Hill Road (as noticed separately)**

Mr. Roberts read the notice of public hearing as posted on March 22, 2017 at three public places, including the Town Clerk's Office, and published in the Caledonian-Record newspaper. The Board also reviewed a letter from Dan and Lea Hale. The body of the letter is as follows: "I am requesting to name my driveway 'Gunnar Lane' in memory of my dear son that tragically passed on. Please consider this as both our mailing and physical address. Thank you..." Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to adopt, on map #5 of the enhanced 911 maps, "Gunnar Lane" as the street name of the private drive located at 1067 Kitchel Hill Road. 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. Consideration of repairs to roof of library building**

The Board read a letter from contractor William Graves of Graves Builders. The letter describes Mr. Graves's response to the Barnet Public Library staff's report of damage to the roof of the library building. Ms. Ford, who is also the Librarian, discussed her interactions with Mr. Graves regarding this matter. Given the gusty conditions on the eve of the observation of roof damage, Mr. Graves and Ms. Ford surmise that it was wind-caused. There is some suspicion that inadequate installation may have allowed the wind to cause damage, but Ms. Ford stated that there is no warranty applicable to the construction. Mr. Graves and roofing contractor Nick Kendall of Kendall Standing Seam have observed the damage and conclude that five sheets/pans of roofing need to be replaced, and that exterior finish carpentry, and some sheathing and structural repair work need to be performed. The proposed project, including labor and materials by Kendall Standing Seam and Graves Builders, and rental of a man lift, is estimated to cost \$2,700. Mr. Graves indicated that there does not appear to be a risk of imminent leaking. Kendall Standing Seam and Graves Builders are waiting for directions from the Board on if they should proceed with the repairs, and if an insurance claim should be filed. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that he had contacted the Town's insurance carrier, Vermont League of Cities & Towns, who indicated that the Town's full \$1,000 deductible would apply for a claim in this case, and that the Town's experience modification should not be effected severely by this relatively small claim. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to instruct Kendall Standing Seam and Graves Builders to proceed with repairs, and to not file an insurance claim for the repairs. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

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

- a. Spring road maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been grading dry roads and filling potholes; meanwhile roads in some of the colder pockets are just starting to break up. Mr. Roberts asked if the Highway Department has considered using a heater/burner for patching material, as this method tends to result in better adhesion. Discussion ensued.
- b. Dump truck maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has performed brake service on Trucks #3 and #4. On Truck #6, repairs are forthcoming to address corrosion on the suspension saddles, cross members of the frame, and the hydraulic tank. The Highway Department also inspected the body on Truck #4 and found similar problems, although not as severe.
- c. Municipal Equipment Show.** Mr. Chase indicated that the annual equipment show and field day is scheduled for May 10; he asked if the Board would approve the Highway Department's attendance at the event, and pay the registration fee.
  - The Board agreed to approve the Highway Department's attendance at the event, and to pay the registration fee.
- d. Chipper rental.** Mr. Chase reported that he had received a request for rental use of the Town's chipper. Residents David and Lori Wright are starting a meat smoking business, and are requesting occasional use of machine to chip apple tree limbs. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to deny this request.
- e. Highway paving projects.** Mr. Chase reported to the Board quotations received from Pike Industries for a number of proposed paving projects for 2017:
  - Bridge Street: \$30,870
  - County Hill Road: \$23,961
  - Garland Hill/Old West Road/Stevenson Road: \$54,390
  - Harvey Mountain Road: \$140,825
  - Kid Row: \$53,655
  - Kitchel Hill Road: \$41,527
  - Town Forest Road: \$90,107Mr. Chase indicated that he intends to apply for paving grants for Harvey Mountain Road, Kid Row, and Town Forest Road. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board approved Mr. Chase's proposed grant applications, and tabled further discussion on other paving projects.
- f. New dump truck delivery.** Mr. Chase reported that he has not received any new information on the timing of the delivery of the new dump truck expected this summer.
- g. McIndoe Academy septic excavation.** Mr. Chase reported that on March 31 the Highway Department used the Town backhoe to assist with excavation for observation of the septic system at the McIndoe Falls Academy.

## **6. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding revision and adoption of Stream Alteration General Permit**

The Board reviewed an email and attached copy of the General Permit, whose purpose is to ensure that stream alteration activities are regulated in accordance with the Vermont Stream Alteration Rule and the requirements of 10 VSA Chapter 41.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of C & C Bunnell Excavating LLC, Calkins, Camp Precast Concrete Products Inc., Chief Crushing & Excavating Inc., Chief Logging & Chipping

Services Inc., and Mathews Excavating; the Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle applications of A. Withers Trucking, and Nathan Foster.

**8. Other business**

- a. **McIndoe Falls Academy feasibility study update.** Ms. Ford discussed the site visit conducted on March 31, as referenced by Mr. Chase. Seven individuals were on site, and four test holes were excavated by the Town backhoe; a report on the day's events was issued by Building Committee Chair William Graves.

**9. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**10. Adjournment**

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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