

DRAFT

MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017

Meeting convened at 7:18 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Jeremy Roberts, Gary Bunnell, and Dylan Ford.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Debra King, Mona Marceau, Victor Veve, and Will Veve.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 24, 2017 and special meeting held August 7, 2017

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held July 24, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the special meeting held August 7, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance by Debra King regarding flash flooding at West Barnet Quick Stop parking lot

Road Commissioner Gary Bunnell indicated that he had spoken with Road Foreman Mark Chase about the planned projects at West Main Street/West Barnet Quick Stop. The planned Town project involves a three-foot diameter Town culvert under West Main Street, which would drain unto West Barnet Quick Stop property. The planned drainage project at the West Barnet Quick Stop would be physically separate from the Town project. The Town would require an easement to allow access onto West Barnet Quick Stop property for installation and ongoing maintenance of the new Town culvert system. Ms. King could commence work on the West Barnet Quick Stop's drainage project prior to the easement and subsequent work on the Town culvert project. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to contact Town Agent Steven Adler regarding drafting an easement.

3. Appearance by Mona Marceau regarding dedication of park-and-ride facility

Ms. Marceau appeared to present a sign to mark the dedication of the Barnet park-and-ride facility as the Leigh Larocque Memorial Park-and-Ride." Ms. Marceau indicated that she and her husband Allan Marceau were donating the sign to the Town. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to instruct Road Foreman Mark Chase to arrange a time to install the sign with Ms. Marceau.

4. Appearance by Green Lantern Development regarding commercial solar facilities

Victor Veve and Will Veve of Green Lantern Development appeared to discuss potential commercial solar sites owned by the Town. They presented background information about their company, and made a presentation on a proposed project at the former landfill location at the end of Town Forest Road. The proposed project would develop a 500 kw AC net-metered solar array, and would utilize 3.5-4.5 acres of the capped landfill. The project would pay the Town a minimum of \$7,777.00 per year lease payment per project for an initial term of 20 years. It would also include the Town as an offtaker of the net-metered credits produced by the solar facility. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that a better initial site for a solar project is the former landfill located off Bimson Drive. They agreed to pursue a project at the Bimson Drive location, and to explore possible future projects at the Town Forest Road landfill. Mr. Roberts signed an agreement for

the Bimson Drive project, with the same terms as those proposed for the Town Forest Road project.

5. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting.

7. Consideration of execution of documents for highway equipment note from Union Bank on new dump truck

The Board reviewed and executed loan documents for a \$50,000 note, as agreed upon at a previous Board meeting.

8. Correspondence from Lincoln Applied Geology regarding site monitoring at former Passumpsic Village Store

The Board reviewed and signed Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation reimbursement forms for monitoring services performed at the former Passumpsic Village Store. The Board also reviewed an email regarding well abandonment of ten monitoring wells, with the aim of achieving a Sites Management Activity Completed designation. Discussion ensued.

9. Correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District regarding 2017 second quarter municipal solid waste and recycling

The Board reviewed a report of second quarter disposal, recycling and composting totals.

10. Correspondence from Vermont Division of Fire Safety regarding duplex construction permit issued to Charles Somers for project in McIndoe Falls

The Board reviewed fire inspection results for an approved duplex renovation project on Route 5 South in McIndoe Falls.

11. Other business

a. Planning Commission/Zoning Board vacancy. Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley

Warden appeared to report that a vacancy remains on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board. She reported that she is having difficulty recruiting a candidate. Discussion ensued.

- The Board suggested that the Barnet Community Facebook Page may be a good place to advertise the vacancy.

12. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

13. Consideration of correspondence regarding animal control matters (executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 313 (a)(1)(E))

- Ms. Ford moved that the Board make a specific finding, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E), that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning pending or probable civil litigation, to which the Town is a party, relating to animal control matters, would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- Ms. Ford moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E) to discuss pending or probable civil litigation, to which the Town is a party, relating to animal control matters, as premature public disclosure of which would clearly place the

Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:44 p.m. Those present in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

- Ms. Ford moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session 9:00 p.m.
- Ms. Ford moved that, regarding the animal control complaint form filed by Steven Hersom Jr, Mr. Roberts contact Health Officer Theodore Faris to obtain further information, then contact Town Agent Steven Adler for a legal opinion. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*