

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

**Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk’s Office.**

**Board members present:** Jeremy Roberts, and Gary Bunnell.

**Others present:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and Raymond Peterson.

**1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held September 11, 2017**

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

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

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting.

**4. Correspondence from resident Raymond Peterson regarding pot hole on West Main Street**

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Peterson, who also appeared to discuss its contents with the Board. The letter, and Mr. Peterson’s oral testimony, indicated that two of his vehicles were damaged when they struck a pot hole on West Main Street, in separate incidents both occurring the evening of September 6, 2017. Each vehicle required a new tire, new rim and an alignment. Mr. Peterson indicated that his total costs for these repairs are approximately \$625, and requested reimbursement from the Town. Mr. Peterson indicated that pot holes were not marked, and had been present for several days. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to report the incident to the Town’s insurance carrier, and discuss the insurance carrier’s response at the next Board meeting.

**5. Correspondence regarding quotes for 2017-2018 deicer salt purchase**

The Board reviewed quotes from American Rock Salt and Cargill and an email from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) regarding state-wide pricing for salt from American Rock Salt and Apalachee. Below is a summary of the quoted prices.

American Rock Salt (quoted directly):	\$68.50 per ton
American Rock Salt (quote via VLCT):	\$74.62 per ton
Apalachee (quote via VLCT):	\$87.80 per ton
Cargill (quoted directly):	\$68.78 per ton

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that Road Foreman Mark Chase had been unable to speak with Cargill regarding the additional product offered this year, “ClearLane Deicer,” as discussed at the previous meeting. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to purchase deicer salt from Cargill for the 2017-2018 season. Mr. Roberts signed Cargill’s quote letter.

## **6. Review of proposal for town-wide reappraisal of all grand list parcels**

The Board reviewed a proposal received from NEMRC. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that the Listers, after having received no proposals from their original request for proposals, had called NEMRC to inquire about their reasons for not submitting a proposal. NEMRC reported that they had not received the request; subsequently, NEMRC did submit a proposal. This proposal is according to the terms of the Listers request, including an appraisal effective date for the 2020 Grand List. The total cost quoted is \$100,800, or \$90.00 per parcel for 1,120 parcels. Mr. Heisholt indicated that the Listers have been advised by their State District Advisor that this per-parcel price is typical of the current market for appraisals. The Listers have checked the references provided by NEMRC, all of which were positive. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to accept the proposal of NEMRC for a 2020 town-wide reappraisal.

## **7. Correspondence from Lister Scott Renfrew regarding resignation**

The Board reviewed a letter dated September 21, 2017 indicating that Mr. Renfrew would resign as Lister effective immediately, citing recent medical problems. Discussion ensued.

- The Board requested that Mr. Heisholt advertise the Lister vacancy on the Barnet Community Facebook page.

## **8. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Health regarding recommendation for appointment of Deputy Health Officer**

Mr. Heisholt reported that he had spoken with incumbent Deputy Health Officer Maurice Roberts, who indicated that he had decided he is willing to be re-appointed.

- The Board agreed to recommend the reappointment of Maurice Roberts as Deputy Health Officer. Jeremy Roberts signed the recommendation form.

## **9. Consideration of correspondence from Northeastern Vermont Development Association regarding Local Emergency Operations Plan**

The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter pending Ms. Ford's presence at the next meeting.

## **10. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources and Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development regarding Act 250 permit application of Green Mountain Power and FairPoint Communications for project on Kitchel Hill Road**

The Board reviewed two emails regarding this application for a utility and communication line relocation and reconstruction on Kitchel Hill Road.

## **11. Correspondence from Vermont Public Utility Commission regarding Fifth Amended Order Implementing Section 248a Standards and Procedures**

The Board reviewed an email and attachment regarding the order issued by the Public Utility Commission on September 14, 2017.

## **12. Other business**

- a. Correspondence from resident Mary Jane Egerton regarding County Hill Road.** The Board read a letter in which Ms. Egerton requests that the Board finish paving the upper section of County Hill Road, indicating that it is presently filled with potholes and dangerous. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board signed a form letter requesting that Ms. Egerton schedule an appearance at a Board meeting to discuss her concern.
- b. Zoning Administrative Officer leave.** Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden appeared to report that she will be undergoing a medical procedure on Thursday, September

28, 2017 and will be unavailable on that day and for several days following. She reported that she was not certain if she would be available for the Planning Commission/Zoning Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

**13. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**14. Consideration of Ambulance Services Agreement from CALEX Ambulance Service**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Agent Steven Adler regarding the proposed contract. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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