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MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Meeting convened at 7:00 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, Victoria Baldoni (Lyndon State College News 7), Kiernan Brisson (Lyndon State College News 7), and Celina Wright.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held November 13, 2017

Mr. Bunnell noted that in item #19.b. the minutes reflect that Mr. Bunnell used a pole saw to remove beaver dams at the Harvey's Lake channel, whereas they should reflect that he used a pole saw at the Harvey's Lake Dam. Mr. Bunnell moved to approve, with the correction noted, the minutes of the regular meeting November 13, 2017. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance by Celina Wright of CALEX Ambulance Service regarding 2018 CALEX funding request

Ms. Wright appeared to follow-up on previous discussions about changing Town funding of CALEX from a voted appropriation to a budget line-item based on a contract. Discussion ensued regarding the reasons CALEX is requesting this change, and the Town's response to the request. This discussion was primarily a recapitulation and elucidation of other Board meeting discussions during the previous twelve months.

- The Board indicated that:
 - Town Agent Steven Adler has discussed his several suggested revisions to the contract with CALEX's attorney, and the two sides have commenced negotiating a new contract.
 - It is possible or likely that any final negotiated contract would not be prepared to be signed until after Town Meeting 2018. CALEX should therefore consider petitioning for an increased appropriation if they plan to increase their request of Town funds for 2018.
 - The Board cannot promise that it will sign a contract until it has a final negotiated contract to consider.

3. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

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

5. Consideration of correspondence from Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) regarding Local Emergency Operations Plan

Ms. Ford discussed technical difficulties encountered in attempting to complete online training as discussed at previous meetings. These technical difficulties persist. Ms. Ford was able to confirm that the source of the problem is trouble with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA)

server. Ms. Ford indicated that she has spoken to Bruce Melendy of NVDA about this situation several times, and is awaiting resolution of the problem by FEMA.

6. Correspondence from Vermont Natural Resources Board regarding Act 250 hearing recess order for Green Mountain Power and FairPoint Communications for proposed project near Kitchel Hill Road

The Board reviewed an email and attached recess order indicating that the hearing has been recessed pending submittal of additional information by the parties.

7. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Shoreland Permit of Karla Cornelius Revocable Trust for project on Harvey's Lake

The Board reviewed an email and attached approved permit for relocation of a shed on a Harvey's Lake property.

8. Other business

- a. Building Committee open house.** Ms. Ford reminded the Board and those present that there will be a meeting of the Building Committee to serve as an open house and forum for discussion at the McIndoe Falls Academy on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Aquatic Nuisance Grant.** Ms. Ford indicated that the Aquatic Nuisance Grant for the boat wash/monitoring program at Harvey's Lake is up for renewal. She indicated that she has been working with David Price of the Lake Harvey Association on the renewal application.
- c. Possible zoning violation.** Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden appeared to discuss a possible or impending zoning violation on permit #3-17 issued to Bruce Ellison. Ms. Warden has investigated this matter and engaged the services of Town Agent Steven Adler to correspond with Mr. Ellison. The Planning Commission/Zoning Board will discuss this matter at their next meeting, Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Discussion ensued.
- d. Consideration of end of probationary period for Highway Department employee Thomas Gould.**
 - Ms. Ford moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a) (3) to consider the end of the probationary period for Highway Department employee Thomas Gould. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:40 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 at 7:49 p.m.
 - Ms. Ford moved to conclude the probationary period Highway Department employee Thomas Gould based on a positive evaluation and to increase his hourly wage per discussion in executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

9. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

10. 2018 budget discussion

The Board commenced discussion of the first draft of the 2018 budget, making several revisions to individual line items.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*