

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**

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

**Board members present:** Jeremy Roberts, Dylan Ford, and Benjamin Gates.

**Others present:** Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Harry Adamek, Lisa Adler, William Biddle, Jonathan Carpenter, Laura Goldberg, Shawn Larocque, and Steve Mosher.

**1. Consideration of approval of minutes of special meeting held March 5, 2018**

Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the special meeting held March 5, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

**2. Organization of the Board:**

- a. Appoint Chair.** Ms. Ford moved to appoint Mr. Roberts as Chair. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.
- b. Appoint Road Commissioner(s).** Ms. Ford moved to appoint Mr. Roberts and Mr. Gates as Co-Road Commissioners. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.
- c. Appoint Tree Warden.** Ms. Ford moved to appoint Stanley Robinson as Tree Warden. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.
- d. Set date and time of meetings.** Ms. Ford moved to continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

**3. Annual review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)**

Steve Mosher, and Shawn Larocque appeared as representatives of the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club (Club), which is the entity requesting highway access. The Board reviewed a list and a map of town highways, or sections thereof, requested. The request is the same as the access granted in 2017. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mosher indicated that neither he, as First Constable, nor the Second Constable, have received any complaints about operation of ATVs on town highways during the 2017 season. Mr. Mosher responded to Mr. Roberts inquiry by stating the Club has made some progress on securing more off-road trails, but as yet no agreements have been made. Resident William Biddle indicated that he has noted a few ATVs on Roy Mountain Road, riding to Mosquitoville and back, but that this is not a great concern. Mr. Mosher, who is the Town's elected First Constable, indicated that complainants should call Second Constable David Stevenson about ATV violations; he encouraged residents to do so whenever they note violations of the ordinance, because problems can only be addressed if they are known.

- Mr. Gates moved renew the Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) as adopted in 2010, with changes only in the modification of specified town highway use permitted; this new permitted use being as requested by the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club at this Board meeting, to include all or a portion of Anderson Street, Barnet Center Road, Bony Woods Road, Brook Hill Road, Chamberlain Road, Cloud Brook Road, Ferguson Road, Garland Hill Road, Gilfillan Road, Goss Hill Road, Joe's Brook Road, Keyser Hill Road, Knights Lane, Little Scotland Road, McLaren Hill Road, Morse's Mill Road, Roy Mountain Road, Water Andric Road, West Barnet Road, West Main Street, and Whitehill Rd. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

#### 4. Appearances by members of the public

- a. **Resident Lisa Adler regarding speeding on roads near Harvey's Lake.** Ms. Adler indicated that in 2017 she noticed many automobiles and all-terrain vehicles traveling at speeds greater than the speed limit on roads near Harvey's Lake, including Garland Hill and Roy Mountain Road. She stated that there are many pedestrians on these roads during the warmer seasons, and that she often noted the speeding traffic while walking herself. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to consider requesting speed limit enforcement from the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department, and asked Ms. Adler to inquire regarding specific times of the day and week that are particularly problematic for speeding.
- b. **Resident Laura Goldberg regarding snow plowing on Carter Street.** Ms. Goldberg requested that the Highway Department plow snow to the western side of Carter Street, rather than to the eastern side as is the current practice. Ms. Goldberg based her request on the fact that there are five residences on the eastern side of the road, and only one residence on the western side. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to instruct the Highway Department to plow snow to the western side of Carter Street, using the pick-up truck, for the remainder of the current winter season.

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

- a. **Dump Truck #003 repairs.** Mr. Chase reported that Truck #003 is currently at R.R. Charlebois for repair of an electrical problem and to diagnose a "check engine" light.
- b. **Road salt shortage.** Mr. Chase reported that there has been a shortage of road salt regionally. The Highway Department has no supply of salt as of this meeting and does not expect to receive a delivery within the next several days. Mr. Chase indicated that the Highway Department intends to apply sand in moderation in place of salt when necessary, and to seek other sources of salt. Discussion ensued.
- c. **Vermont Municipal Highway Association Equipment Day.** Mr. Chase reported that the annual Equipment Day is scheduled for May 9, 2018. He asked if the Board would allow the Highway Department to attend; registration cost is \$15 per attendee.
  - The Board agreed to allow the Highway Department to attend the event, and to pay for the cost of registration.
- d. **Routine road maintenance.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent much of its time performing routine March road maintenance, including both plowing, sanding, and salting for winter weather events, and filling pot holes during warmer periods.
- e. **Equipment status.** Mr. Chase reported that, other than Dump Truck #003, all equipment is in working order.
- f. **Sand supply.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department's sand supply is low, but sufficient for the remainder of the season.
- g. **Town Garage painting.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been spending some of its time, when unoccupied by weather events, with painting the interior of the Town Garage.
- h. **Gravel supply and pit stripping.** The Board discussed with Mr. Chase the current supply of crushed gravel and the plan for stripping gravel in the spring.
- i. **Driveway accident.** Mr. Chase reported that on March 11, 2018 he was involved in an accident in the driveway of a resident. The resident backed into Mr. Chase's dump truck, which was momentarily parked in the driveway during routine winter maintenance activities. Some damage was done to the resident's pick-up truck, but no damage was done to the Town's dump truck.

**6. Consideration of Fire District No. 2 Prudential Committee vacancy**

Prudential Committee member Jonathan Carpenter appeared and reported that the Prudential Committee had nominated Jay Sprout to fill the current vacancy on the Committee. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to appoint Jay Sprout to fill the vacancy in the Fire District No. 2 Prudential Committee. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

**7. Consideration of Town Meeting straw poll regarding fire district services**

The Board discussed the straw poll taken at the 2018 Town Meeting and agreed to request that the five fire districts report to the Board regarding their annual expenses. The Board reviewed an expense report received from Fire District No. 5 (West Barnet).

**8. Consideration of 2018 mowing of town properties**

Town Clerk Heisholt indicated that the Board did not request bids for mowing in 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 but hired Jeremy Bean of J & B Property Maintenance. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to not request bids at this time, but to request a quote from Mr. Bean for 2018 mowing.

**9. Consideration of applications for uniform municipal excess weight permits**

The Board reviewed and approved the fleet permit application of Gil’s Construction.

**10. Other business**

- a. **Solid Waste Landfill Post-Closure Recertification Application Form.** The Board reviewed and signed an application form to initiate the process for recertification of the closed Barnet landfill.
- b. **Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant report.** Ms. Ford reported that the Town had received confirmation that its has been awarded a 2018 Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant to be used for the Harvey’s Lake boat wash/monitoring program.

**11. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**12. Adjournment**

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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