

Minutes of Barnet Selectboard June 25

Attendees: Lisa Bowden, Ron Rhodes(CRC), Jessica Richter (CRC/Americorps), George Copenrath (Dam Committee), Mark Cote, David Price (Dam Committee), Joe Mangiapane (Dam Committee), Don Easter (Dam Committee), Michael D. Wormser, Kevin Doyer (Caledonian Record), William Graves, Jon Carpenter, Dylan Ford, Ben Gates

1. Minutes of the Barnet Selectboard held June 11, 2018 were tabled due to lack of two Selectboard members that attended that meeting.
2. Appearances by members of the public were moved to later in the Agenda.
3. Presentation of findings by the Dam Committee: The Dam Committee received a State Grant to conduct and review a water analysis on the current dam at Harvey's Lake. The Committee has received its first Deliverable from InterFluve, Inc. which was the engineering company responsible for conducting the analysis.

The Committee has reviewed the Alternatives presented by InterFluve, Inc. and recommends Alternative #3 to the Selectboard.

Alternative #3 recommends a rock structure (passive riffle) to maintain the water level in Harvey's Lake. Most of the dam would be removed and the South Peacham Brook would be aligned to its historic, original placement. To meet the September 1st deadline for the second Deliverable, the Selectboard needs to accept the recommendation of the Dam Committee by July 20.

The loons are protected in this Alternative.

The Harvey's Lake Bridge upstream from the Dam is protected.

Altering the stream protects the West side of the bank. As will low shrubs that will be planted such as willows, dogwoods, alders.

The riffle placement options will be discussed. Right at the lake would be ideal, but given the presence of the loons, it will probably be lower.

The water control structure will maintain the lake level.

All the sediment, rock, and gravel will be given to the Town of Barnet. Burke got \$300,000 worth of rock, gravel and sand. The Town has the right to use it, sell it, or refuse it.

Alternative 2 would be more long term maintenance.

The structure would no longer be Town-owned, therefore taking the responsibility of the dam off the Town's hands. The Connecticut River Conservancy or the State would take over repairs.

The level of the stream will be lower than it is now so high water events will have less impact. Removal of the dam doesn't increase the speed or volume of the water. The man-made structure would tie into the existing rock so there is no chance water will go around the structure.

Ms. Ford made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Harvey's Lake Dam Committee for Alternative 2 and to proceed with the design. Seconded by Mr. Gates.

2. Appearances by members of the public: Ms. Bowden stated that people are speeding up and down Church Street. She requested that the Town look into placing speed bumps along the street. She has seen some that are removable for the winter months to facilitate plowing. The will look into the cost of speed bumps. Ms. Ford and Mr. Gates said they would like Mr. Chase to be present when they discuss the possibility. She will bring in more information on this for the July 9 meeting.

Ms. Bowden also would like, as Tax Collector to call in Steve Adler for tax sale help. She is having trouble getting in touch with people regarding tax sales.

Ms. Bowden informed the board she is going to go to the VLCT Tax Collector training. The board approved her attendance and asked she get in touch with Ben Heisholt for the sign-up and training information.

Mr. Carpenter is meeting with Tim Sicard from Ruggles Engineering on July 5 at 8 am to look at the Barnet Village bridge for options for water pipe placement. He is also going to ask Mr. Sicard about his opinion on the sidewalk issue.

5. Ms. Warden has submitted another animal complaint for the dogs owned by Jan and Brent o'Donnell. Despite the fact that this violation occurred before the O'Donnell's received the last violation letter, Steve Adler, Town Attorney recommended that this count as another violation.

Mr. Graves made an appearance to speak on behalf of Shirley Warden saying that she has served this Town for most of her life and at some point we have to protect the people in this town. Discussion ensued

Mr. Gates made a motion to assess a \$500.00 penalty to the O'Donnells for this violation of the dog ordinance. Seconded by Dylan Ford. All in favor.

6. No representative or recommendation present

7. Correspondence received from Endyne.

8. Other Business:

Mr. Graves would like the Building Committee to ratify or clarify the role of the committee. The Town Clerk has been asked to look into the minutes to see if there was a specific directive originally requested of the Building Committee. The Town Clerk recommended that the Selectboard clarify a definition and direction of the Building Committee. Do they assess all properties and suggest action?

The Selectboard stated that they would like the Clerk to search his records as to when and why the Building Committee was formed and/or reinvigorated. If there is nothing specific, the Selectboard would like it as an agenda item.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible inventory of all Town -Owned buildings and property boundaries. It is expensive but if we ever want to do anything with the properties it will have to be done.

The Selectboard stated that it is lucky to have a committee willing to look after the town properties and be willing to pursue further action.

Mr. Graves stated that McIndoe Falls Cemetery is discouraged about its maintenance. The board would like Barnet to approach it the way the Town of Danville does; to bid out mowing instead of Barnet giving the Cemetery board money. Barnet Center is solvent. Perhaps the Selectboard should invite a member of all Cemetery boards to weigh in on this issue. It is not a crisis, but could be perhaps an item in September, before budget discussions start.

Ms. Ford stated that the McIndoe Falls Academy Municipal Planning Grant wrap-up is due Friday. All is in order.

9. Check warrants.

10. Calex: No need for executive session. Ms. Ford talked to Steve Adler. He stated that the paperwork is more or less finalized. We are simply waiting on the Calex lawyer to return from vacation. There is some discrepancy as when the 3-year contract would start, but that will be resolved before we sign.

11. Adjourned at 8:45pm.