

**MINUTES – SELECTBOARD HEARING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018**

**Hearing convened at 6:45 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:** Zoning Board/Planning Commission member William Biddle, Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Board/Planning Commission member Karen Stark, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Lisa Bowden, Jonathan Carpenter, John Cook, Sarah Cook, Richard Douglas Gilmour, Sharon Gilmour, James MacDonald, Joseph Mangiapane, and Kevin Morrison.

Mr. Roberts called the meeting to order and read the “Notice of Public Hearing,” as was duly warned and advertised in the Caledonian-Record newspaper. The notice states that the purpose of this hearing will be to consider the proposed updated Barnet Zoning Bylaw, which replaces the Barnet Zoning Ordinance adopted in 1983 and last amended in 1997. Mr. Roberts then opened the hearing for public comment. Public comment was made, as summarized below.

- Ms. Warden suggested that the Selectboard should add a final page to the Bylaw, which would indicate the date adopted and include the signatures of the Selectboard.
- Resident Richard Douglas Gilmour asked what changes were made to the Bylaw.
  - Ms. Warden indicated that the flood plan regulations were expanded to conform to FEMA recommendations, conditional uses were expanded in some districts, some definitions were clarified, some statutory references were updated, and waivers for setbacks were added.
- Mr. Gilmour discussed junk yard/salvage yards, and commented that the Bylaw should restrict these facilities, which Mr. Gilmour views as a detriment to adjoining properties.
  - Ms. Warden indicated that a recent state law change removes junk yards/salvage yards from zoning regulation jurisdiction. Ms. Warden indicated that state law makes provision for a specific junk yard/salvage yard ordinance, which would be in the jurisdiction of the Selectboard.
  - Discussion ensued regarding junk yards and salvage yards and potential solutions to any perceived problems with regard to these. Sharon Gilmour spoke in support of greater regulation of junk yards/salvage yards. Zoning Board/Planning Commission member William Biddle spoke regarding state law and suggested that aggrieved residents contact state officials and legislators regarding their concerns.

Ms. Ford moved to accept the proposed changes to the Zoning Bylaw. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the hearing. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Hearing adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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