

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

Meeting convened at 7:20 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, Building Committee member William Graves, 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, Frank Jannarone, James MacDonald, Joseph Mangiapane, Kathleen Monroe, and Kevin Morrison.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meetings held June 11, 2018 and June 25, 2018

a. June 11, 2018. Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 11, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

b. June 25, 2018. Mr. Gates noted that Shirley Warden is not listed as present at the meeting, but should be listed. Ms. Ford noted that, under item 3, the minutes indicate that the Dam Committee received a grant, whereas they should indicate that the Connecticut River Conservancy received a grant. Ms. Ford moved to approve, with the two noted corrections, the minutes of the regular meeting held June 25, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

a. Kevin Morrison and Joseph Mangiapane regarding Pavilion Lane and new Harvey Mountain Road paving. Mr. Morrison and Mr. Mangiapane appeared to discuss their concern regarding the affect of new Harvey Mountain Road pavement on the private road Pavilion Lane. Mr. Morrison commented that the new pavement amplifies a pre-existing problem at the intersection of the two roads, where there is a steep drop-off from Harvey Mountain Road onto Pavilion Lane. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to contact Pike Industries to request that an apron be installed to alleviate the problem described by Mr. Morrison and Mr. Mangiapane.

3. Appearance by Barnet Fire District #2 Prudential Committee regarding project engineering for bridge and system maintenance

Prudential Committee member Jonathan Carpenter appeared, and discussed quotes received from Ruggles Engineering for Barnet Water System maintenance and improvements. Mr. Carpenter asked if the Town would pay for preliminary engineering costs for the project (estimated at \$1,000). Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to approve payment of costs for preliminary engineering by Ruggles Engineering. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

4. Appearance by Barnet Village resident Lisa Bowden regarding proposed Church Street speed bumps

Ms. Bowden appeared to discuss speed zone enforcement options for Church Street. Ms. Bowden suggested the Board install speed bumps. Road Foreman Mark Chase suggested speed bumps may be ineffective, as the road is already uneven and this does not seem to deter speeding. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to not install speed bumps at this time, but to request Sheriff's Department patrols on Church Street, and investigate installation of "Your Speed" radar speed signs.

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

a. Review of Vermont Agency of Transportation Structure Inspection, Inventory, and Appraisal Sheets. The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

b. Report on Recycling Center addition/metal dumpster ramp project. Mr. Chase reported that he and Mr. Roberts had met at the site, and made significant progress with regard to planning for the project.

c. Other business

- **Joe's Brook Road and County Hill Road reclaiming.** Mr. Chase reported that Joe's Brook Road and County Hill Road are scheduled to be reclaimed by Pike Industries on July 12. Pike reported that the paving portion of these projects will follow much later in the season.
- **Chipper repair.** Mr. Chase reported that the chipper is cracking and coming apart in some parts. Robco is performing repairs. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to seek prices for a new chipper.
- **Dump truck #001 warranty repairs.** Mr. Chase reported that Truck #001 has returned from R.R. Charlebois, where it underwent warranty repairs to the DEF system.
- **New dump truck horizon.** Mr. Chase reported that delivery of new dump trucks is presently very delayed: new trucks ordered now are scheduled for delivery in summer 2019. He indicated that the Town's 2002 Freightliner, which may be considered a leading candidate for replacement, is valued at \$15,000 for trade-in. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to seek prices for a new dump truck.
- **Roadside mowing.** Mr. Chase reported that the first round of roadside mowing is completed for all paved roads.
- **FEMA project completion.** Mr. Chase reported that he is anticipating bids for culvert projects on Denio Road, Ferguson Road, and Carter Street. These are the final mitigation-based projects related to the flooding event of July 1, 2017.
- **Grading.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has continued to perform some grading of gravel roads, but dry weather has limited this work.
- **West Barnet Road dead tree limb.** Discussion was had regarding a dead tree limb over West Barnet Road near its intersection with Kid Row.
- **Symns Pond Road culvert.** Mr. Gates discussed a complaint regarding a culvert on Symns Pond Road, near the McIndoe Falls Cemetery.
- **Carter Street culvert.** Resident Jonathan Carpenter requested that the Highway Department check on the status of a collapsing culvert on Carter Street.

6. Consideration of, and any action on, reports regarding beaver dams at Harvey's Lake outlet channel

Discussion was had about a report of beaver dam construction. Later reports confirmed that the dams had been removed. Discussion ensued regarding how best to limit or eliminate future beaver dams in the area.

- The Board agreed that Ms. Ford will investigate the possible installation of a "beaver deceiver" apparatus, as suggested by resident Dr. Richard Downer. The Board also agreed to discuss this matter further at a future meeting.

7. Consideration of, and any action on, impending Planning Commission/Zoning Board vacancies

Planning Commission/Zoning Board member William Biddle appeared; he reported that Shane Stevenson has indicated he does not seek re-appointment, but Dennis McLam will accept re-appointment, contingent on being replaced as Chair of the board. Mr. Biddle indicated he would be willing to replace Mr. McLam as chair of the board, and that resident Dakota Butterfield has expressed interest in appointment to the Board. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to appoint Dakota Butterfield to a four-year term on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board, replacing Shane Stevenson. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.
- Ms. Ford moved to re-appoint Dennis McLam to a four-year term on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

8. Consideration of, and any action on, clarification of Building Committee genesis, definition, and direction

Ms. Ford and Building Committee Chair William Graves discussed the Building Committee's request for clarification of function and direction for the Committee. Discussion ensued, as summarized below.

- Mr. Roberts commented that the Building Committee was formed by the Selectboard to assess all town physical assets, with a focus on a new space for a municipal office building.
- Mr. Graves indicated that he had reviewed the minutes of Building Committee meetings and Selectboard meetings and found them to be generally a good record of actions and decisions by both boards, as they collaborated and communicated regarding the municipal office project. He noted that the Building Committee had consistently made recommendations to the Selectboard, and the Selectboard had generally consented to the Building Committee's recommendations.
- Discussion was had about the proposed new Municipal Planning Grant project, and how this might assist in creating a record of the historical knowledge leveraged by the Building Committee. Discussion was also had about how this project may allow for a third-party perspective, which may allow the process to move toward a public vote.
- Mr. Graves commented that the 2016 and 2018 Selectboard Reports, appearing in the annual Town Reports for those years, are informative and reflect the positive relationship between the Selectboard and Building Committee.
- Discussion was had about the fate of the McIndoe Falls Academy in the event the Town does not pursue a municipal office project there. The question of whether the Town would have a moral obligation to ensure the maintenance of the structure was raised and debated.
- Mr. Gates moved to establish a directive to the Building Committee to evaluate and provide recommendations on all town properties, with an immediate focus on the town office project. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

9. Consideration of, and any action on, report of unlicensed dogs

The Board reviewed a list of dogs unlicensed in 2018. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Gates moved to request that the Town Clerk's Office send letters to the owners of unlicensed dogs. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

10. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding education tax rates for fiscal year 2019

The Board reviewed the report of education tax rates assigned by the Vermont Department of Taxes: Non-Residential Tax Rate of \$1.4296 and Homestead Tax Rate of \$1.3848.

11. Correspondence from Vermont Division of Fire Safety regarding permit for Barnet School project

The Board reviewed a Construction Permit Letter and Poster for a project described as “modification to main entrance of school.”

12. Consideration of applications for Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of Nathan Foster.

13. Other business

- a. **Financial Management Questionnaire.** The Board reviewed a Vermont Auditor’s Office questionnaire completed by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt, as required by Vermont statutes.

14. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

15. Consideration of negotiations with CALEX Ambulance Service regarding ambulance services contract arrangement

The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Attest: _____ Town Clerk