

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**

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

Board members present: Jeremy Roberts and Benjamin Gates.

Others present: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 23, 2018 and of special meeting held August 3, 2018

Mr. Roberts moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held July 23, 2018 and the special meeting held August 3, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

3. 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. Other business

- **Joe's Brook Road Closure in Danville.** Mr. Chase reported that Joe's Brook Road is closed in Danville, due to bridge construction.
- **Chipper.** Mr. Chase reported regarding his investigation of chipper pricing. He found that 12-inch diesel models are priced at approximately \$45,000, whereas 12-inch gasoline models are priced at approximately \$25,000. Discussion ensued.
- **Roadside mower.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has not been running the over-the-rail mower because it has not been performing well. The tractor's other mower has been in use instead. Mr. Chase reported that a new mower is priced at \$40,000. Discussion ensued.
- **Highway Department vacation.** Mr. Chase reported that Highway Department Thomas Gould has returned to work from vacation.
- **Dump truck bids.** Mr. Chase reported on bids received for dump truck chassis. The bids are summarized below:
 - R.R. Charlebois Freightliner: \$120,000
 - R.R. Charlebois Western Star: \$126,000
 - McDevitt Western Star: \$130,000
 - Sheldon Mack: \$135,000

Mr. Chase indicated that also received a quote for a dump truck body from H.P. Fairfield at the price of \$74,000. Discussion ensued.

- **Part-time and seasonal benefits.** Mr. Chase asked the Board for clarification on overtime pay for part-time and seasonal employees, with regard to whether overtime is paid for only hours over 40 per week, or also for hours outside the normal operating hours of the Highway Department.
 - The Board agreed that overtime pay for part-time and seasonal employees will only be provided for hours worked over 40 per week.
- **Village water repair pavement patching.** Mr. Chase asked the Board if they wished for him to wait for the Barnet Village Water System to repair pavement patches caused by water repairs, or if the Town should repair them immediately.

- The Board instructed Mr. Chase to proceed with repair of the patches from Town financial resources.
- **School property maintenance.** Mr. Chase asked if the Highway Department should continue to maintain the school property's driveway and parking lot, now that the school is property of the Caledonia Cooperative School District. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to ask Barnet School maintenance supervisor Michael Bigelow about the School Board's plans regarding this matter.
- **Trailer tires.** Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department's old equipment trailer suffered a blown tire. He asked how the Board would like him to proceed with regard to repair or other disposition of the trailer.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Chase to install two new tires on the trailer.
- **Roadside mowing.** Mr. Chase reported that all roads have been completed with regard to roadside mowing; the Highway Department is now commencing a second mowing of paved roads.

4. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Health regarding recommendation for Town Health Officer

Mr. Roberts and Mr. Gates reported that they had not received any recommendations from the Fire & Rescue Department regarding a new Town Health Officer. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

5. Correspondence from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding reservoir elevation and minimum flow deviations of Fifteen Mile Falls Project/Great River Hydro LLC

The Board reviewed copies of notices regarding reservoir elevation and minimum flow deviations.

6. Other business

- a. **Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit application.** The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle application of Robert Roy.

7. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

8. Consideration of animal control complaint-related actions

The Board reviewed an animal control complaint received from David Deem on July 27, 2018. They also reviewed a letter received from Brent and January O'Donnell, requesting a hearing regarding the violation finding and fine issued by the Board on June 25, 2018.

- The Board agreed to schedule a hearing regarding the O'Donnell violation finding and fine for Monday, August 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk