

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018**

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

Board members present: Dylan Ford and Benjamin Gates.

Others present: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and Jonathan Carpenter.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held December 10, 2018

Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 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. Consideration of bids for gravel and sand pit stripping. The Board reviewed bids submitted for pit stripping, as summarized below:

- C & C Bunnell Excavating LLC: \$1.22 per cubic yard (plus \$500 for moving equipment)
- Kenneth Bunnell & Sons: \$1.10 per cubic yard (does not include stripping: only moving overburden)
- Mathews Excavating: \$1.15 per cubic yard
- Ms. Ford moved to accept the bid of Mathews Excavating. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

b. Other business. No other business was discussed.

4. Consideration of regarding animal control complaints received from Gloria Laborie and Ken Sachs

There was no new information reported regarding this matter, which was discussed at the previous Board meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

5. Correspondence from Lakeview Grange with request for town meeting warning article regarding property tax exemption

The Board read a letter requesting an article on the 2019 Town Meeting warning asking if the voters will exempt the Lakeview Grange property from property taxes for an extension of five years from the expiration of their current exemption ending in 2018.

- Ms. Ford moved to place an article on the 2019 Town Meeting warning as requested by Lakeview Grange, and to not require a petition for this article. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

6. Other business

No other business was discussed.

7. 2019 budget discussion

The Board requested that Mr. Chase compile a list of proposed 2019 paving projects, then agreed to table further discussion of the budget.

8. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

9. Consideration of, and any action on, Fire District #2 finances

The Board reviewed a proposed promissory note from Fire District #2 in the amount of \$36,000, as drafted by Town Attorney Steven Adler at the Board’s request.

- Ms. Ford moved to approve the promissory note as drafted. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

The Board considered a question from Fire District #2 regarding whether there are limitations on Town Meeting articles pertaining to Fire District, particularly appropriation of funds to the Fire District. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to seek a legal opinion regarding this matter. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

10. Consideration of maintenance of Barnet School property and proposed indemnification and hold harmless agreement

The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ Town Clerk