

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

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

Board members present: Jeremy Roberts, Dylan Ford, and Benjamin Gates.

Other Town officials and employees present: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Beach Committee member Philo Marcotte, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

Members of the public present: None.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held February 11, 2019

Mr. Gates moved approve as presented the minutes of the special meeting held February 11, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

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

a. Other business

- i. Dump Truck #002 repair.** Mr. Chase reported that a shut-off failure, due to a chaffed wiring harness, has been repaired.
- ii. Pick-up Truck (#007) trouble.** Mr. Chase reported that the pick-up truck has had difficulty with losing anti-freeze. This problem seems to present only when the plow is attached. The anti-freeze reservoir has been replaced, but this did not seem to solve the problem.
- iii. Salt supply situation.** Mr. Chase reported that the Town has experienced delays when ordering salt from Cargill, and has therefore resorted to ordering from American Rock Salt, which continues to have next-day delivery.

b. Consideration of, and any action on, applications for fiscal year 2020 State of Vermont town highway grants. Mr. Chase asked the Board about their preferences for applications for structures grants and class 2 town highway paving grants. Mr. Chase indicated that the Town is unlikely to receive a class 2 town highway paving grant, as it received one in 2018. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to apply for structures grants for culvert replacement projects on Pearlmont Road and Garland Hill.
- The Board agreed to apply for a class 2 town highway paving grant on a suitable class 2 town highway, with reference to sections of Roy Mountain Road and Barnet Center Road.
- The Board instructed Mr. Chase to contact Ruggles Engineering Services regarding bridge #41 on Mill Hill.

c. Other business (continued)

- i. Radio communication improvement.** Mr. Chase reported that Radio North visited the Town Garage to assess the Highway Department's communications. They replaced three truck antennas. Mr. Chase indicated it is unclear if this action improved communications. Radio North will provide pricing for a repeater, and will return to test the effectiveness of the proposed repeater.

3. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

4. Appearance by Harvey's Lake Beach Committee regarding beach matters

a. Consideration of, and any action on, correspondence from Beach Committee member Christen Emerson regarding expansion of Beach Committee and rescindment of resignation. The Board read a letter asking for approval for the expansion of the Harvey's Lake Beach Committee to seven members, and asking for approval of Ms. Emerson's request to rescind her resignation from the committee. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to accept and approve Christen Emerson's rescindment of her resignation from the Beach Committee. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.
- Mr. Gates moved to expand the Beach Committee to seven members. Seconded Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

b. Consideration of, and any action on, clarification of appointments to Beach Committee, appointments to Beach Committee, number of Beach Committee members, and Beach Committee member nomination and appointment process.

Discussion was had regarding the appointments made by the Board at their most recent meeting.

c. Consideration of bids for painting exterior of beach house. The Board reviewed two painting bids. These bids are summarized below:

- Clean Cut Painting, LLC: \$975 (materials cost only; labor donated)
- Norman Stevenson: \$1,780

- Ms. Ford moved to accept the bid of Clean Cut Painting, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.

d. Other business

i. Vandalism. Beach Committee member Philo Marcotte discussed the recurring problem of vandalism at the beach. Discussion was had about strategies to prevent it.

ii. Beach sign replacement. Mr. Marcotte indicated that resident Lawrence Ruggles has volunteered to construct a new sign for the beach.

- The Board agreed that the Town would gratefully accept Mr. Ruggles's donation.

5. Consideration of adoption of Policy Regarding Conflicts of Interest and Ethical Conduct

The Board reviewed a draft of this proposed new policy. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that the Town must adopt a Conflict of Interest policy a) in order to accept federal funding, and b) pursuant to Vermont statutes, by July 1, 2019. Mr. Heisholt indicated that the proposed draft is the model policy produced by the Vermont League of Cities & Towns. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to request that Town Agent Steven Adler review the draft policy and advise the Board regarding its suitability and conformity to statute.

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

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that he had not received any new information or documentation regarding this matter.

- Mr. Roberts indicated that he would contact Caledonia Cooperative School District Director Louis Bushey regarding this matter.

7. Notice: annual review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) to be held Monday, March 11, 2019

The Board reviewed a notice that the Board will perform its annual review of the town's Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) to be held at the Board's next regular meeting, Monday, March 11, 2019.

8. Consideration of correspondence from Great River Hydro, LLC regarding Waterford and Barnet boat launch replacement projects

The Board reviewed an email indicating that Great River Hydro is replacing cement-plank boat ramps in kind starting in March 2019; this includes the Comerford Dam Reservoir in Barnet during the approximate time period of March 13 to March 21.

9. Consideration of applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of Allen Lumber Company, Inc. and AmeriGas Propane, and the single vehicle application of C & C Bunnell Excavating, LLC.

10. Consideration of Selectboard presentation and discussion at 2019 Town Meeting

The Board briefly discussed a few items anticipated to be discussed at Town Meeting, including 2018 Selectboard activities and Building Committee activities.

11. Other business

No other business was discussed.

12. Outstanding check warrants

The Board signed all outstanding check warrants.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*