

**MINUTES – SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019**

**Meeting convened at 6:15 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk’s Office.**

**Board members present:** Dylan Ford (presiding co-chair), Benjamin Gates, and Mark Jefferson.

**Other Town officials and employees present:** Town Agent Steven Adler, Road Foreman Mark Chase, and Highway Department employee Thomas Gould.

**Members of the public present:** None

**1. Consideration of Highway Department personnel matters**

- Mr. Gates moved to enter executive session to discuss Highway Department personnel matters, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 6:15 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Gates, Mr. Jefferson, and Town Agent Steven Adler.
- Mr. Gates moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 6:35 p.m.
- The Board agreed to hold a pre-termination hearing regarding the employment of Highway Department employee Thomas Gould.
- Mr. Gould declined his right to delay the hearing or to consult with an attorney. Mr. Gould agreed participate in a pre-termination hearing in executive session at this meeting.
  
- Mr. Gates moved to enter executive session to hold a pre-termination hearing regarding the employment of Highway Department employee Thomas Gould, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3). Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 6:42 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Gates, Mr. Jefferson, Town Agent Steven Adler, Road Foreman Mark Chase, and Highway Department employee Thomas Gould.
- Mr. Gates moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:44 p.m.
- Mr. Gates moved to immediately and indefinitely place Highway Department employee Thomas Gould on paid administrative leave subject to certain terms specified in a letter to be drafted by Town Agent Steven Adler. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**2. Other business.**

No other business was presented.

**3. Adjournment**

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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