

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019**

Meeting convened at 7:00 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: Planning Commission/Zoning Board member Benjamin Adams, Planning Commission/Zoning Board member William Biddle, Planning Commission/Zoning Board member Mark Bowen, Planning Commission/Zoning Board member Bruce Denio, Road Foreman Mark Chase, Lister John Cook, Lister Sarah Cook, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

Members of the public present: Trent Roy.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of special meeting held December 2, 2019

- Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the special meeting held December 2, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

2. Comment on agenda items, and any other business, by members of the public

a. Municipal Building Project

Several members of the public present, including William Biddle, Mark Bowen, John Cook, and Bruce Denio discussed the current status of and future plans for the Municipal Building Project. The Board indicated that there will be a discussion of the project on the agenda of the December 23, 2019 regular Board meeting, at which research done by consultant Steven Pitkin will be presented.

3. Appearance by resident Christopher Kaufman regarding request for reimbursement of mailbox damage; take any action

Mr. Kaufman did not appear at this meeting.

- No action taken.

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

a. Winter road maintenance

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent much of its recent time on regular winter road maintenance, including plowing, salting, and sanding.

b. Shed pad

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been working on the stone pad for the two new storage sheds with connecting roof at the Town Garage.

5. Appearance by Board of Listers regarding Errors and Omissions filing; take any action

The Board reviewed a proposed Error and Omissions Certificate as prepared by the Board of Listers. The certificate proposes to correct an error in the 2019 Grand List for SPAN #033-010-11052 (Blue Sky Builders) by changing the value from \$1,161,500 to \$1,052,200 – a decrease of \$109,300. Discussion ensued.

- The Board signed the certificate as proposed.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, appointment of Planning Commission/Zoning Board members

Members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board appeared, including Chair William Biddle. Mr. Biddle reported that no new candidates to fill the vacancies have been identified. Discussion was had about potential candidates and the process for appointment for the current vacancy and one other potential approaching vacancy.

- The Selectboard requested that the Planning Commission/Zoning Board obtain the majority opinion of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board about the potential approaching vacancy, and present any Planning Commission/Zoning Board-approved nominees to the Selectboard.

7. Other business presented by other Town officers

There was no other business presented by other Town officers.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, amendment of extended sick leave policy

As discussed at the previous Board meeting, the Board reviewed the Personnel Policy's Extended Sick Leave policy, which in section H.1. indicates that, "Eligibility shall begin only after 15 days of continuous absence from work due illness or injury."

- Mr. Gates moved to add the word "business" to section H.1. before the word "days," amending the section to read "Eligibility shall begin only after 15 business days of continuous absence from work due illness or injury." Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, 2019 year-end employee bonuses

Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt indicated that in 2018 the Board agreed to pay year-end bonuses of \$300 to full-time employees, \$150 to Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Roy, and \$100 each to Transfer Station/Recycling Center employees Daniel Ehlers, Bruce Marston, Donald Nelson, and Shirley Warden. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Gates moved to pay 2019 year-end bonuses of \$350 to full-time employees, \$200 to Assistant Town Clerk Catherine Roy, and \$150 each to Transfer Station/Recycling Center employees Daniel Ehlers, Bruce Marston, Donald Nelson, and Shirley Warden. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

10. Outstanding check warrants

The Board signed all outstanding check warrants.

11. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. West Barnet Senior Mealsite waste disposal

Ms. Ford reported that the West Barnet Senior Mealsite has requested that the Town allow them to dispose of waste generated by the mealsite at the Transfer Station at no charge. The mealsite reports that it generates approximately five bags of trash every two weeks. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to add this matter to the agenda of their next regular meeting.

b. Harvey's Lake Dam update

Ms. Ford provided an update on the work on altering and improving the Harvey's Lake outlet channel and adjacent streams. She reported that the work engaged by Interfluve is nearly complete; they are currently working on impact maps. Discussion ensued.

12. Consideration of 2020 budget

The Board continued its review and revision of the 2020 budget, amending several expenditure line items.

13. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*