

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

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

Members of the public present: Rachel Kittredge and Charles Smith.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held February 10, 2020

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 10, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

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

a. Resident Rachel Kittredge regarding Town Meeting Day ballot counting

Ms. Kittredge asked by whom ballots will be counted at the close of polls on Town Meeting Day.

- The Board indicated that the Board of Civil Authority excluding the Selectboard, and other appointed Barnet voters, will count ballots.

3. Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters; take any action

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for fiscal year 2021 State of Vermont town highway grants

Mr. Chase discussed various proposed potential structures projects (including Roy Mountain Road culverts and Bridge Street bridge resurfacing) and various proposed potential paving and construction projects (including Town Forest Road, Barnet Center Road, and Roy Mountain Road).

b. Other business

i. Dump truck accident

Mr. Chase discussed a minor accident that occurred when Town dump truck #004, operated by Highway Department employee Steve Mosher, collided at slow speeds with a pick-up truck on Little Scotland Road.

ii. Grader and loader maintenance

Mr. Chase reported that the grader (#13) and the new loader (#12) recently underwent maintenance work: the grader’s lift arms were re-pinned and received new bushings; the loader’s bucket was re-pinned and received new bushings.

iii. Barnet School maintenance

Ms. Ford discussed her conversation with Barnet School maintenance staff about snow removal from school property on Town Meeting Day. Ms. Ford reported that she had indicated that the same protocol as any other day should be performed, as per the Town’s agreement with the school district.

4. Other business presented by other Town officers

No other business was presented by other Town officers.

5. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Northeastern Vermont Development Association regarding Fire Protection Regionalization Study

The Board reviewed an email containing an update of the status of the study. Seven towns will participate, including the following in addition to Barnet: Concord, Danville, Groton, Lyndon, St. Johnsbury, and Waterford.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from CAI Technologies regarding Tax Map Maintenance Proposal and Tax Map Maintenance Contract

The Board reviewed the 2021 proposal and contract. Terms of proposal and contract are the same as the 2020 proposal and contract; the cost to the Town increases from \$2,225 in 2020 to \$2,450 in 2021.

- The Board signed the contract.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, Transfer Station/Recycling Station project

The Board discussed the process for soliciting bids for the proposed project, and the extent to which the design plans will be explicit in the process.

- The Board agreed to request design and build proposals from five specific contractors, and from contractors generally through an advertisement in the Caledonian-Record, based on general parameters and a site meeting to be held March 18, 2020.

8. Notice: annual review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) to be held Monday, March 9, 2020

The Board reviewed a warning indicating that the Board will perform its annual review of the town's Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles at its regular meeting to be held Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office. Included in this review will be the consideration of which town highways or portions thereof ATV travel will be permitted upon during the 2020 season. Town highways under consideration include: Anderson Street, Barnet Center Road, Bony Woods Road, Brook Hill Road, Chamberlain Road, Cloud Brook Road, Ferguson Road, Garland Hill Road, Gilfillan Road, Goss Hill Road, Joe's Brook Road, Keyser Hill Road, Knights Lane, Little Scotland Road, McLaren Hill Road, Morse's Mill Road, Roy Mountain Road, Water Andric Road, West Barnet Road, West Main Street, and Whitehill Road. Proposed 2020 town highway access is the same as was approved in 2019.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of Allen Lumber Company, Inc., and New England Quality Service, Inc.

10. Outstanding check warrants

The Board signed all outstanding check warrants.

11. Consideration of contract discussion; take any action (executive session, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(A))

- Mr. Gates moved that the Board make a specific finding, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(A), that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning a proposed contract would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.
- Mr. Gates moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(A) to discuss a proposed contract, as premature public disclosure of which would clearly

place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:40 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Gates, Mr. Jefferson, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

- Mr. Gates moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:30 p.m.
- No action taken

12. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. Informational hearings and Town Meeting

The Board discussed preparations for informational hearings to be held February 25, 2020 and February 29, 2020 and Town Meeting to be held March 3, 2020.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*