

**MINUTES – REMOTE REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting telephone/video conference. There was no physical meeting place for this meeting. This meeting was audio recorded via GoToMeeting.

Board members participating via GoToMeeting telephone/video conference: Dylan Ford (presiding co-chair), Benjamin Gates, and Mark Jefferson.

Other Town officials and employees participating via GoToMeeting telephone/video conference: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting telephone or video conference: Scott Davis, Laurie Jefferson, Mona Marceau, and Kathleen Monroe.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of special meeting held May 26, 2020

The Board reviewed an email from Beach Committee Chair Christen Emerson, which indicates that under item 6 the minutes should note that there was discussion and approval of increasing the hours of the groundskeeper to fourteen per week.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve, with amendment as suggested by Ms. Emerson, the minutes of the special meeting held May 26, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

2. Other business presented by members of the public

a. Resident Kathleen Monroe regarding dust control/chloride application on Aiken Farm Road

Ms. Monroe expressed her thanks to the Highway Department for applying chloride on Aiken Farm Road to control dust.

b. Resident Kathleen Monroe regarding beaver activity on Harvey's Lake outlet channel

The Board reviewed emails from Ms. Monroe regarding beaver activity in the channel. One email contained a photo of the beaver activity; another advocated for removal of beaver activity to allow boat access to the channel, cautioned that a Beaver Deceiver may not allow for this, and suggested trapping as an alternative. Ms. Monroe and the Board discussed various options for control of the beaver activity.

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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting. In his absence the Board discussed the following Highway Department-related matters:

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, operations under COVID-19 restrictions

Road Commissioner Mr. Gates reported that there have been no changes in operations during the preceding two weeks.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle applications of Darcy Nelson and Stan Robinson Wood Procurement.

c. Other business

i. Sand screening

Mr. Gates reported that the Highway Department has been working in the gravel pit on screening and hauling winter sand.

ii. Town Forest Road driveway

Mr. Gates reported that the Highway Department will respond to a complaint about the entrance to a driveway from Town Forest Road, which was altered by recent paving of that road.

iii. Alarmco, Inc. alarm system service agreement

The Board reviewed a proposed renewal of the alarm system service agreement for the Town Garage. Annual price for the service is \$200.

- The Board signed the agreement.

4. Consideration of, and take any action on, policy for public gathering at Harvey's Lake Beach for fireworks display on July 18, 2020

The Board discussed an inquiry regarding the Board's policy for public gathering at Harvey's Lake Beach for the annual fireworks display on July 18, 2020, in light of COVID-19 concerns. It was reported by the inquirer that the fireworks are planned to take place as normal. Spectators in the past have been known to gather at the beach to view this annual event. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Gates moved to allow public gathering at the Harvey's Lake Beach for the July 18, 2020 fireworks display. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

5. Other business presented by other Town officers

There was no other business presented by other Town officers.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, notice from Planning/Zoning Board regarding public hearing on zoning application of Scott Davis for change of use of Town-owned Town Hall property

The Board reviewed a copy of notice regarding a hearing to be held June 16, 2020 at the Town Hall (160 Church Street). The application is for change of use for the property from municipal to commercial.

- The Board agreed that a member of the Board will be in attendance at the hearing.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) regarding Vermont Local Government Resolution

The Board reviewed a resolution prepared by VLCT for Vermont selectboards to adopt to show support for Vermont's federal delegation in lobbying Congress for direct federal aid to cities and towns.

- The Board signed the resolution.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, Animal Bite Report regarding incident involving dog owned by Jennifer Jones at Bridge Street

Health Officer Ms. Ford reported on her response to this dog bite. The incident occurred on the dog owner's private property. The dog is not licensed and rabies vaccination could not be established. The dog is under quarantine confinement and observation for ten days. A complaint has not been filed. Discussion ensued.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, bid summary and proposed budget for Town Hall & former Fire Station asbestos abatement

The Board reviewed the bid summary and proposed budget.

- The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding Great River Hydro LLC intent to convey interests in project lands to National Grid

The Board reviewed a copy of a letter/notice acknowledging Great River Hydro's "notice of intent to convey an easement to New England Power Company, dba National Grid (permittee), for the purpose of modifying an existing non-project switching station at the Comerford Dam Development..."

11. Other business presented by Selectboard

No other business was presented by the Selectboard.

12. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*