

**MINUTES – REMOTE REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JULY 27, 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, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair), and Mark Jefferson.

**Other Town officials and employees participating via GoToMeeting telephone/video conference:** Road Foreman Mark Chase and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

**Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting telephone or video conference:** Leah Benedict, Neil Benedict, Laurie Jefferson, and Mona Marceau.

**1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 13, 2020**

- Ms. Ford moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 13, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**2. Other business presented by members of the public**

There was no other business presented by members of the public.

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

**a. Consideration of, and take any action on, estimate from Arrow Equipment service of Town Garage waste oil furnace**

The Board reviewed an estimate quoting a price of \$2,159.64 for a new combustion chamber with complete service and cleaning of the Town Garage waste oil heater or \$8,475 to supply and install a new waste oil heater. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Jefferson moved to accept Arrow Equipment's proposal for a new combustion chamber with complete service and cleaning of the Town Garage waste oil heater for \$2,159.64. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

**b. Other business**

**i. Bridge Street bridge surfacing**

The Board reviewed a proposal from AD Rossi for installation of sheet membrane waterproofing on the wooden decking of the bridge. Prices are quoted at \$5,600 for a higher quality membrane and \$4,400 for a lower quality membrane. Mr. Chase explained that the full project would also include stripping of the pavement prior to the membrane installation and paving during and after the installation; these costs are not included in AD Rossi's proposal. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to accept AD Rossi's proposal for installation of the higher quality membrane for \$5,600 and to hire a paving contractor to perform the related pavement projects. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**ii. Summer maintenance**

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department continues to perform grading and ditch maintenance. He also indicated that the rented mowing tractor has been returned and the Highway Department has been performing some roadside mowing with the Town's tractor.

**4. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Neil & Leah Benedict regarding zoning permit issued for Town Hall change of use**

The Board acknowledged receipt of three emails described as follows: 1) from Leah Benedict dated July 16, 2020, 2) from Neil Benedict dated July 17, 2020 with letter attached, and 3) from Neil Benedict dated July 23, 2020 with formal complaint attached. Mr. and Ms. Benedict appeared remotely at this meeting and asked the Board if it is taking any action regarding the conflict of interests-related complaint contained in the third listed email. The Board indicated that they found that no conflicts of interests occurred as alleged in the complaint, and that this conclusion was supported by the opinion of the Town Attorney.

**5. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from January O'Donnell regarding compliance with Selectboard order regarding dog bite finding**

The Board reviewed two emails which indicate, with photographic evidence attached, that on July 24, 2020 the O'Donnells completed construction of a fencing system per the Board's order.

**6. Consideration of, and take any action on, next steps in process of sale of Town Hall property**

Mr. Jefferson reported on his conversations with Scott Davis. He indicated that Mr. Davis continues to express interest in determining property boundaries prior to an agreement. Mr. Jefferson indicated that he will continue to discuss this with Mr. Davis.

**7. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Transfer Station/Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston regarding Transfer Station operations**

The Board reviewed an email discussing difficulties of operations under COVID-19 restrictions and citing examples of difficult customers. Discussion ensued.

**8. Other business presented by other Town officers**

There was no other business presented by other Town officers.

**9. Consideration of list of dogs and wolf-hybrids not licensed or inoculated as required by law; take any action**

The Board reviewed and certified a list of 48 unlicensed dogs. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to request that the Town Clerk's Office send notices to the owners of unlicensed dogs.

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

The Board agreed to table discussion of this matter.

**11. Consideration of, and take any action on, proposed food truck at Harvey's Lake beach**

Ms. Ford discussed her investigation into the logistics of allowing a food truck at Harvey's Lake beach or other locations, as discussed at the previous meeting. She reported that Vermont League of Cities and Towns strongly suggested that the Board adopt a Food Truck Ordinance if it chooses to allow food trucks. Such an ordinance would establish an application and approval process, including requirements such as proof of insurance coverages. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to further investigate adoption of a Food Truck Ordinance.

**12. Other business presented by Selectboard**

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

**13. Adjournment**

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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