

**MINUTES – REMOTE REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 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: None.

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting telephone or video conference: Neil Benedict, Jane Casavant, Stephen Casavant, Laurie Jefferson, Kathleen Monroe, and Joshua Patneau.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held July 27, 2020

Approved with amendment: 3a: “New combustion chamber with complete service and cleaning of waste oil heater” for \$2159.64 Mark-amended and made motion, Dylan-seconded. Approved by voice vote.

2. Animal Control Ordinance violation appeal hearing regarding civil penalty issued to Joshua Patneau in connection with complaint of Stephen and Jane Casavant

Mr. Patneau spoke requesting we remove the fine as the dogs in noise violation for barking are not his. The dogs are owned by the other renters. The selectboard stated they would remove the fine for the noise violation. Mr. Patneau offered to bring the address and phone number of the owner of the house, Robert Patneau to the Town Clerk’s Office within the week so he can be notified of the violation. The Casavants stated they were satisfied with this next step.

3. Other business presented by members of the public

No other business was discussed.

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

a. Other business

Work on the oil furnace is complete. The crew has been busy ditching, resurfacing Symms Pond Rd., grading, chloriding and roadside mowing. There is no final cost on the Passumpsic bridge membrane work yet. Mark Chase asked the Selectboard to think about when we want to replace the pickup truck.

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

Mr. Jefferson spoke to Scott Davis regarding his interest in the Town Hall. He would like to keep thinking about the possibility. Mr. Benedict inquired as to why the Selectboard was looking into property lines when his seemed clear in the deed. Mr. Gates responded that we were investigating the lines that are not Mr. Benedict’s.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Planning Commission/Zoning Board regarding nomination to fill Planning Commission/Zoning Board vacancy

Zachary Mangione is nominated for the Zoning Board vacancy. Ms. Ford made a motion to accept Mr. Mangione's nomination to the Zoning Board vacancy. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

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, correspondence from Vermont Department of Health regarding expiration of term of Deputy Health Officer

Mr. Roberts wrote a letter to the Selectboard stating his resignation as Deputy Health Officer. Ms. Ford made a motion to accept Mr. Roberts' resignation. Mr. Jefferson seconded the motion. Approved by voice vote.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Town Agent Steven Adler regarding speed limit on West Barnet Road

Mr. Adler inquired as to the legitimacy of the change in speed limit from 50 to 35 on the West Barnet Road. He recommended we complete a speed study on the road. Mr. Gates stated that the Selectboard did not change the speed limit, but merely decided to enforce an existing speed limit. Mr. Jefferson felt a speed study would be expensive.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence regarding Act 137 Coronavirus Relief Funds and digitization of land records

Ms. Ford made a motion that Mr. Heisholt get bids from vendors for the upcoming digitization of land records grant. The deadline is September 1st for the grant. Mr. Jefferson seconded. Approved by voice vote.

11. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Danville Planning Commission regarding hearing on proposed Zoning Bylaw

The Board reviewed email correspondence regarding a forthcoming hearing.

12. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont State Police regarding police reform

Regarding the letter from the Sherriff's Department regarding services and/or change to services discussion. Mr. Jefferson would like a letter written that thanks the department for its' service to Barnet with support for their continued service to our Town.

13. Consideration of, and take any action on, policy on petition requirements for special appropriation requests

Regarding petition signing change for new or increased appropriations for Town Meeting. Mr. Gates would like to keep the necessary petition rules in place. We can revisit this if Covid persists or worsens closer to Town Meeting. Mr. Jefferson agreed.

14. 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 this matter.

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

Ms. Ford spoke on the possibility for food trucks in Barnet. Correspondence with VLCT indicated that we need to find an ordinance that works for us and our Zoning Board. Ms. Ford would like to revisit this

topic with VLCT regarding private property food trucks as well as Municipal Properties before we write an ordinance. The board agreed.

16. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

17. Adjournment

Adjourned 7:40pm. Motion made by Ms. Ford, Seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Approved by voice vote.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*