

Town of Barnet, Vermont COVID-19 Coronavirus Response

For the benefit of public health in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, and in response to orders and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and state and federal governments, several changes have been made to operations of Barnet’s municipal government. These changes are documented below. As this the situation continues to develop this document will be updated. Please continue to monitor the Town’s website (<http://barnetvt.org/>) and the Town of Barnet Community Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/barnetvt/>) for updates. If you have any questions regarding these changes, or other matters of concern regarding the Town’s response to COVID-19, please contact the relevant Town officer:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Town Clerk	Benjamin Heisholt	(802) 633-2256 (802) 633-2252	townclerk@barnetvt.org
Asst. Town Clerk	Catherine Roy	(802) 633-2256	asstclerk@barnetvt.org
Selectboard	Dylan Ford	(802) 633-3831	
Selectboard	Benjamin Gates	(802) 633-2575	
Selectboard	Mark Jefferson	(802) 633-4611	
Transfer Station	Bruce Marston	(802) 748-1374	brucemarston43@gmail.com
Public Library	Dylan Ford	(802) 633-4436	barnetpl@hotmail.com
Zoning Officer	Shirley Warden	(802) 633-4993	
Board of Listers	John Cook	(802) 633-2630	listers@barnetvt.org cabcorjc@sover.net
Highway Dept	Mark Chase	(802) 633-4477	barnetgarage@gmail.com

Town Clerk’s Office

- **The office is closed to the general public until further notice.** *Effective Tuesday, 17 November 2020.*
- **The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk are working in office and remotely.** *Effective Tuesday, 17 November 2020.*
 - Although the office is closed, the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk remain in the office for some office hours; they continue to carry out normal office operations to the extent possible. Hours at the Town Clerk’s Office will be limited and may be inconsistent. Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions. They can be reached via:
 - Telephone:
 - **Town Clerk’s Office at (802) 633-2256.** During some normal office hours - primarily Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon.

- **Remotely at (802) 633-2252.** During regular office hours - Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Will respond daily to messages left at either of these numbers.
 - Email:
 - Benjamin Heisholt, Town Clerk: townclerk@barnetvt.org
 - Catherine Roy, Assistant Town Clerk: asstclerk@barnetvt.org
- Dog Licenses
 - Licensing of all dogs is due annually on April 1. This due date, which is now past, remains effective. However, if you have had difficulty obtaining a rabies vaccination for your dog due to the COVID-19 pandemic, late fees will be waived. Licensing remains required by law and licenses continue to be issued.
 - Please license your dog through the mail. Send fee (see below for amounts) and copy of valid current rabies certificate to:
 - Town of Barnet, PO Box 15, Barnet, VT 05821
 - The Town Clerk's Office will mail the license and tag in return.
 - Fees:
 - Spayed/Neutered dogs:
 - \$9.00 for timely license or if late fees waived
 - \$11.00 for late license (including \$2.00 late fee)
 - Unspayed/Unneutered dogs:
 - \$13.00 for timely license or if late fees waived
 - \$17.00 for late license (including \$4.00 late fee)
- Documents & Research
 - The vault is open by appointment for research and title searches for the purpose of facilitating real estate transactions only. Rules for these appointments will be shared with those making appointments, and will be strictly enforced. Please contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information or to make an appointment. *Effective Tuesday, 9 June 2020.*
 - The Town Clerk's Office will respond to all public records requests by email, mail, or fax at no charge.
 - A full Land Records Index from 1969 to the present in searchable PDF format is available upon request at no charge. Other indices in digital formats are also available upon request at no charge. Remote searches, with document retrieval by Town Clerk's Office staff, are available using these indices. Please call or email the office with requests or questions.
 - A full digital Land Records Index from 1969 to the present is available at <https://barnet.lr-1.com/>. This site contains images of some indexed documents, available for a \$2.50 per page fee.
- Other Services

- For other Town Clerk's Office services, such as **Marriage Licenses and Certified Copies** of documents, please contact the office via telephone or email.

Transfer Station & Recycling Center

- **The Transfer Station & Recycling Center remains open for regular hours of operation and will accept waste and recycling materials as normal. Some precautions and changes to operations will apply – please read the below information.** *Effective Saturday, 21 March 2020.*
 - Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston contact information:
 - Telephone: (802) 748-1374
 - Email: brucemarston43@gmail.com
 - Normal operating hours are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - In payment of disposal fees, the Transfer Station will require a check or exact change. Please deposit these funds in the drop box outside the Transfer Station booth. The Transfer Station attendant will not have direct person-to-person interaction with customers.
 - The Recycling Center will admit a maximum of two customers at a time inside the Recycling Center shed. Please be mindful of traffic direction signage and wait patiently in your vehicle for your turn to drop off your items.
 - To facilitate efficiency under the above rule, Recycling Center patrons must sort all items prior to arrival at the Recycling Center.

Selectboard

- **Regular meetings of the Selectboard will proceed as scheduled. These will be conducted solely through phone and video conferencing provided by GoToMeeting. Please see meeting warnings/agendas for information on how to connect to the meeting via GoToMeeting.** *Effective Monday, 13 April 2020.*
 - To contact Selectboard members via telephone:
 - Dylan Ford, Co-Chair: (802) 633-3831
 - Benjamin Gates, Co-Chair: (802) 633-2575
 - Mark Jefferson, Member: (802) 633-4611

Public Library

- **The Barnet Public Library is happy to welcome you all back with some changes in place. Details below.** *Effective Thursday, 11 June 2020.*
 - The Librarian and Assistant Librarian continue to work to serve you as much as they can. Contact information:
 - Telephone: (802) 633-4436
 - Email: barnetpl@hotmail.com

- In an effort to keep all healthy and to be able to continue serving our community we are offering our library services outside this summer.
- As we begin to understand this virus, we are learning that being outside is one of the safest ways we can interact. Therefore, our library is still closed to the public but our contents are being offered in creative ways:
- We are offering “Library on the Lawn”:
 - Tuesdays: 10-4
 - Wednesdays 11-3
 - Saturdays: 10-2
- And we are offering a “bookmobile” service with outside tables on Fridays:
 - Passumpsic Village (over the bridge at the Passumpsic Valley Land Trust fishing landing): 10-11 am
 - West Barnet Church or basketball court site: 11:30-12:30
 - McIndoe Falls Academy lawn: 1-2 pm
- We continue to offer our porch-side services anytime we are open.
- Our new website and our Facebook page are current so check for updates there.
- Please wear masks to the Barnet Library and to the bookmobile. We require hand sanitizer usage before handling our books. Each table is equipped with a bottle.
- We continue to quarantine returned books for 7 days.
- We can fax, copy and print items for you during open hours.
- Our collection will be online within the next couple of weeks so you can browse from home.
- We now have faster internet with better coverage on the lawn. It is always free and open.
- Summer reading packets are available at the library and at the Bookmobile sites.
- Free audio and e-books are available from rbdigital (just contact the library for your patron number) and free books on the porch from our “vault” (untouched by the public since July).
- We are excited to see you all soon!

Planning Commission & Zoning Board

- Please continue to contact Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden with all zoning-related questions. She continues to work from her home office. Some, but not all, applications may be delayed due to cancellation or postponement of Planning Commission/Zoning Board meetings.
 - Telephone: (802) 633-4993

Board of Listers

- **The Board of Listers is meeting at the Town Clerk’s Office on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are available at these times for**

phone calls and emails, but not for in-person visits or appointments. *Effective, Tuesday, 17 November 2020*

- To contact the Listers:
 - Call Listers during office hours: (802) 633-2256
 - Call Chair John Cook at home: (802) 633-2630
 - Email: listeners@barnetvt.org
cabcorjc@sover.net

Highway Department

- The Highway Department has resumed work at regular hours to maintain roads as safe and passable and perform maintenance activities, while adhering to State orders and guidance regarding COVID-19 restrictions and precautions.
 - To contact the Highway Department:
 - Call Road Foreman Mark Chase at Town Garage: (802) 633-4477
 - Email: barnetgarage@gmail.com