

**MINUTES – REMOTE REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**

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: Town Attorney Steven Adler and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting telephone or video conference: Frank Jannarone, Mona Marceau, and Kathleen Monroe.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of informational hearing held February 23, 2021

- Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the informational hearing held February 23, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

2. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held March 8, 2021

- Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

3. Other business presented by members of the public

a. Northeast Kingdom Broadband town representative Kathleen Monroe regarding appointment of representatives

Ms. Monroe indicated that Northeast Kingdom Broadband is requesting that the Selectboards of its member towns reassign or replace their representatives and alternates to Northeast Kingdom Broadband. Ms. Monroe indicated that she is willing to be re-appointed, but alternate Charles McAlpine does not seek re-appointment. Discussion ensued.

4. 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 matters:

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, 2021 Vermont Class 2 Roadway and Structures Grant applications

Road Commissioner Mr. Gates reported that there were no new developments regarding the application for State grants.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, certification of compliance for town road and bridge standards and network inventory

The Board reviewed the completed Certification form, which certifies that the Board has reviewed, understands, and complies with the Town Road and Bridge Standards/Public Works Specifications and Standards passed and adopted by the Board on August 12, 2019.

- The Board signed the certificate.

c. Other business

i. Dump Truck #001 repairs

Mr. Gates reported that Dump Truck #001 was sent to the repair shop for replacement of transmission lines. While undergoing repairs, the need to replace the cooler arose; the cooler was also replaced.

ii. Pick-up Truck (#007) repairs

Mr. Gates reported that the pick-up truck was sent to the repair shop for diagnose and repair of a DEF issue; this repair is completed.

iii. Spare Dump Truck repairs

Mr. Gates reported that the spare dump truck was sent to Robco for repair of corrosion on the under-framing of the dump body. This repair remains in process.

iv. Late winter/early spring road maintenance

Mr. Gates reported that the Highway Department has been working on cleaning ditches, etc. of winter debris and performing spring road maintenance (filling pot holes, etc.).

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, bids for painting of library building exterior

Ms. Ford indicated that she had learned that lead-safe lead paint certification is required for painting of public buildings. According to the Board's understanding, of the contractors who submitted bids, only Clean Cut Painting and Graves Builders' subcontractor are lead-safe certified. During the meeting, the Board was able to confirm that Jake Stevenson is not lead-safe certified. Discussion ensued.

- Ms. Ford moved to accept the bid of Clean Cut Painting to paint the entire exterior of the library building during 2021. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, appropriation request from Pleasantview Cemetery

Ms. Ford indicated that she had not spoken to Sexton Jeffery Riley regarding the cemetery's 2021 appropriation request.

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

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of Agri-Mark, Inc. DBA Cabot Creamery, AmeriGas, Austin Construction, Inc., Dead River Company, Darrell Mathews/Mathews Excavating, S.D. Ireland, and Stacey Thomson Properties LP.

9. Other business presented by Selectboard

No other business was presented by the Selectboard.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, Town Hall boundary line research, discussion, and negotiations

- Mr. Jefferson moved that the Board make a specific finding, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(F), that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning Town Hall boundary line research, discussions, and negotiations, including confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the Board, would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- Mr. Jefferson moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(F) to discuss Town Hall boundary line research, discussions, and negotiations, including confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal

services to the Board, as premature public disclosure of which would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:33 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Gates, Mr. Jefferson, Town Attorney Steven Adler, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

- Ms. Ford moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:03 p.m.
- Ms. Ford moved to direct Town Attorney Steven Adler to move forward with negotiations of the boundaries of the Town Hall property as discussed in executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*