

**MINUTES – REMOTE REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Beach Committee member Jennifer Kierstead.

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting telephone or video conference: Jonathan Carpenter.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held April 26, 2021

- Ms. Ford moved to amend the draft minutes in item 3.b. to read “Attorney James Murphy of the law firm Zuccaro & Willis has agreed to represent the Town in the proposed upcoming tax sales,” and to accept the minutes as thus amended. 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 Beach Committee regarding 2021 beach season and funding for repairs and maintenance of beach property

The Board reviewed an email and attached letter received from Beach Committee Chair Christen Emerson. The letter makes various suggestions and recommendations for 2021 beach operations and beach property repairs and improvements. Beach Committee member Jennifer Kierstead appeared remotely and discussed the contents of the letter with the Board.

- The Board agreed to approve 2021 beach operating hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily.
- Mr. Jefferson moved to approve the expenditure of not more than \$2,500 on beach property repairs and improvements per the Beach Committee’s request, in the following order of priority: first on swim area buoys, and the remainder on picnic tables. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

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

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, paving of Church Street and Monument Circle in connection with Fire District #2 water infrastructure project

Mr. Chase reported that Pike Industries and Blaktop will visit the site the week of this meeting to evaluate the project and provide a quote.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, Roy Mountain Road construction project

Mr. Chase reported that the Town had received a letter of intent from the Agency of Transportation indicating that it is expected that the project will be funded.

c. Consideration of, and take any action on, bids for gravel crushing services

The Board reviewed bids from Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. (\$5.45 per cubic yard) and Kingdom Gravel and Aggregate (\$9.47 per cubic yard).

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

d. Consideration of, and take any action on, bids for sand screening services

The Board reviewed bids from Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. (\$2.00 per cubic yard) and Kingdom Gravel and Aggregate (\$4.25 per cubic yard).

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

e. Consideration of, and take any action on, application for Highway Access Permit for access on Jewett Brook Road

The Board reviewed an application for a permanent private residence driveway, as submitted by Michael Kennedy and Kristen Van Aken. Mr. Chase indicated that he had not visited the site in connection with the application, but that he was familiar with the area and did not foresee any problems with the proposed access.

- With the Board's approval, Mr. Gates signed the permit. The Board instructed Mr. Chase to visit the site and add any applicable comments and conditions to the approved permit.

f. Other business

i. Bridge Street railroad crossing

Mr. Chase indicated that the State of Vermont is planning to rebuild the railroad crossing on Bridge Street, causing the road to be closed on May 12, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ii. New truck update

Mr. Chase indicated the new dump truck is presently at R.R. Charlebois and will be transported from there to Tenco for installation of the body and equipment.

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 supplier of fuel oil, propane, and diesel fuel for the 2021-2022 season

The Board reviewed bids submitted, which were as summarized below:

	Bourne's Energy	CN Brown	Dead River Co.	Fred's Energy	Irving Energy
Fuel Oil					
Fixed	2.71000	2.57418	2.46000	2.39900	2.37600
Fluctuating			2.26930		
Above rack		0.28000		0.25000	
Current rack				2.30900	
Cap				2.45900	
Prebuy		2.47900	2.41000	2.35900	
Propane	No Bid	No Bid			
Fixed			1.96600	1.79 (2 years)	1.56800
Above rack				0.55000	
Current rack				1.70000	
Fluctuating			1.90520		
Cap				1.85000	
Prebuy			1.91600	1.75000	
Diesel Fuel		No Bid			
Fixed			2.61700		2.49200
Fluctuating			2.51400		
Prebuy			2.57700		
Above rack	0.25000			0.25000	
Current rack	2.59100			2.46900	

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Irving Energy for delivery of fuel oil, propane, and diesel fuel for the 2021-2022 season. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, animal bite report from Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital regarding incident at 109 Inwood Lane

The Board reviewed the report. Health Officer Dylan Ford indicated that the incident occurred on the property of the animal's owner and that the Town had not received an Animal Control Complaint regarding the incident.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, animal bite report regarding incident involving dog kept at 142 Brook Circle

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that he had received an oral report regarding an incident occurring off the property of the dog owner. The dog involved is licensed in Barnet and has a current rabies vaccination. Mr. Heisholt indicated that the Town had not received an Animal Control Complaint or any other written report regarding the incident.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, preparations for Memorial Day observances

The Board discussed details of plans for Memorial Day observances to be held Sunday, May 30, 2021 at the Passumpsic Village and Barnet Village memorial monuments.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the single vehicle applications of Donald Moore Jr. and Nathan Foster and the fleet application of CCS.

11. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. Moving library youth sitting area from Town Clerk's Office to Library

Ms. Ford discussed logistics of moving a built-in youth sitting area that has been upstairs at the Town Clerk's Office since that space served as the library. She requested that Road Foreman Mark Chase meet her at Town Clerk's Office to assess the feasibility of moving the structure to the Library.

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

Ms. Ford indicated that she was aware of no new developments in this matter. The Board agreed to table the matter.

13. Adjournment

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*