

**MINUTES –REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Fire & Rescue Station.

Board members present: Dylan Ford (presiding co-chair), Benjamin Gates, and Mark Jefferson.

Other Town officials and employees participating via GoToMeeting telephone/video conference: Lister John Fairchild, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

Members of the public present: Jonathan Carpenter, January O'Donnell, and Jordan O'Donnell.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held June 14, 2021

- Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 14, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

2. Consideration of, and take any action on, Animal Control Complaint regarding dogs kept at Warden Road residence

The Board reviewed a complaint received June 15, 2021 from Shirley Warden, resident of 521 Warden Road, regarding an incident occurring June 14, 2021. The complaint states that two dogs owned by Brent and January O'Donnell were running at large, chasing squirrels in Ms. Warden's back yard. The complaint also suggests that this incident may not have been the only recent visit by the O'Donnells' dogs, as they may have been on Ms. Warden's property in the previous two weeks.

The Board also reviewed an email from January O'Donnell. The email states that on a recent day three of the O'Donnells' dogs were briefly loose when one of them managed to unlock and open a sliding screen door. The email indicates that Ms. O'Donnell, who has home at the time, quickly noticed the door was open and immediately brought the dogs back into the house. The email indicates the dogs had returned to the house from a direction opposite Ms. Warden's property, muddy from apparently having visited a favorite mud hole. Ms. O'Donnell therefore had assumed they had not visited Ms. Warden's property and had not followed up on the incident with Ms. Warden prior to notification of the complaint. Ms. O'Donnell indicates in the email that she does not believe it possible that the dogs had been on Ms. Warden's property during the previous two weeks, as the complaint suggests, and that the issue with the screen door has been remedied.

The Board noted and reviewed a file of previous complaints regarding dogs owned by Brent and January O'Donnell, including a bite incident in 2020 involving a dog named Goliath, which resulted in a decision requiring the dog to be contained within a fence structure.

The Board heard testimony from Ms. Warden, Ms. O'Donnell, and Ms. O'Donnell's son, Jordan O'Donnell. Ms. Warden and Ms. O'Donnell repeated and elucidated upon their submitted written documents. Ms. Warden indicated that no damage was done to her property during the incident.

- The Board agreed to 1) note a first violation involving the O'Donnells' dog named Elka, and 2) issue a warning that another incident involving the O'Donnells' dogs running at large must not occur or penalties will be assessed.

3. Other business presented by members of the public

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

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

Mr. Chase was not present at this meeting. The Board discussed the below-described items in his absence.

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

Jonathan Carpenter, Fire District #2 Prudential Committee Chair, reported that the infrastructure project is scheduled to commence August 3, 2021; it will require the closure of Church Street. He indicated that the Fire District is presently awaiting the delivery of PVC pipe. He also requested that Road Foreman Mark Chase meet with the project engineer to discuss project details.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, 2021 Roy Mountain Road construction project

Mr. Gates reported that the Highway Department has been working on preparing materials for the project; a stockpile has been created at Gilfillan Road.

c. Consideration of, and take any action on, new dump truck assembly and delivery

Mr. Gates reported that the new truck was in the paint shop the previous week and should be ready for delivery soon.

d. Other business

i. Full-time employee out

Mr. Gates reported that a full-time Highway Department employee will be unavailable to work for an extended period of time. Discussion ensued.

5. Other business presented by other town officers

a. Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding Keyser Hill campground

Ms. Warden discussed reports of a possible zoning violation relating to a new campground on a Keyser Hill property.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, Local Fiscal Recovery Funds from American Rescue Plan (ARPA)

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt reported that he had certified the Town's intent to accept ARPA funding, and himself as authorized representative of the Town for ARPA funding, per the Board's decision at their previous meeting.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, appointment of representative to Transportation Advisory Committee

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that the three-year term of Benjamin Gates as representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee had expired in March 2021.

- Mr. Jefferson moved to appoint Benjamin Gates as representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee for a three-year term commencing March 2021. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, laboratory report of landfill monitoring from Endyne, Inc.

The Board reviewed a report containing analyses performed for samples collected in May 2021.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, Town Garage alarm system service agreement from Alarmco, Inc.

The Board reviewed a proposed renewal for a contract for fire alarm system testing for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

- With the Board's approval, Ms. Ford signed the agreement.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, Transfer Station & Recycling Center facilities maintenance

Ms. Ford reported on her inspection of the Transfer Station compactor shed. She reported that the building has rot and white mold along the sills, as the lower part of the shed appears to be standing in water during wet periods. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to request that building contractor Ben Adams inspect the site and recommend a solution.

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

No applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits were received.

12. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. Speeding and policing

The Board discussed the matter of speeding, as discussed at the previous Board meeting. The Board noted that patrols times have been increased and the speed cart has been placed in West Barnet Village. Ms. Ford reported that she had received a report of a vehicle traveling at 80 miles per hour on US Route 5 South in McIndoe Falls.

b. Suggested addition to Barnet Village memorial monument for veterans of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq

Mr. Gates reported that he had received a request that the Board consider adding to the Barnet Village memorial monument the names of Barnet residents who are veterans of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that Ms. Ford will discuss this matter with David Curtin.

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

The Board noted that there were no new developments in the matter and agreed to table further discussion to the next meeting.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*