

**MINUTES –REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021**

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

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

**Other Town officials and employees present:** Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

**Members of the public present:** None.

**1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held June 28, 2021**

- Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 28, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**2. Other business presented by members of the public**

**a. Shirley Warden regarding new highway access**

Ms. Warden reported that a new highway access has been added on Goodwillie Road; she inquired about its permit status.

- The Board agreed to instruct Road Foreman Mark Chase to inspect the site.

**3. 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 there were no new developments with regard to this matter.

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

Mr. Chase reported that some of the trees in the project area have been pruned in anticipation of commencement of the project.

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

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has received delivery of the new dump truck. Mr. Chase and the Board discussed logistics for decommissioning the replaced dump truck.

**d. Consideration of, and take any action on, changes to Highway Department staffing**

Mr. Chase and the Board discussed the unavailable full-time Highway Department employee, as discussed by the Board at their previous meeting. Mr. Chase reported that the schedule for the return of this employee is uncertain, but will be no sooner than August 28.

- The Board agreed to advertise to hire a full-time Highway Department employee.

**e. Other business**

**i. Gravel crushing**

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department will commence gravel crushing in the gravel pit on Tuesday, July 13.

**4. Other business presented by other town officers**

There was no other business presented by other town officers.

**5. Consideration of, and take any action on, Planning Commission/Zoning Board Secretary position wage**

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden appeared. She indicated that she will be resigning her position as Planning Commission/Zoning Board Secretary, while retaining her position as Zoning Administrative Officer. The Planning Commission/Zoning Board (PC/ZB), which hires the Secretary, intends to interview a candidate for the position. Ms. Warden indicates that the PC/ZB is seeking guidance from the Selectboard about the initial hourly wage rate for the position. Discussion ensued.

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

Transfer Station & Recycling Center Attendant Shirley Warden reported that building contractor Ben Adams visited and inspected the Transfer Station compactor shed, per the Board's request. Mr. Adams indicated that he will provide the Board with a recommendation.

**7. Consideration of, and take any action on, repair and replacement of cemetery stones**

Ms. Ford reported that she had received a quote from Tony Dennis regarding cemetery stones in Palmer and Stevens Cemeteries. Mr. Dennis offered a quote of \$1,000 to repair all stones requiring repair at Palmer Cemetery. He recommended that the Board schedule periodic cleaning of all of the stones in 2022 and future years.

- Mr. Gates moved to accept Mr. Dennis's quote and repair the stones in Palmer Cemetery. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**8. Consideration of, and take any action on, revocation of single-member check warrant signing authority**

The Board reviewed minutes of the March 23, 2020 Board meeting, at which the Board voted to "appoint Mr. Gates to approve and sign warrants for all payroll, accounts payable and other expenses, effective immediately and for the indefinite future, until such appointment is withdrawn by a vote of the majority of the Board."

- Ms. Ford moved to revoke the March 23, 2020 appointment of Mr. Gates to approve and sign warrants. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**9. Consideration of, and take any action on, wireless internet availability at West Barnet church property**

The Board reviewed an email from Vermont Telephone Company, Inc., indicating that the company's complimentary WI-FI hot spot at the West Barnet church would be coming to an end effective June 30, 2021 and inquiring about the Board's interest in continuing the service at Town expense or through a grant.

- Ms. Ford moved to discontinue the WI-FI hot spot at the West Barnet church. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**10. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes with fiscal year 2022 education tax rates**

The Board reviewed an email and attached notification, indicating that the fiscal year 2022 education tax rates will be 1.7041 for homestead and 1.6186 for nonhomestead.

**11. Other business presented by Selectboard**

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

**12. 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.

**13. Adjournment**

Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

*A true copy.*

*Attest:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Town Clerk*