

MINUTES - REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in-person at Barnet Fire & Rescue Station (151 Bimson Drive) and via GoToMeeting telephone/online conference. This meeting was recorded via GoToMeeting.

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

Other Town officials and employees participating in-person: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

Other Town officials and employees participating via GoToMeeting: None

Members of the public participating in-person: None.

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting: Mona Marceau.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held March 14, 2022

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden noted that resident Shawn Larocque was present in-person, not remotely via GoToMeeting as the minutes indicate.

- Ms. Ford moved to approve, with correction as suggested by Ms. Warden, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2022. 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 Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters; take any action

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, quotes for delivery of dust control products

The Board reviewed a quote from Innovative Surface Solutions, with a delivered cost of \$0.91 per gallon.

- Mr. Gates signed the quote with the Board's approval.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) regarding Bridge#10 inspection finding and repair plan

Mr. Chase reported that he had attempted to contact Shauna Clifford of VTrans, but had not communicated with her regarding this matter as yet.

c. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2023 town highway grant applications, etc.

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d. Consideration of, and take any action on, Town Garage moisture issue

Mr. Jefferson reported on his communications with Kevin Morrison of Vermont Mechanical. Mr. Morrison had indicated that his recommendation of two Aprilaire dehumidifiers would be the best solution for the Town Garage moisture issue. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Jefferson moved to approve expenditure of not more than \$5,000 from the Municipal Buildings Fund for two Aprilaire dehumidifiers as per the above discussion. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

e. 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, Beacon Sales Acquisition, Calkins, Harold's Concrete Construction, Darrell Mathews/Mathews Excavating, SD Ireland, and Stacey Thompson Properties, LP.

f. Other business

i. Roads open

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department had contended with difficult thawing conditions on gravel roads for the past few weeks, but that most roads are now in improved condition and all are passable. Some rough areas and pot holes remain.

4. Other business presented by other town officers

a. Town Forest research

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden indicated that she had performed some research regarding the history of Town ownership of the Town Forest on Town Forest Road. She reported that she had found a deed from the 1950s and that she continues to attempt to discover the origins and stated purpose of the property.

5. Consideration of, and take any action on, Transfer Station Green Up Day operations and policies

The Board reviewed emails from Green Up Day coordinator Dawn Holtz and Transfer Station/Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston. Ms. Holtz had inquired about two questions relating to Transfer Station operations in connection with Green Up Day:

- 1) Will there be a separate dumpster for Green Up bags?
- 2) Would the Town agree to allow people to bring Green Up bags at no cost the week before, the week of, and the week after Green Up Day?

Mr. Marston's email had indicated, in response to Ms. Holtz's questions:

- 1) The Transfer Station staff prefers to not have a separate dumpster for Green Up bags.
- 2) The Transfer Station staff would be agreeable to accepting Green Up bags before, during, and after Green Up Day.

Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to not place a separate dumpster for Green Up bags at the Transfer Station and to allow no-cost disposal of Green Up bags on the following dates: April 23, April 30, May 7, and May 14.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, sign for Fire & Rescue Station

Mr. Gates reported that there was no new information to report or discuss regarding this matter.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, memorial for veterans of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

Mr. Gates reported that there was no new information to report or discuss regarding this matter.

8. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

9. Other business presented by Selectboard

No other business was presented by the Selectboard.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, evaluation of appointed public officers/employees

- Ms. Ford moved to enter executive session to discuss evaluation of appointed public officers/employees pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a) (1,3 & 4). Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:24 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Gates, Mr. Jefferson, Town Attorney Steven Adler, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Mr. Ford moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:00 p.m.
- No action taken.

11. Consideration of, and take any action on, tax appeal to Superior Court submitted by Great River Hydro LLC

Ms. Ford discussed her communications with State Senator Jane Kitchel regarding funding for reappraisal of hydroelectric dams.

12. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*