

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

SELECTBOARD

APPROVED MINUTES JUNE 13, 2022

Attendees: Benjamin Gates, Mark Jefferson, Dylan Ford, Shirley Warden, Paul Tomasi, Mark Chase, Clarke Atwell, Elizabeth Evans, Ron Morse, Kathleen Monroe.

- 1) Consideration of approval of minutes of regularly held meeting May 23, 2022. Motion to approve made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mark Jefferson. Passed.
- 2) Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from NEKWMD regarding grant project for closed landfills. Motion to approve made by Ms. Ford, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Mr. Chase will contact Mr. Tomasi with a meeting time.
- 3) Ms. Evans from the zoning and planning board discussed the meeting that she and Ms. Warden attended regarding cannabis regulation. They attended in regards to the upcoming revision of the Barnet Town Plan. They will take the information they learned and apply it to the new Town Plan. Towns cannot prohibit cannabis establishments, but they can opt in to retail sales through a town wide vote.
- 4) No other business presented by the public.
- 5) Appearance by road foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters:
 - a. No new information regarding Bridge #10.
 - b. Barnet was awarded the 2023 town highway structures grant money.
 - c. Mr. Chase and Mr. Morton from NVDA are working together on the VTRANS grants in aid application.
 - d. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Alarmco, Inc. regarding Town Garage alarm system. Signed by the Selectboard.
 - e. All applications for Uniform Municipal Weight Permits signed.
 - f. Other business: The suspension on the 2015 truck broke. It is at Tut's being repaired. The Screening finished today, June 13. It is possible that the cost for the crushing of the gravel in the Town Pit will cost more than our estimate as prices have increased for the bidder.
- 6) Consideration of amendment of Ordinance regarding Street Naming and Street Addressing. This was tabled until the Zoning Administrator, Ms. Warden has revised the ordinance.

7) The town received an abutters permit for a tarp shed on Granger Street. The Town has 15 days to appeal. No action taken.

8) Consideration of, and take and action on, correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding approved Grand List extension. No action taken.

9) Other business: None

10) Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation regarding State acquisition of Harvey's Lake frontage. No action taken.

11) Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from NEKBB regarding ARPA funds proposal. Ms. Monroe answered questions posed previously by the Selectboard. She also stated that Peacham and Groton are doing a lot of work regarding their agreements with NEKBB and will let us see their final agreement for consideration. NEKBB is rethinking the cost of their services as other competitors are less expensive.

12) Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from McIndoe Falls Academy regarding ARPA funds proposal.

Ms. Ford corresponded with the Barnet ARPA coordinator Annie McLean regarding questions the Selectboard had about the ARPA funds. Ms. Ford recommended that the Selectboard consider the town's direct need for ARPA funds for infrastructure, safety and other Municipal necessities before spending any more funds on other organizations. Mr. Gates recommended that the Selectboard determine a percentage of total ARPA funds that will go to other Town organizations. Those applying for funds will be required to send a letter/application to the Town to be considered for funds by the September 12 Selectboard meeting. Motion made by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson.

13) Consideration of and take any action on, complaint regarding dumping of waste off N. Monroe Road. Mr. Chase has not contacted the DOC yet.

14) No action taken

15) No action taken

16) Check warrants signed

17) No other business.

18) Executive session-motion to enter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E): Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Exit: Motion by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson.

19) Mr. Atwell stated he already prepared and Ms. Warden sent notice of violation.

20) Executive session-motion to enter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3): Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Exit: Motion by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson.

Waiver of employee compensation signed.

21) Executive session-motion to enter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(2): Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Exit: Motion by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson.

We will put Mr. Ancel's estimate for continuation of work on the next agenda.

22) Executive session-motion to enter pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E): Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Exit: Motion by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson.

Ms. Ford will contact Mr. Adler to discuss further action.

23) Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gates, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.