

MINUTES - REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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 (presiding co-chair), Benjamin Gates, and Mark Jefferson.

Other Town officials and employees participating in-person: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Lister John Fairchild, 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: Amy Ash Nixon (Caledonian-Record), William Graves, and Jeremy Roberts.

Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting: Kathleen Monroe.

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held October 10, 2022

Ms. Ford noted that her name is incorrectly noted as “Mr. Ford” in several parts of the draft minutes.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve, with correction as indicated by Ms. Ford, the minutes of the regular meeting held October 10, 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, complaint regarding dumping of waste off North Monroe Road

Mr. Chase indicated that he would contact Mathews Excavating regarding installing stone barriers on North Monroe to mitigate waste dumping.

b. Other business

i. Dump truck quotes

Mr. Chase reviewed preliminary quotes received for dump trucks and bodies. Discussion ensued.

- No action taken.

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, next steps in Town Hall project

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, bids for demolition services for village fire station

The Board reviewed bids for demolition of the Barnet Village Fire Station, which were as summarized below:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
Blue Mountain Trucking	\$24,990
Mathews Excavating	\$10,350

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Mathews Excavating. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

b. Other business

i. Clerk of the Works

The Board discussed the concept of appointing a Clerk of the Works for the Town Hall project.

- The Board agreed to schedule an anticipated executive session to discuss this matter on their next agenda.

ii. Park and Ride Grant

Mr. Gates provided an update on the status of the grant application. He indicated that the program had few applicants; the Town's application is likely to receive funding.

iii. Correspondence from Barnet Historical Society

The Board reviewed a letter reminding the Board of the Historical Society's request for designated space at the renovated Town Hall.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, cessation of remote meeting accessibility

The Board discussed ceasing to provide remote access to Board meetings.

- The Board agreed to continue to provide remote access to meetings at this time.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Harvey's Lake Dam periodic inspection report

The Board reviewed and discussed an email and attached periodic inspection report. Ms. Ford provided a report on the recent activities of Dam Committee.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, planning for expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

Ms. Ford indicated that she would contact Northeastern Vermont Development Association to request guidance regarding expenditure of ARPA funds. The Board also reviewed an email from McIndoe Falls Fire District #3.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Broadband regarding optical line terminal siting

Mr. Jefferson reported that an on-site meeting with NEKBB is scheduled, and that he will report to the Board on the outcome of the meeting.

10. 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.

- No action taken

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

Ms. Ford reported on her investigation into quotes for memorial plaques.

12. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

13. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant application

The Board reviewed an email regarding availability of funding for 2023 Aquatic Nuisance Control Grants.

- The Board agreed to apply for a 2023 Aquatic Nuisance Control Grant for the Harvey's Lake boat monitoring program.

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

The Board noted that there was no new information to report or discuss regarding this matter.

- No action taken

15. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

A true copy. Attest. _____ *Town Clerk*