

# MINUTES - SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

## TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022

Meeting convened at 6:00 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:** 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:** Jay Ancel (Black River Design), Timothy Estes (Estes & Gallup, LLC), William Graves, Amy Ash Nixon (Caledonian Record), and Jeremy Roberts.

**Members of the public participating via GoToMeeting:** “Lexi” and Mona Marceau.

### 1. Consideration of, and take any action on, next steps in Town Hall project\*

#### a. Meet with representatives of Black River Design and Estes & Gallup

The Board met with Timothy Estes of Estes & Gallup, LLC (E & G), Jay Ancel of Black River Design and discussed several subjects relating to the Town Hall project. Discussion was had as summarized below:

- Construction management contract development. It was agreed that the draft contract was agreeable. Minor changes are to be made and the contract will be reviewed by the Town’s insurance carrier (Vermont League Cities & Towns PACIF) prior to execution.
- Student building trades workers. Discussion was had about the use of St. Johnsbury Academy building trades students as subcontractors in the project and how the electrical portion of the project would proceed.
- Preservation Trust of Vermont funding. Discussion was had about potential funding and restrictions imposed by funding. In particular, the building’s existing tin ceilings and walls were discussed, including the extent to which they can remain in place or be salvaged for other use. Windows were also discussed; Mr. Ancel indicated that refurbishment of existing windows and installation of storm windows seems to be the most advantageous option.
- Interior demolition. There was discussion of the extent to which the interior shell of the building should be demolished to allow for ease and quality of insulation and installation of utilities.
- Energy options. Discussion was had regarding energy (heating and cooling) source options. Heat pump, wood pellet, and propane opportunities were considered; efficiency through both energy source and envelope quality was discussed.

### 2. Other business presented by Selectboard

No other business was presented by the Selectboard.

### 3. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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