

MINUTES-REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET
MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023-7:00 P.M.

IN PERSON ONLY. NOT AVAILABLE REMOTELY

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm in person at Barnet Fire & Rescue Station.

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

Other Town officials and employees participating in-person: Mark Chase, Dennis McLam, Shirley Warden

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held August 14, 2023
Mr. Jefferson moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held August 14, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Ford. Approved by voice vote.
2. Other business presented by members of the public.
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, take any action on, acquisition of tablet computer and cellular service for highway department.
A tablet was purchased for the highway department. No cellular service needed. Motion to approve made by Mark Jefferson. Seconded by Ms. Ford. Approved by voice vote
 - b. Other business:
The new truck has not yet been delivered.

The S. Monroe bridge road is ready to be paved with new drainage. Pike will fit it in to their schedule for this year.

Sand screening is done. The crushing will start soon.
4. Consideration of, and take any action on, appointment to fill pending vacancy on the Planning Commission/Zoning Board
No action taken as the Zoning board has not yet met.
5. Other business presented by other town officers
Ms. Warden informed the board that the next Zoning board meeting will include a discussion of a dwelling on Tower Road.
6. Consideration of, and take any action on, next steps in Town Hall project.
 - a. Progress Report: Mr. Gates reported that the town submitted the second phase fire safety permit. It is signed and paid for.

The building foundation is being poured on schedule.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, authorization of payment for research services on tax exemption status of sugar houses.

Discussion ensued. The board decided to follow the advice of our state lister consultant Barbara Schlesinger and have the Board of Civil Authority make the determination on the possible hiring of a researcher for this topic.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Caledonia Essex area ambulance service (CALEX) regarding regional town emergency medical services (EMS) meeting.

Mr. Jefferson attended the meeting on behalf of the town of Barnet. He relayed that while informative, the discussion is very preliminary and no action needs to be taken.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, fencing at the Barnet Public Library.

No action taken

10. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants.

The board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

11. Other business presented by the Selectboard

Mr. Jefferson was asked if we are adding any names to the Veterans Monument. Ms. Ford stated that the Vermont Department of Veterans Affairs is cautioning towns against adding names as some are often forgotten and it is very difficult to find town of residence of past veterans.

12. Consideration of, and take any action on, zoning permit application for parcel #0014-01-70 (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1V.S.A. SS 313 (a)(1)(E))

Ms. Warden stated that she had contacted Mr. Adler and he is working on the issue.

13. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Highway Department employee Glenn Fearon regarding fringe benefits (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A SS 313 (a)(3))

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford

Entered at 7:40pm

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford.

Exited at 8:09pm

No action taken

14. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gates, Seconded by Ms. Ford. Approved by voice vote at 8:10pm