

MINUTES - REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

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.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Other Town officials and employees participating:

- **In-person:** Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Members of the public participating:

- **In-person:** None.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held January 22, 2024

- Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 22, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by Members of the Public

2. Other business presented by members of the public

There was no other business presented by members of the public.

Appearances by Town Officers

3. Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters; take any action

a. Consideration of, any take any action on, quotes for loader tires

The Board reviewed a quote from New England Truck Tire with pricing for two replacement tires for the 1991 John Deere loader. The quote contains pricing for two brands of tires, as follows: 1) Galaxy MPC 16 ply - \$1,221.00 and 2) Power King Industries 16 ply - \$1,159.00.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the purchase of two Galaxy MPC 16 ply tires from New England Truck Tire. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

b. Consideration of, any take any action on, quotes for overhead garage door repair

The Board reviewed quotes for repair/replacement of overhead garage doors at the Town Garage. Mr. Chase reported that the bottom section of each of the garage doors is rotting due to exposure to road salt. Two quotes were received as summarized below:

- i. Champlain Door Systems: \$4,723.20 for replacement of bottom sections of three doors.
- ii. Troy Overhead Door LLC: \$5,940.00 for replacement of one entire garage door, using good sections from old door to replace bottom sections of remaining doors.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Chase reported that the vendors had indicated there lengthy delays in the supply of parts for the current garage door system (Wayne Dalton), which Champlain Door System's quote includes.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the quote of Champlain Door Systems for expenditure of \$4,723.20 for repair of Town Garage overhead garage doors. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

c. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet application of VELCO.

d. Other business

i. Mud

Mr. Chase reported on the Highway Department's work to mitigate muddy roads during the recent warm spell.

ii. Loader oil leaks

Mr. Chase reported that the 2010 John Deere loader has a few oil leaks; John Deere is scheduled to visit the Town Garage for repairs.

4. Other business presented by other town officers

No other business was presented by other town officers.

New Business

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

a. Progress report

Mr. Gates reported on continuing progress on renovations, including the construction of the concrete vault and insulation of the exterior of the building, both of which are partially complete. Discussion was had about the installation and location of a secure drop box for secure delivery of ballots, documents, etc.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, archaeological resources assessment for park-and-ride

The Board reviewed an Archaeological Resources Assessment by University of Vermont Consulting Archaeology Program and related correspondence. Mr. Gates reported that there is a sensitive area in the southern portion of the park-and-ride area. The Town's civil engineer, Ruggles Engineering Services, will re-redesign the parking area layout to avoid this area.

c. Other business

No other business was discussed.

6. Other business presented by Selectboard

No other business was presented by the Selectboard.

Check Warrants

7. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Anticipated Executive Session(s)

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

- Mr. Gates moved that the Board make a specific finding, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E), that premature public knowledge of discussion concerning a zoning permit application for parcel #0014-01-70 would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.
- Mr. Gates moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (a)(1)(E) to discuss a zoning permit application for parcel #0014-01-70, as premature public disclosure of which would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. 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, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Mr. Gates moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:35 p.m.
- No action taken.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ Town Clerk