

**MINUTES - REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT**

**MONDAY, MAY 13, 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:** Fire & Rescue Department Member Christopher Bunnell, Road Foreman Mark Chase, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Dam Committee Member Joseph Mangiapane, Fire & Rescue Chief Ronald Morse, Fire & Rescue Department Member David Shields, Fire & Rescue Department Member Thomas Vogel, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

**Members of the public participating:**

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

Approval of Minutes

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

- Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held April 22, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Gates 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 Fire & Rescue Department regarding truck quotes; take any action**

Members of the Fire & Rescue Department appeared to present and discuss quotes for a new fire truck. Quotes for cab/chassis only were as summarized below:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Price</u>
Crosstown Motors	Dodge 5500	\$74,623
St. Johnsbury Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram	Dodge 5500	\$74,703
Twin State Ford	Ford F550	\$78,700

Fire & Rescue Department members discussed the quotes with the Board; they expressed a preference for the Crosstown Motors bid.

- Mr. Gates moved to authorize the purchase of a Dodge 5500 cab and chassis from Crosstown Motors, using funds from the Fire Department Reserve Fund, per the quote discussed above. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

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

**a. Consideration of, and take any action on, gravel crushing bids**

The Board reviewed bids for 2024 gravel crushing services, as summarized below:

- Chief Crushing & Excavation: \$6.92 per cubic yard
- Manchester Brook Materials (Darcy Nelson): \$8.75 per cubic yard
- Simpson Dirtworx: \$13.35 per cubic yard

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Chief Crushing & Excavation. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**b. Consideration of, and take any action on, sand screening bids**

The Board reviewed bids for 2024 sand screening services, as summarized below:

- Chief Crushing & Excavation: \$2.21 per cubic yard
- Manchester Brook Materials (Darcy Nelson): \$4.00 per cubic yard
- Simpson Dirtworx: \$3.25 per cubic yard

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Chief Crushing & Excavation. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**c. Consideration of, and take any action on, overburden removal bids**

The Board reviewed bids for 2024 stripping and removal of overburden, as summarized below:

- Manchester Brook Materials (Darcy Nelson) –
  - Over sand/gravel: \$1.75 per cubic yard
  - Over ledge: \$2.10 per cubic yard
- Mathews Excavating (Darrell Mathews) –
  - Over sand/gravel: \$1.55 per cubic yard
  - Over ledge: \$1.95 per cubic yard

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

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

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of H.B. Logging LLC & H.B. Trucking LLC, Darrell Mathews DBA Mathews Excavating, and Thomson Fuels LLC.

**e. Other business**

**i. New loader**

Mr. Chase reported that the new loader has been delivered and is working well.

**ii. Routine spring maintenance**

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department continues to spend much of its time performing routine spring road maintenance, including grading and rock-raking.

**5. Other business presented by other town officers**

**a. Fire Chief Ronald Morse regarding lawn mowing**

Mr. Morse noted that the Fire & Rescue Station lawn has not been mowed; he suggested this may be because of accumulations of road gravel on the grass.

- Road Foreman Mark Chase indicated that the Highway Department would cure the problem.

**b. Dam Committee member Joseph Mangiapane regarding flushing dam**

Mr. Mangiapane suggested that the Board consider flushing the dam gate to clear sediment. Discussion ensued.

New Business

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

**a. Progress report**

Mr. Gates reported on progress of interior renovations, including recent installation of drywall wall surfaces.

**b. Other business**

**i. Library desk**

Ms. Ford reported on restoration of the library desk to be used for the Town Clerk's Office.

**7. Consideration of, and take any action on, bids for delivery of fuels**

The Board reviewed bids for delivery of fuels for the 2023-2024 season, as summarized below:

	<b>Bourne's Energy</b>	<b>Fred's Energy</b>	<b>Irving Energy</b>
<b>Fuel Oil</b>			
Fixed	\$ 3.2570	\$ 3.1990	No bid
Above rack	No bid	\$ 0.4000	Not reported
Current above rack price	No bid	Not reported	\$ 2.8500
 <b>Propane</b>			
Fixed	No bid	\$ 2.2500	No bid
Above rack	No bid	No bid	Not reported
Current above rack price	No bid	No bid	\$ 1.4900
 <b>Diesel Fuel</b>			
Fixed	\$ 3.2010	No bid	No bid
Above rack	No bid	\$ 0.3500	Not reported
Current above rack price	No bid	Not reported	\$ 2.8900

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the bid of Irving Energy for delivery of all fuel products. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**8. Consideration of, and take any action on, obligation of funding from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

The Board reviewed ARPA revenues and expenditures to date, as reported by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt. Mr. Heisholt estimates that the Town has approximately \$59,000 in remaining ARPA funds

that are neither expended nor obligated. ARPA funds continue to be used for Town Hall renovations at the direction of the Board. Discussion ensued.

**9. Consideration of, and take any action on, removal of beavers from Harvey's Lake outlet channel**

The Board discussed the water level of Harvey's Lake; observations suggest it is above normal due to beaver dams in the outlet channel. Discussions ensued.

- The Board agreed to contact a trapper to remove beavers from the channel.

**10. Consideration of, and take any action on, application of West Barnet Quick Stop for renewal of tobacco license**

The Board reviewed the application for annual renewal of the tobacco license of the West Barnet Quick Stop.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the application. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

**11. Consideration of, and take any action on, extension for local hazard mitigation plan grant**

The Board reviewed the agreement amendment for a one-year extension on the Town's local hazard mitigation plan grant.

- The Board agreed to sign the extension. Ms. Ford signed the extension.

**12. Consideration of, and take any action on, scheduling of second regular meeting in May**

The Board noted that its next regular meeting would fall on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for May 27, 2024. The next regular Board meeting therefore will be June 10, 2024.

**13. Other business presented by Selectboard**

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old Business

**14. Consideration of, and take any action on, appointment of assistant/acting Zoning Administrative Officer**

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden appeared and discussed the search for an assistant/acting Zoning Administrative Officer, as discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Warden reported on her discussion of this matter with Vermont League of Cities & Towns. She indicated that the Planning Commission/Zoning Board will discuss this matter at their meeting to be held Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

**15. Consideration of, and take any action on, plans for 2024 Memorial Day observances**

The Board continued their discussion and planning for the Memorial Day observances to be held Sunday, May 26, 2024.

**16. Consideration of, and take any action on, replacement of library fence**

Librarian Dylan Ford indicated that there was no new information to discuss or on which to take action regarding this matter.

- No action was taken.

Check Warrants

**17. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants**

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Anticipated Executive Session(s)

**18. Consideration of, and take any action on, zoning permit application for parcel #0021-21-01 (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E))**

The Board noted that there was no new information to discuss or on which to take action regarding this matter.

- No action was taken.

Adjournment

**19. Adjournment**

- Mr. Jefferson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

*A true copy. Attest:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Town Clerk*