

Town of Barnet, Vermont

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024 – 7PM

LOCATION: BARNET FIRE 7 RESCUE STATION (151 BIMSON DRIVE)

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in-person at Barnet Fire & Rescue Station and via GoToMeeting telephone/online conference. This meeting was recorded via GoToMeeting.

Board members participating:

- In-person: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair)
- Via GoToMeeting: none

Other Town officials and employees participating:

- In-person: Road Foreman Mark Chase, Planning & Zoning Clerk Susan Sinclair, Zoning Administrator Shirley Warden.
- Via GoToMeeting: None.

Members of the public participating:

-In-person: Judy and David Hollocher, Bill Brauer.

-Via GoToMeeting: None

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held June 10, 2024
Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 10, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote

Appearances by Members of the public

2. Appearance by Karme Choling representatives regarding request for mirror across from intersection of Patneau Land and West Barnet Road; take any action
Judy and David Hollocher discussed the entrance/exit of Patneau Lane onto West Barnet Rd. and the need for a mirror to avoid accidents. Mr. Chase stated he would look at the site, look into mirrors, and determine the best course of action.
3. Other business presented by members of the public: None present.

Appearance by Town Officers

4. Appearance by Planning Commission/Zoning Board (PC/ZB) regarding expiring PC/ZB member terms and appointment of members; take any action
Ms. Sinclair spoke regarding the expiring PC/ZB terms and appointment of members. The PC/ZB is not yet ready to nominate members for expired terms but will be shortly.
5. Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters; take any action.
 - a. Consideration of, and take action on, correspondence from Alarmco, Inc. regarding alarm system service agreement. The Selectboard signed the annual Alarmco agreement.
 - b. Other business: The body work on the pickup is finished.
 - : The crew is moving gravel in the pit.
 - : Roadside mowing is taking place.
6. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding 2024 reappraisal order
The Selectboard signed the VT Department of Taxes 2024 reappraisal order.
7. Other business presented by Selectboard: Ms. Warden received a FEMA survey to address training. She will look into the training. Ms. Sinclair mentioned that her husband, Neil Glassman is a member of the VT emergency crew of volunteer veterans that help mitigate disasters around Vermont. If we need that response, Team Rubicon, they are available.

New Business

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, appointment of Animal Control Officer
Mr. Gates made a motion to nominate Joy Morse as the Barnet Animal Control Officer. Second made by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
9. Other business presented by Selectboard
Mr. Gates spoke regarding the contaminated soil removed from the Town Hall site. The estimate for relocation from Atlas is \$27,000. The selectboard decided that the relocation should go out to bid considering the cost.
-We received full approval for the Park & Ride on Bimson. The bids are due July 22. Nate Sicard is handling the request for proposals.

Old Business

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, next steps Town Hall project
 - a. Progress Report: Mr. Gates spoke on the progress; the majority of the inside work is done-mechanical, electrical, painting. There is still a lot of work to be done on the outside.
 - b. Other business: No other business was discussed.

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

There is no new interest in the position regarding the new Zoning Administrator position.

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

No new information on the replacement of the library fence.

Check Warrants

13. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

Check warrants all signed.

Anticipated Executive Session(s)

14. 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))

No new information

15. Consideration of, and take any action on, Highway Department employee leave of absence (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3))

No new information

Adjournment

16. Adjournment: Ms. Ford made a motion to adjourn at 7:25, second by Mr. Gates and approved by voice vote.