

MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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:** 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:** Mona Marceau.

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held September 9, 2024

- Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 9, 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

Mr. Chase did not appear at this meeting. In his absence the Board discussed the below-described matters:

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, road repairs in connection with July 2024 flooding event

Mr. Gates reported that progress continues to be made on finishing smaller projects and commencing larger projects. Some contractors have been unavailable in recent weeks but should be returning to Town soon. Areas of focus are larger projects on McLaren Hill and Comerford Dam Road. Discussion was had regarding erosion damage to a bridge on Warden Road.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, quotes for delivery of deicing salt

The Board reviewed a quote letter from Cargill Salt, which quotes a delivered price of \$95.75 per ton.

- The Board agreed to sign the quote letter; Ms. Ford signed the quote letter.

c. Other business

i. Gravel crushing

Mr. Gates reported that annual gravel crushing operations at the gravel pit are scheduled to commence soon.

ii. Church Street

Mr. Gates reported on excavation work in advance of the Church Street paving project.

4. Other business presented by other town officers

There was no other business presented by other town officers.

New Business

5. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Board of Listers regarding Errors and Omissions Certificate

The Board reviewed an Errors and Omissions Certificate listing one proposed Grand List correction, to remove a business rental missed on a homestead; the total effect on the Grand List would be to increase total value by \$34,200.

- The Board agreed to sign the certificate; the Board signed the certificate.

6. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

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

a. Progress report

Mr. Gates provided a report on recent progress. A site meeting on the day of this meeting included discussion of final details and planning for a final punch-list meeting. Recent developments include installation of Town Clerk's Office customer window door and installation of the in-ground propane tank. Discussion ensued regarding planning for installation of communications systems.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, policies and procedures regarding public use of building after project completion

The Board discussed the proposed use of the building for private events after renovations are complete.

- Mr. Gates moved to use the renovated Town Hall for municipal government/civic use only and not allow it to be used for private events. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote.

c. Other business

There was no other business discussed.

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

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden reported that there was no new information to discuss or on which to act.

- No action was taken.

Check Warrants

9. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Jefferson and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ Town Clerk