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**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2025**

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) and Benjamin Adams.
- **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 27 January 2025

- Mr. Adams moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 27 January 2025. Seconded by Ms. Ford 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. Consideration of, and take any action on, Listers' certificate of no appeal or suit pending

The Board reviewed the Certificate, as signed by the Listers, certifying that there are no appeals pending from action of the Listers nor suits to recover taxes paid under protest.

- The Board signed the certificate.

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

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, storage tank and equipment rental agreement from Innovative Surface Solutions (ISS)

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement for use of ISS's tank and equipment in conjunction with the Town's chloride purchase contract. There is no separate rental cost to the town for use of the tank and equipment.

- With the Board's approval, Ms. Ford signed the agreement.

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

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of Austin Construction, Inc., Swan Sitework, LLC, and Resource Management, Inc.

c. Other business

i. Loader repairs

Mr. Chase reported that there were no updates on the new loader, which remains at Anderson Equipment for repairs.

ii. Routine winter maintenance

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department continues to spend much of its time performing routine winter road maintenance, including plowing, salting, and sanding roads, and thawing culverts.

5. Other business presented by other town officers

There was no other business presented by other town officers.

New Business

6. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

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

a. Progress report

The Board discussed recent developments in completing the last few items in the renovation, including finishing the fire suppression system in the vault.

b. Other business

i. Open house

The Board discussed plans for an open house event to be held once the building is completely finished and all necessary items are moved in.

ii. E911 signs

The Board discussed obtaining an E911 address sign for the Town Hall and obtaining a highway access permit, E911 address number, and sign for the Church Street parking lot.

Check Warrants

8. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Executive Session(s) Anticipated

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, Zoning non-compliance and enforcement action (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E))

- Mr. Adams 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 Zoning non-compliance and enforcement action would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

- Mr. Adams moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(1)(E) to discuss Zoning non-compliance and enforcement action, as premature public disclosure of which would clearly place the Town of Barnet at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:10 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Adams, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.
- Mr. Adams moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:18 p.m.
- No action taken.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment

- Mr. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ Town Clerk