

Approved (on 22 September 2025)

Town of Barnet, Vermont
Selectboard

Minutes - Regular Meeting
9-8-25

7pm

Barnet Town Hall (154 Church st.)

Meeting Convened at 7:07p.m in-person at Barnet Town Hall (154 Church Street)

Board Members participating:

In person: Ben Adams, Ben Gates(presiding co-chair), and Dylan Ford.

Other Town officials and employees participating:

Mark Chase, Joe Mangiapane, George Coppenrath

Members of the Public Participating:

Jan Parsons, On Phone Call: Richard Downer

Approval of Minutes

1.Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held August 25, 2025

Motion to approve minutes: Ben A, Second: Dylan and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by members of the public

2. None

Appearances by Town Officers

Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department Matters; take any action

A. Consideration of, and take any action on, progress report on reimbursement funding for July 2024 flooding: We lost the contact for FEMA. We will meet with the new person soon.

B. Consideration of, and take any action on, quotes fro storm damage remediation on Cloud Brook and Stevens River: 3 people have been contacted about cleaning the brooks out. Mark found one person to do it this week.

C. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for Municipal Excess Weight Permits: Signed

D. Speed Limit change: It does go from 50 to 35 after the house in question. There are only 2 houses in this area. Discussion ensued. As speed limit change of State roads requires a lot more work than our town roads, the Selectboard decided not to move forward with the lowering of the speed limit on route 5 at this time.

E. Other business: Roy Mountain Road will be closed for a time in the next week or so for digging before paving work begins.

Caleb is going to do a part of County Road in the fall.

The Town Crew is roadside mowing and grading.

New Business

5. Consideration and take any action, maintenance of Harvey's Lake Dam footing rip-rap erosion armor:

Harvey's Lake dam is scoured out from the flood. The Selectboard discussed that as good dam owners, fixing this plunge pool on the bottom side of the dam while it's open and

before its undermined is important. It is good practice. George Coppenrath recommends that while he is working on his wall and we can come in from his side. He stated that he doesn't think we need more material. Dr. Downer thinks we should add 3-4' diameter and we need new material. Discussion ensued regarding cost. The board discussed possibly more materials. We have some in the bit but need an excavator. The board wants to get a clearer idea of what exactly the \$5,000 estimate given to us by Mr. Stevenson would be used for. Dylan will talk to Mr. Stevenson and the board will support the work if the cost seems reasonable. HLA offered to pay for the repairs, however, the board decided it is a town dam and it is the Town responsibility to pay for it.

11. Consideration of and take any action on plans for Harvey's Lake Dam safety cables. Moved so Dr. Downer could speak to this while he was on the phone. Safety Cables: Richard Downer has seen the \$9,000 safety cable bid and it is twice as expensive as he thought it would be. He thinks the Dam is more important than the safety cables right now. We can wait for the cable, but the plunge pool is more immediate.
Joe M. Thinks a 6' cable is too long with most people being 6' tall and an 8' dam. Joe Mangiapane thinks a fence is more helpful than a cable.

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Alarmco, Inc. regarding alarm monitoring contract for Town Hall: annual fee \$480. Signed

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, annual review of Snow Plowing and Maintenance Services Agreement with Caledonia Cooperative School District : renewal is accepted and signed

8. Other business: none

Old/Continuing Business

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, sale of former Town Clerk's Office at 1743 US Route 5 South: It has been listed and all required paperwork signed.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, renewal of lease of library building space to Karme Choling: no new information.

11. Moved to above

12. Consideration of, and take any action on Barnet Historical Society storage space at Town hall. Mr. Gates stated that our permitting does not allow combustible materials to be stored in our large storage space currently. They need to be one hour fire safe. The Selectboard will pursue options but for now the focus will be on dehumidifying the secure storage in the basement.

Check Warrants:

13. Consideration of, and take any action on, outstanding check warrants

Executive Session(s) anticipated

14. Consideration of, and take any action on, Summons in a Civil Action from United States District Court regarding United States v. Marvin R. Kendall et al (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A 313(a) (1)(E)): No new information.

15. Consideration of, and take any action on, negotiations on payment of retain age on Town Hall construction management contract: (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1V.S.A 313 (a)(1)(A)) Motion to enter: Dylan , Ben A. 2nd. 7:57

Exit: 8:01The board decided to pay the amount owed dependent on an extended warranty once the air system was working.

Adjournment: 8:02 Motion made by Ben Gates, Seconded by Ben Adams. Approved by voice vote.