

**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in-person at Barnet Town Hall (154 Church Street) 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 Benjamin Adams.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Other Town officials and employees participating:

- **In-person:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Members of the public participating:

- **In-person:** Kathleen Monroe.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** Mona Marceau.

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held 8 September 2025

Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held on 8 September 2025. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by Members of the Public

2. Other business presented by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

Appearances by Town Officers

3. Appearance by Beach Committee regarding Harvey's Lake Beach matters; take any action

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, Committee Member resignations and new appointments

Ms. Ford reviewed correspondence from Beach Committee Chair Christen Emerson indicating Beach Committee members Christopher Yancey and Aaron Hall have resigned from the committee. She also reported that Kathleen Monroe and Kylie Hutchins have expressed interest in joining the committee.

- Mr. Gates moved to accept the resignations of Christopher Yancey and Aaron Hall. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.
- Mr. Gates moved to appoint Kathleen Monroe and Kylie Hutchins to the Beach Committee. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, approval of payment of invoice from Advantage Tennis, Inc.

The Board reviewed an invoice from Advantage Tennis, Inc. They noted that the invoice total (\$3,547.00) is greater than the amount the Board approved on 9 June 2025 (\$3,100).

Mr. Gates reported he had spoken to Advantage Tennis owner Shawn Timson, who had indicated that costs out of his control (e.g., shipping) had caused an increase in price.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve payment of the invoice in the amount of \$3,547.00. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

4. 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 following matters:

a. Consideration of, and take any action on, progress report on reimbursement funding for July 2024 flooding disaster

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt reported on the progress in compiling and reporting documentation for reimbursement funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Federal Highway Administration.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit(s)

There were no applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits.

c. Other business

i. Roy Mountain Road construction project

Mr. Gates reported that the construction project on Roy Mountain Road is progressing well; removal of existing pavement is currently in process.

ii. Roadside mowing

Ms. Ford reported on a compliment received from resident Bruce Denio on the high quality of roadside mowing work.

5. Other business presented by other town officers

a. Kathleen Monroe regarding West Main Street – Harvey Mountain Road intersection

Ms. Monroe discussed her recent email communication with Road Foreman Mark Chase and the Selectboard regarding the intersection of West Main Street and Harvey Mountain Road. Ms. Monroe has witnessed several near collisions at this intersection, caused by motorists who do not stop at the stop sign when traveling east on West Main Street. She requests that the Town paint a stop sign on the pavement and trim bushes in the area to improve visibility. Discussion ensued.

- No action taken.

New Business

6. Consideration of, and take any action on, Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) proposed north Monroe bridge river clean-up

The Board reviewed email correspondence from CRC regarding a proposed river clean-up through CRC's "Source to Sea" program. The proposed location is the north Monroe bridge. They request Board authorization for free disposal at the Transfer Station of any debris removed and, if available, assistance with hauling debris from the site to the Transfer Station. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to authorize waiving Transfer Station fees for disposal of materials removed by this project.
- The Board agreed to instruct participants to deliver any tires recovered to the Town Garage property.

7. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, sale of former Town Clerk's Office at 1743 US Route 5 South

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

- No action taken.

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, renewal of lease of library building space to Karme Choling

Ms. Ford reported that there was no new information to report on or on which to take action regarding this matter.

- No action taken.

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, Barnet Historical Society storage space at Town Hall

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

- No action taken.

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

Mr. Adams reported that work on this project is significantly complete, per the Board's decision at their previous meeting. Mr. Adams indicated that the contractor, Shane Stevenson, recommends that vegetation and trees on the northeast side of the dam (further from West Main Street) be removed as part of the project. Mr. Stevenson quoted approximately \$2,000 for this additional work.

- The Board agreed to approve the expenditure for this additional work to remove trees and vegetation.
- The Board agreed that Mr. Adams will coordinate communication with the landowner on the northeast side of the dam to facilitate this work.

Check Warrants

12. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Executive Session(s) Anticipated

13. Consideration of, and take any action on, Summons in a Civil Action from United States District Court regarding United States of America v. Marvin R. Kendall et al (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E))

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

- No action taken.

14. Consideration of, and take any action on, negotiations on payment of retainage on Town Hall construction management contract (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A))

The Board noted that a revised warranty letter was received from Alliance Group Services, LLC. The revised letter warrants to the Owner (Town) that the equipment and workmanship on the project have been furnished and installed in accordance with mechanical plans and specifications. It

guarantees that Alliance Mechanical will remedy any defects resulting from faulty equipment or workmanship for a period of one year from the date of installation. The revised letter indicates the date of installation as 20 May 2025. Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt indicated that, based on the Board's decision at their previous meeting, the remaining retainage on the project was released to Estes & Gallup upon receipt of this revised letter. Discussion ensued.

- No action taken.

Adjournment

15. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ *Town Clerk*