

MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, 22 DECEMBER 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, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair), and Benjamin Adams.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Other Town officials and employees participating:

- **In-person:** Road Foreman Mark Chase and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Members of the public participating:

- **In-person:** Jeffrey Pratt
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** Mona Marceau.

Approval of Minutes

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

- Mr. Adams moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 8 December 2025. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by Members of the Public

2. Appearance by Jeffrey Pratt regarding Simpson Brook stream/streambank remediation; take any action

Mr. Pratt appeared and discussed remediation of damage to the Simpson Brook stream and streambank on his property, as discussed at previous meetings. The Board reviewed documents submitted by Mr. Pratt. These included a letter from the Vermont Watershed Management Division to Barnet Zoning Administrative Officer Dennis Marquise dated 29 October 2025, regarding a zoning permit application for a tiny home on Mr. Pratt's property. The letter includes recommendations and guidance on remediation of berms and grading on the site pertinent to Mr. Pratt's request for Town assistance in this matter. Also included in Mr. Pratt's documents were three photographs of the berms at the site. Discussion ensued.

- The Board suggested the Town may be willing to assist with hauling and disposal of berm materials from the site pursuant to the Watershed Management Division's recommendations. Mr. Pratt would be responsible for all other costs. The Board requested that Mr. Pratt seek approval from the State for this project and acquire contractor services; once these tasks are accomplished the Board will consider approval of Town participation.

3. Other business presented by members of the public

There was no other business presented by members of the public.

Appearances by Town Officers

4. Appearance by Board of Listers regarding Errors & Omissions Certificate; take any action

The Board reviewed an Errors & Omissions Certificate listing a change to one parcel, which would decrease the housesite value by \$168,300 (no change to real value). Discussion ensued.

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

5. 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 disaster

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt reported that there was no new information to discuss or on which to take action regarding this matter.

- No action taken.

b. Other business

i. Winter road maintenance

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has been spending much of its recent time performing routine winter road maintenance such as plowing, sanding, and salting.

6. Other business presented by other town officers

There was no other business presented by other town officers.

New Business

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District regarding 2026 budget

The Board reviewed a letter and attached approved 2026 budget. Total budgeted expenditures are \$1,017,532.00.

8. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

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

Mr. Adams reported that there was no new information to discuss or on which to take action regarding this matter.

- No action taken.

Check Warrants

10. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Executive Session(s) Anticipated

11. Consideration of, and take any action on, personnel matter (executive session anticipated pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3))

- Ms. Ford moved that the Board enter executive session pursuant to 1 V.S.A. Section 313(a)(3) to discuss a personnel matter. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:35 p.m. Those present in executive session: Ms. Ford, Mr. Gates, Mr. Adams, Road Foreman Mark Chase, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Ms. Ford moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:46 p.m.

- No action taken.

Budget

12. Consideration of, and take any action on, 2026 Town General Fund budget

The Board continued reviewing and revising the 2026 General Fund budget.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ Town Clerk