

## MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

### TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2026

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) 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:** None.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** Mona Marceau.

#### Approval of Minutes

##### 1. **Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held 26 January 2026**

- Mr. Adams moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 26 January 2026. 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. **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 on the status of several Federal Emergency Management Agency projects that have moved forward to “obligated” status, signaling that reimbursement funding should be delivered to the Town soon. Recent communications from Vermont Department of Public Safety indicate that these reimbursements will arrive not sooner than six to eight weeks from the time they were obligated.

###### b. **Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding request for reimbursement for Class 2 Highway Grant project**

The Board reviewed a reimbursement request of \$200,000 for a 2025 construction project on Roy Mountain Road.

- The Board agreed to sign the request for reimbursement; the Board signed the request for reimbursement.

**c. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for uniform municipal excess weight permits**

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet application of Dead River DBA Bourne's Energy.

**d. Other business**

**i. Dump truck #002 repairs**

Mr. Chase reported that dump truck #002 remains inoperable due to a broken rear end. It remains at John Bogie's repair shop awaiting parts for repair.

**ii. Winter maintenance**

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department has spent much of its time in the past several weeks performing routine winter road maintenance, including plowing, sanding, and salting roads.

**iii. Salt supply**

Mr. Chase reported that the Highway Department continues to receive road salt deliveries from Eastern Salt Company of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Town's supply is adequate as of the time of this meeting.

**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 Vermont Bond Bank regarding proposed refunding loan for Municipal Climate Recovery Fund borrowing**

The Board reviewed an email and attached draft loan agreement documents for the refunding of the \$1.5 million Municipal Climate Recovery Fund note originally signed in 2025.

- Mr. Adams moved to approve that Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt request that Vermont Bond Bank move forward with preparing documents for re-funding financing of the Municipal Climate Recovery Fund note in the amount of \$1.5 million. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

**6. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from MVP Health Care regarding health reimbursement account plan documents**

The Board reviewed health reimbursement account plan documents for 2026.

- With the Board's approval, Ms. Ford signed the execution agreement and certificate of resolution.

**7. Other business presented by Selectboard**

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

**8. Consideration, and possible approval, of line of credit with Passumpsic Savings Bank in the amount of \$2.5 million**

The Board reviewed a municipal promissory note and related borrowing documents for the proposed refunding of the Passumpsic Savings Bank flood recovery line of credit in the amount of \$2.5 million. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Adams moved to approve the Town of Barnet's line of credit with Passumpsic Savings Bank in the principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 dated 9 February 2026, and to authorize the

Selectboard members and Treasurer to execute the promissory note and related documents on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. The Board signed the promissory note and related documents.

Check Warrants

**9. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants**

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Adjournment

**10. Adjournment**

- Mr. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

*A true copy. Attest.* \_\_\_\_\_ *Town Clerk*