

MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, 23 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, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair), 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:** None.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** None.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held 9 February 2026**

- Mr. Adams moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 9 February 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 were no appearances by members of the public.

Appearances by Town Officers

3. **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 matters described below:

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. **Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding town grant applications, certification of compliance for town road and bridge standards and network inventory, etc.**

The Board reviewed a completed certificate of compliance form; the Town is required to file this form annually with the Vermont Agency of Transportation.

- The Board signed the certification.

c. Consideration of, and take any action on, highway and bridge weight restrictions

The Board reviewed a list of highway and bridge weight restrictions for the current year; these, which have already been applied commencing February 10, 2026, are the same as applied the previous year.

- The Board agreed to ratify the highway and bridge weight restrictions as applied.

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

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of HB Logging LLC & HB Trucking LLC, Raymond F. Locke, RK Miles, Swan Sitework LLC, and VELCO.

e. Other business

No other business was discussed.

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, planning for 2026 Annual Town Meeting

The Board discussed plans for presentations to be made at the town meeting to be held on 3 March 2026.

- No action taken.

6. Warning: Annual Review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles to be held 9 March 2026

The Board read a notice warning that the annual review of the Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles will be held 9 March 2026.

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Pleasantview Cemetery regarding proposed Town involvement in cemetery operations

The Board read a letter from Pleasantview Cemetery Sexton Jeff Riley. The letter indicates that all Pleasantview committee and officer positions are vacant except for Mr. Riley, who is planning for his eventual resignation from the position of Sexton. The letter suggests the Board consider appointing a group or committee who can oversee Town cemeteries and perform necessary functions; it proposes operational and financial management at the municipal level. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to attempt to recruit candidates to fill positions at the Pleasantview Cemetery before considering Town involvement in cemetery operations.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from MVP Health Care regarding proposed Vermont Group Health Insurance Contract

The Board reviewed the proposed contract for 2026 group health insurance.

- With the Board's approval, Mr. Gates signed the contract.

9. Other business presented by Selectboard

There was no other business presented by the Selectboard.

Old/Continuing Business

10. 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 the proposed loan agreement and attached exhibits for the proposed refunding loan for Municipal Climate Recovery Fund borrowing.

- The Board signed all loan agreement documents.

11. Reminder: Fee assessed for late homestead declaration filings

The Board read a notice indicating that the Town will assess a fee in the maximum percentages allowable pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5410(g) for Homestead Declarations filed after 15 April 2026 and other non-compliance with Homestead Declaration filing requirements.

Check Warrants

12. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Adjournment

13. Adjournment

- Ms. Ford moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

A true copy. Attest: _____ Town Clerk