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MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, 9 MARCH 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), Benjamin Gates, 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:** Christopher Bunnell, Neil Glassman, and Rebecca Pedersen.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** Karen Kotecki and “Michael.”

Organization of the Board

1. Appoint Chair

- Mr. Gates moved to appoint Co-Chairs of Benjamin Gates and Dylan Ford. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

2. Appoint Road Commissioner(s)

- Ms. Ford moved to appoint Benjamin Gates as Road Commissioner. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

3. Appoint Tree Warden

- Mr. Gates moved to appoint Stanley Robinson as Tree Warden. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

4. Appoint Town Attorney

- Mr. Gates moved to appoint James Barlow as Town Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

5. Appoint Grand Juror

- Mr. Gates moved to appoint David Willis as Grand Juror. Seconded by Mr. Adams approved by voice vote.

6. Appoint Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Supervisor and Alternate

- Mr. Gates moved to appoint William Douglas as Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Supervisor and to appoint Bruce Marston as Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Alternate. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

7. Set date and time of meetings

- Mr. Gates moved to continue to hold regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

8. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held 23 February 2026

- Mr. Gates moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 23 February 2026. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by Members of the Public

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, annual review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

The Board reviewed a list and a map of town highways, or sections thereof, requested. Discussion ensued. The Board indicated that this request is for the same access as was granted in 2025.

Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Gates moved to renew the Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) as adopted in 2010, with changes only in the modification of permitted town highway use, this new permitted use being as requested by the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club at this Board meeting, to include all or a portion of Barnet Center Road, Bony Woods Road, Brook Hill Road, Chamberlain Road, Cloud Brook Road, Ferguson Road, Garland Hill Road, Gilfillan Road, Goss Hill Road, Joe's Brook Road, Keyser Hill Road, Knights Lane, Little Scotland Road, McLaren Hill Road, Morse's Mill Road, Roy Mountain Road, Water Andric Road, West Barnet Road, West Main Street, and Whitehill Rd. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

10. Other business presented by members of the public

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

Appearances by Town Officers

11. 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

The Board reviewed a report of reimbursement funding received. To date, \$651,368.96 out of total anticipated reimbursements of \$3,409,489.59 have been received.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding town grant applications

- The Board agreed that Mr. Chase will discuss possible grant application projects with Mr. Gates.

c. Consideration of, and take any action on, application of NEKCV for highway access permit on Barnet Center Road

The Board reviewed an application for a permanent permit on Barnet Center Road for access to an easement for an optical line terminal site. Mr. Chase reported that he had inspected the site and found it safe and suitable for the proposed access; no culvert is required. Barnet's representative to NEKCV, Neil Glassman, was present in person, and NEKCV right-of-way specialist Karen Kotecki was present remotely via video conference.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the application without conditions. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

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

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of AmeriGas, Kris Bullock, Connecticut Valley Trucking Inc., Dead River Company, and N.A. Manosh Inc., and the single vehicle application of Z. Lemieux & Son Trucking LLC.

e. Other business

i. Seasonal maintenance

Mr. Chase reported that due to warming temperatures, the Highway Department has been thawing culverts and improving muddy roads.

12. Other business presented by other town officers

There was no other business presented by other town officers.

New Business

13. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Department of Health regarding 30-day termination notice for Town Health Officer

The Board reviewed an email and attached letter indicating that the term of current Town Health Officer, Dylan Ford, expires 31 March 2026. The Department of Health requests that the Selectboard recommend a Town Health Officer to serve following the end of this term.

- Mr. Gates moved to recommend Dylan Ford for the office of Town Health Officer. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

14. Consideration of, and take any action on, Green Up Day operations at Transfer Station

Ms. Ford discussed plans for Green Up Day (Saturday, 2 May 2026), stating that the library will host a gathering for volunteers. The Board discussed whether the Transfer Station should accept Green Up Day bags at no charge for several weeks, as in previous years, or for one week only.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the Transfer Station accepting Green Up Day bags at no charge on Saturday, 2 May 2026 only.

15. Consideration of, and take any action on, request for proposals (RFPs) for mowing town properties

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt asked for the Board's instruction regarding RFPs for 2026 mowing of properties.

- Mr. Gates moved to place an advertisement in the Caledonian-Record and to send RFPs directly to several local mowing contractors and those with whom the Town has recently done business. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

16. Consideration of, and take any action on, application of Barnet Quick Stop, Inc. for liquor license and tobacco licenses

The Board reviewed the applications of Barnet Quick Stop, Inc. for a second-class liquor license, a tobacco license, and a tobacco substitute license. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Gates moved to approve the applications for a second-class liquor license and a tobacco license and to deny the application for a tobacco substitute license. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

17. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. Thank you card from David Shields

Ms. Ford read a card thanking the Selectboard and other town officials for recognizing his fifty years of service on the Fire & Rescue Department by dedicating the 2025 town report to him and planning a celebratory gathering in his honor.

Check Warrants

18. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

- The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

Adjournment

19. Adjournment

- Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

A true copy. Attest. _____ *Town Clerk*