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**MINUTES – REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, 23 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, 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:** Akshaykumar Patel.
- **Via GoToMeeting online video conference:** Mona Marceau and “Michael.”

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes of regular meeting held 9 March 2026

- Ms. Ford moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held 9 March 2026. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.

Appearances by Members of the Public

2. Appearance by Barnet Quick Stop, Inc. regarding application for tobacco substitute endorsement license; take any action

Akshaykumar Patel of Barnet Quick Stop, Inc. appeared and asked the Board for reasons for their denial of his application for a tobacco substitute endorsement license at their 9 March 2026 meeting. Mr. Patel stated that other local towns approve these licenses and argued that revenues from the sale of these products could allow him to invest in improving the store.

- The Board responded, citing several reasons, including protecting and maintaining the character of the Town, controversy about these products among townspeople, and concern of residents, including parents, about use of these products by young people. The Board indicated that, because licensing is an annual process, the Board could reconsider in the future if a substantial number of residents express to the Board interest in the availability of these products.

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 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 below-described items:

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

Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt reported that there was no new information to report on or discuss regarding this matter.

b. Consideration of, and take any action on, application of Henry Reinhold for highway access permit on East Peacham Road

The Board reviewed an application for permanent access for a driveway. Mr. Gates reported that Mr. Chase had not yet inspected the site of the proposed access.

- The Board agreed to table this matter.

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

- The Board reviewed and approved the fleet applications of Barrett Trucking Co. Inc, Classen's Crane Service LLC, E.C. Morrison Trucking & Excavating LLC, Fornwalt Excavation LLC, Darrell Mathews/DBA Mathews Excavating, SD Ireland, W.B. and R.L. Martin Inc. DBA Martin's Quarry, and the single vehicle application of Superior Plus Energy Services.

d. Other business

i. Truck quotes

Mr. Gates discussed the process of seeking proposals for a dump truck purchase.

- Mr. Gates will discuss this with Mr. Chase.

5. Other business presented by other town officers

a. Dog bite on Old West Road

Town Health Officer Dylan Ford discussed a report of a dog bite recently received from Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. The incident occurred on Old West Road, involving a dog kenneled at Old West Road, which was off the premises of the dog's owner at the time of the incident. The dog owner has volunteered to have the dog humanely euthanized.

New Business

6. Other business presented by Selectboard

a. Former Town Clerk's Office

Mr. Adams reported that a potential buyer has expressed interest in the former Town Clerk's Office. The potential sale is in preliminary stages and is uncertain.

Old/Continuing Business

7. Consideration of, and take any action on, resolution on conveyance of Town-owned property located on Anderson Street and identified as Town parcel #0009-02-45

The Board reviewed a resolution, drafted by Town Attorney James Barlow, which formalizes the Board's authority to convey the property, the terms of the sale, that due notice of the sale was posted and did not result in a petition by the voters, and that Ms. Ford is authorized to execute and deliver a Quitclaim Deed.

- The Board agreed to sign the resolution; the Board signed the resolution.

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, execution of deed for conveyance of Town-owned property located on Anderson Street and identified as Town parcel #0009-02-45

The Board reviewed the Quitclaim Deed as drafted by Town Attorney James Barlow.

- The Board agreed to execute the deed; Ms. Ford signed the deed.

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 7:15 p.m.

A true copy. Attest. _____ *Town Clerk*