

MINUTES-REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT

MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2026

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in-person at Barnet Town Hall (154 Church St.) and via GoToMeeting telephone/online conference. This meeting was recorded via GoToMeeting.

Board Members participating:

In Person: Dylan Ford, Benjamin Gates (presiding co-chair), Ben Adams, Lena DiGenti, Fire Chief Ron Morse, Road Foreman Mark Chase, Scott Beck.

Via GoToMeeting: Michael Miller, Mona Marceau

AGENDA:

Each of the following items to be discussed or acted upon within a period not to exceed twenty minutes:

Approval of Minutes

1. Consideration of approval of minutes rescheduled regular meeting held 8 June 2026

Approved as written. Ben Adams made the motion, Seconded by Mr. Gates

Appearances by Members of the Public

2. Other business presented by members of the public:

Senator Scott Beck: Ben Kopantz (DEC Watershed coordinator) suggested there will be changes to the Northern CT River Basin 16 regarding TMDL nitrogen load into the CT River. There are some hotspots they are looking to mitigate. Senator Beck also stated that it is his understanding that Barnet can expect to get a little more road money from the State this year.

Appearances by Town Officers

3. Appearance by Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Morse

- a. Local Emergency Management Plan - accepted and signed
- b. Mr. Morse will be the municipal contact on the memorandum of understanding for Barnet School. Signed

Mr. Morse mentioned that the Barnet Fire and Rescue is doing training from late summer to the spring of 2027. He asked if the firefighters use the old TCO to do firefighter training to crawl through, practical fire search and rescue, visibility training, etc. The Selectboard stated that that would be fine if we still own it as it is listed for sale. Ms. DiGenti mentioned that Ashoka Bhavan might be a possibility but as it is also listed, it may not be owned by Karme Choling through the whole period the Fire and Rescue will be training.

4. Appearance by Road Foreman Mark Chase regarding Highway Department matters; take any action

- a. Consideration of, and take action on, correspondence from VTRANS with recommendation of closure of Bridge #42 on Garland Road.

- i. We were denied but are still in contact with Joe Flynn regarding possible impact with construction and paving . We will keep trying to negotiate a temporary bridge.
 - ii. Consideration of, and take action on, planning for repairs or replacement of existing bridge structure. Discussion ensued. The Selectboard discussed possibly approaching abutting landowners to see if we would be permitted a right of way to host the temporary bridge should we get one.
- b. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding grant agreement for Municipal Mitigation Grants in Aid FY 2027
 - Municipal Grant Agreements for Municipal Mitigation grants in Aid 2027. signed
- c. Consideration of, and take action on, purchase of gravel products for West Barnet Road construction project
 - We don't have enough 3' minus gravel to start the project. Mark would like to buy gravel so we don't have to wait, crush in the fall, then start the road project. Mark asked around about gravel prices and compared them to our price when we crush in the pit. We would need about 2000 yds so it would be about \$14,000 - \$30,000 to purchase from independent sellers. That is in addition to the cost of crushing in the pit. Mark will check with Chief Bogie and see if he and Caleb can coordinate crushing and construction
- d. Consideration of, and take any action on, proposed Town Garage alarm system service agreement with Alarmco, Inc.
 - Mr. Gates moved to approve, Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote.
- e. Consideration of, and take any action on, application of Gene Redfield and Sandra Redfield for highway access on Roy Mtn. Road. It's got to stay on the top of the crest off of Roy Mtn. Rd.
 - Chief Morse requests better marking when he goes out to give 911 addresses. Mark will tell people it needs to be better marked with a stake.
- f. Consideration of, and take any action on, applications for Uniform Municipal Excess weight permits
 - Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits signed
- g. Consideration of, and take any action on, progress report on reimbursement funding for July 2024 flooding disaster.
 - We continue to complete tasks required by FEMA, the State and the Federal State Highway program.
- h. Other Business - Town of Waterford asked to borrow the grader and our grader driver. It was agreed that we do not have the manpower or the time right now. Our community service volunteer has completed their hours.

5. Other business presented by other town officers

New Business

- 6. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Town Attorney James Barlow regarding delinquent tax collection services

- Mr. Roberts tried to work with residents, with no response. Mr. Barlow did up some paperwork to serve delinquent tax payers. Signed by the Selectboard.

7. Other business presented by the Selectboard

Old Business

8. Consideration of, and take any action on, correspondence from Passumpsic Fire District #1 regarding resignation of Fire District officers.

- Mr. Gates mentioned there are a few people that have come forward, but the Selectboard hasn't heard anything else on that item

9. Consideration of, and take any action on, library electrical bill.

- The library is still waiting on an estimate and timeline for completion of work. No action taken

10. Consideration of, and take any action on, proposed change of speed limit on Harvey Mountain Road.

- Ms. Ford will contact the Constable to have him do a 2 day speed study

Check Warrants

11. Consideration of approval of outstanding check warrants

Adjournment: Mr. Gates moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Adams and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7: 39pm.