

MINUTES- SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Selectmen Theodore Faris, Jeremy Roberts, and Gary Bunnell.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Fire Chief Ronald Morse, Sally Cook (Caledonian-Record), Adam Klein (News 7), Shirley Warden, and Michelle Wilcox (News 7).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Roberts to approve minutes of regular meeting held January 11, 2010 and special meeting held January 21, 2010. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NORTHEAST KINGDOM SOLID WASTE DISTRICT (NEKSWD) SCHEDULED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATE

The NEKSWD has scheduled a collection date of Wednesday, June 16, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Barnet Transfer Station/Recycling Center, pending the approval of the Selectboard.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to permit this collection date.

2009 ACCOUNTING OF PALMER CEMETERY TRUST

The Selectboard is required to annually report a summary of account activity of the Harriet S. Palmer Cemetery Fund to the Probate Court, District of Caledonia. In 2009 the fund earned \$2.04 in interest, and ended the year with a balance of \$743.74.

After briefly reviewing the summary, Faris signed the required documents.

2010 GIS SERVICES MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FROM CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATES, INC.

Read contract detailing the agreement between Cartographics Associates, Inc. and the Town of Barnet concerning the delivery of user support for listers' Query Manager GIS software. The cost to the Town for this support is \$500.00.

After brief discussion, the Board signed the contract.

2010 TOWN MEETING WARNING

Read proposed warning for 2010 annual Town Meeting. On this warning appear two articles that were not on the warning for the 2009 meeting:

1. Shall the Town vote to exempt from taxation the property owned by the Barnet Historical Society located in Barnet Center and known as the Goodwillie House for a period not to exceed five years, pursuant to 32 VSA Section 3840?
2. Shall the Town vote to repeal in whole the tax on business personal property in accordance with 32 VSA Section 3849?

After brief discussion, the Board made two amendments to the proposed warning:

1. Removal of an article regarding establishing a reserve fund for maintenance, repair and replacement of municipal buildings. This expense will instead be included as a line item in the budget.
2. Addition of verbiage to an article regarding the appropriation of funds to the Lake Harvey Association to indicate that the funds are to support the Lake Harvey boat monitoring/wash program to prevent milfoil and other invasive species.

The Board signed the warning, revised as indicated above.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT

Reviewed and approved fleet permit application of Agri-Mark, Inc., DBA Cabot Creamery.

COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GARAGE

Total cost of construction of new garage to date is \$456,723.63 (not including land purchase).

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Noted that the 2010 Budget Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS' PETITION AND ORDER FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS ON GARFIELD LANE, JOE'S BROOK ROAD, AND BARNET CENTER ROAD

Reviewed petition originally reviewed at Board meeting of November 23, 2009. The Board had previously postponed signing the petition pending the receipt of FairPoint's payment of fees for recording the document.

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt informed the Board that FairPoint is now unable to produce a check in payment of recording fees unless it has an invoice from the Town of Barnet, and has requested that in the interest of time the Board sign this petition in advance of the issuance of the invoice and check.

After brief discussion, the Board signed the petition.

HARVEY'S LAKE DAM PROJECT

Read correspondence from Dr. Richard N. Downer, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Vermont (UVM). A senior design class of UVM students is commencing a project, at the request of the Board, to design a manually operated moveable gate unit to replace the existing stoplogs at the Harvey's Lake Dam. This correspondence stated details regarding the scope of the project and its planned finished products.

APPEARANCE BY FIRE CHIEF RONALD MORSE

Chief Morse appeared to discuss details of the set-up of the automatic-dial alarm at the new Town Garage.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk