

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TOWN OF BARNET, VT**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 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.

**Meeting Chair:** Co-Chair Jeremy Roberts presiding as Chair for this meeting.

**Others present:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Lister Sherry Tolle, Collector of Delinquent Taxes Lisa Bowden, Sarah Barracco (Lyndon State College News 7), Sheriff Michael Bergeron, David Carmichael (Lyndon State College News 7), Hon. Roy C. Vance, David Warden, and Shirley Warden.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held October 11, 2010. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**APPEARANCE BY LISTER SHERRY TOLLE REGARDING LISTERS' CARD FOR FORMER TOWN GARAGE BUILDING**

Tolle appeared as a follow-up to the Board's discussion of the Town Garage Listers' Card at their meeting of October 11, 2010.

Tolle explained that the main garage building is classified on the Listers' Card as an "outbuilding" due to the restrictions of state reporting and the Listers' software. The Board of Listers does not generally look for comparables when setting the value of Town properties. These values are determined only for the purpose of reporting to the State the percentage of property in the Town that is tax-exempt.

**APPEARANCES BY HON. JUDGE ROY C. VANCE AND SHERIFF MICHAEL BERGERON REGARDING PROPOSED 2011/2012 CALEDONIA COUNTY BUDGET**

Judge Vance appeared and reviewed the County budget (except Sheriff's Department portion) line-by-line. Proposed budget (including Sheriff's Department) has total expenditures of \$319,805, which is a \$85,771 decrease from the 2010/2011 budget.

Sheriff Bergeron appeared and reviewed the Sheriff's Department's portion of the County budget. The Sheriff's Department's budgeted expenditures are \$134,905, which is an increase of \$3,909 from the 2010/2011 budget. The majority of this increase is due to an increase in insurance expenses.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM SAWYER & RITCHIE INSURANCE  
AGENCY REGARDING TOWN PROPERTY AND LIABILITY  
INSURANCE QUOTATION**

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed quotation. Quoted total annual premium is \$29,463.

Budgeted premium for 2010 with current insurance provider, Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT), is \$38,800. Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt explained that the Town has already given VLCT the required notification that it is seeking quotations from other providers. VLCT will issue its 2011 rates on or before November 15, 2010, at which time they have requested a meeting with the Selectboard.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM MILAREPA CENTER REGARDING 2010  
PROPERTY TAXES**

Read letter received by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt with payment of Milarepa Center's (Milarepa) 2010 property taxes. Milarepa thanks the Town for assistance in determining the amount of their tax exemption due to legal status and registration as a church. Although this exemption greatly reduced Milarepa's tax burden, the organization wishes to help the Town as much as it can, and therefore enclosed approximately \$500 in addition to their net tax due with payment of their taxes.

After brief discussion, a motion made by Faris to deposit these additional funds in the Esden account. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING RENTAL OF TOWN HALL**

Faris and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt explained that a group led by Mark Turner of St. Johnsbury has approached the Town with a request to rent the Town Hall on an ongoing basis. The group wishes to conduct remote control car racing from October through March. They would lay a large track down on the floor, which would remain in place during this entire period. The building would be used on Thursday evenings and most of the day on Saturdays. The group previously paid \$600 monthly rent to the Grange Hall in St. Johnsbury, but must now change venues due to a change in ownership at the Grange Hall.

After brief discussion, the Board instructed Heisholt to respond to Mr. Turner by explaining that for several reasons, including the expense and potential problems caused by heating the building, Mr. Turner's proposal does not look like a good possibility.

**HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION OF RICHARD AND  
ROBIN HORN**

Reviewed application for highway access on Harvey Mountain Road.

After brief discussion and with Board approval, Roberts signed the permit.

Faris discussed recent communications with, and submitted a letter from, Mr. Horn regarding the sale and removal of the Clara Brock house.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Faris discussed two matters:

- o Roger Damon has the plans for the reconfiguration of Harvey's Lake Dam.
- o The Toney family expresses their thanks and compliments for the grading work performed on Rake Factory Road.

## **UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMIT APPLICATION**

Reviewed and approved fleet permit application of United Natural Foods.

## **OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Motion made by Faris to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by Faris to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:02 p.m.

No action taken.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Motion made by Faris to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Motion made by Faris to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session 8:09 p.m.

No action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*A true copy.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Town Clerk*