

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TOWN OF BARNET, VT**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011**

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 Theodore Faris presiding as Chair for this meeting.

**Others present:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 10, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2010 EQUIPMENT PARTS ANALYSIS**

Faris noted the Board's receipt of a document detailing parts expenses of each Town-owned piece of equipment in 2010, as compiled by Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt. Commented that the equipment expenses appear to be reasonable, and expressed the Board's appreciation to the Road Foreman for this.

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING E911 PRIVATE DRIVE NAME**

Faris read warning for a public hearing for naming a private drive at the site of the hydroelectric power station in McIndoe Falls.

After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to name this private driveway "McIndoe Station Drive." Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2010 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 2010 the fund earned \$1.86 in interest, and ended the year with a balance of \$745.60.

After briefly reviewing the summary, Faris signed the required documents. The Board also signed a letter, drafted by Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, requesting that the Court waive the fee and surcharge associated with this filing.

**2011 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.

## **2011 TOWN MEETING WARNING**

Read proposed warning for 2011 annual Town Meeting. This warning is the same as the 2010 warning, with the following exceptions:

- The following two articles, which appeared on the 2010 warning, do not appear on the 2011 warning:
  - o 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?
  - o Shall the Town vote to repeal in whole the tax on business personal property in accordance with 32 VSA Section 3849?
- The appropriation request for Northeast Kingdom Learning Services, Inc. is increased from \$250 to \$300.

After brief discussion, the Board signed the warning as presented.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM SENATOR JANE KITCHEL**

Read letter regarding various State legislative matters of municipal concern at the beginning of a new legislative session.

## **CORRESPONDENCE FROM UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT (UVM) REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING STUDENT PROJECTS**

Read email from Professor Emeritus Dr. Richard N. Downer stating that the UVM Environmental Engineering program already has enough projects for the current semester, and therefore will not be able to include a Barnet project at this time.

## **DISCUSSION REGARDING EXPIRING LEASE TO KARME CHOLING OF SECOND FLOOR OF BARNET LIBRARY BUILDING**

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt explained that the current five-year lease expires January 31, 2011. Karne Choling has contacted the Town Clerk's Office and stated their willingness to agree to a new five-year lease identical to the current lease.

After brief discussion, a motion was made by Roberts to propose a new lease agreement identical to the current lease, with the following exceptions:

- Annual rent to increase from \$6,000 payable in equal monthly installments of \$500 to \$7,200 payable in equal monthly installments of \$600.
- The lease agreement shall automatically be terminated and renegotiated when the price of heating fuel to the Town reaches \$4.00 per gallon.

Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs discussed winter road maintenance. Stated that the Highway Department has recently been and will continue to apply road salt in lesser amounts than in previous years. Salt has not been effective in some areas. More sand will be applied to roads when necessary to maintain road safety.
- Shirley Warden discussed her recent communications with Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District regarding a household hazardous waste collection date for 2011. The date has been set for Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

## **OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion made by Roberts to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session 8:15 p.m.

No action taken.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion made by Roberts to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session 8:20 p.m.

Instructed Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt to contact Attorney David Willis regarding representation of the Town in the tax appeal of Ernest and Vivianne Begin, a case in which Town Attorney Jay Abramson is unable to represent the Town due to a conflict of interest.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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