

MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 Jeremy Roberts presiding as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Patrick Carr (Lyndon State College).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held February 14, 2011, and of the special meeting held February 21, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

A note of clarification was made by Faris regarding the special meeting held February 21, 2011. The Clara Brock cottage was purchased using Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds in the 1970s. It was therefore required, in order to sell or demolish the cottage, that the Town receive permission from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. This the Town did receive in 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM KARME CHOLING WITH EXECUTED LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SECOND FLOOR OF BARNET LIBRARY BUILDING

Roberts noted receipt of the fully executed lease agreement that was signed by the Board at their meeting of February 14, 2011. Roberts also read letter to be appended to the lease agreement, which states that Karne Choling understands that it is renting the Library building space on an "as is" basis, but that Karne Choling is interested in making certain upgrades. Karne Choling requests Board permission to make these changes, and requests remuneration or lease credit for any long-term investments.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ABANDONMENT OF GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS AT FORMER TOWN GARAGE

Roberts read emails from Jefferson Hoffer of Hoffer Consulting, Inc. and from Matthew Moran of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Both discuss planning for abandoning monitoring wells due to the recent Site Management Activity Complete designation applied to the site. The abandonment is to be performed by a licensed well driller in the spring of 2011. The Town will be reimbursed for the abandonment procedures from the Vermont Petroleum Clean-Up Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REGARDING TOWN SERVICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Roberts read cover letter advising Board that the term of office of the present Town Service Officer expires April 14, 2011, and that Vermont law provides for the appointment of such an officer on or before April 15th of each year.

Motion made by Faris to re-appoint Stanley Robinson as Town Service Officer. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. REGARDING TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR OFFENDERS PROGRAM

Roberts read letter regarding effort to expand program to include facilities in southern Caledonia county, western Caledonia county, and Orleans county. Letter requests assistance from Towns in determining locations.

Board agreed to refer this matter to the Zoning Administrator, with Selectboard oversight.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF VERMONT AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING EASEMENT ACQUISITION ON CALVIN AND CHERRYLL BUNNELL PROPERTY

Roberts read letter describing the recent acquisition by the Vermont Department Fish and Wildlife of a conservation easement on the property of Calvin and Cherryll Bunnell, resulting from enforcement actions and proceedings of a recent Act 250 application amendment. The Department of Fish and Wildlife offers to meet with the Board to discuss this matter.

Board agreed to refer this matter to the Board of Listers.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ACT 250 PERMIT APPLICATION OF CENTRAL VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (CVPS)

Roberts read cover letter and Board reviewed various attached documents relating to CVPS's application for a permit to relocate approximately 4,200 feet of electric distribution and communications line along Keyser Hill Road, Morse's Mill Road, and Watkins Road in Barnet and Danville.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN AGENT JAY ABRAMSON REGARDING TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL OF GREGORY AND CELIA JACKMAUH

Roberts read cover letter and Notice of Appearance, as submitted to the State of Vermont Superior Court, Caledonia Unit.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ORDINANCE FOR REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES TO BE HELD AT NEXT REGULARLY-SCHEDULED SELECTBOARD MEETING: MARCH 14, 2011

Roberts read announcement of ordinance review.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Roberts read letter received from George Pierce in appreciation of a bonus check issued to him for his service as a temporary Lister.
- Roberts noted that the current term of Co-Chair Faris is expiring. Roberts and Bunnell expressed their appreciation to Faris for his service to the Board.
- Faris noted that he has recently received compliments regarding the Highway Department's maintenance of winter roads for the school buses.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

Reviewed and approved single vehicle permits for A. Withers Trucking, and Mike Lemieux Trucking, Inc.

Reviewed and approved fleet permits for Austin Construction, Inc, Bourne's Inc. & Bourne's Propane DBA Bourne's Energy, and Pouliot & Corriveau.

OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk