

MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 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 Agent Jay Abramson, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Carrie Bunnell, Patrick Carr (Lyndon State College), Maureen Mosher, and Steven Mosher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held February 28, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

1. **Chairman:** Motion made Bunnell to appoint Co-Chairs of Theodore Faris and Jeremy Roberts. Motion made that nominations cease. Theodore Faris and Jeremy Roberts appointed Co-Chairs.
2. **Date and time of meetings:** Motion made by Faris to continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the conference room of the Town Clerk's Office. Seconded by Roberts and approved by voice vote.
3. **Road Commissioners:** Motion made by Roberts to appoint Gary Bunnell as Road Commissioner. Seconded by Faris and approved by voice vote.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF ORDINANCE FOR REGULATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVS)

Board reviewed copy of Ordinance as adopted in 2010, which requires the annual review of Section IV.C., pertaining to Town Highways and dates on which ATV travel is permitted.

Roberts asked if there have been any complaints with regard to ATVs on Town Highways since the Ordinance took effect.

- Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club President Steven Mosher, Selectmen, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt all reported that they have received no complaints to date.

Steven Mosher submitted a map displaying portions of several Town Highways that the ATV club requests the use of for connecting trails in 2011, in addition to the Town Highways permitted in 2010. Mr. Mosher stated that he does not yet know the exact addresses or mileages for the sections of Town Highways requested. He will have these for the next Board meeting.

After brief discussion, the Board agreed to postpone a decision on this matter until the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting, March 28, 2011.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM LAW OFFICES OF ZUCCARO & WILLIS,
P.C. REGARDING SALE OF FORMER TOWN GARAGE**

Read cover letter; read and executed Warranty Deed and Vermont Property Transfer Tax Return pertaining to sale of former Town Garage property to Town Garage LLC.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN AGENT JAY ABRAMSON
REGARDING SALE OF CLARA BROCK COTTAGE**

Read cover letter; read and executed Warranty Deed and Vermont Property Transfer Tax Return pertaining to sale of Clara Brock cottage. Also read copy of Promissory Note and reviewed Certificate of Liability Insurance, both of which pertain to this sale.

APPROVE MINUTES OF 2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting held March 1, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Faris signed minutes.

DISCUSSION REGARDING 2011 MOWING OF TOWN PROPERTIES

Reviewed bids submitted for 2010 mowing, of which that of J & B Property Maintenance was the lowest and winning.

After brief discussion, Board agreed forego the bidding process and to offer 2011 mowing of Town properties to J & B Property Maintenance, if the contractor is willing to perform the work at the same price as 2010.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM VERMONT ENVIRONMENTAL COURT
REGARDING FARIS SAWMILL PERMIT**

Reviewed letter informing the Town of an appeal from the decision of the Barnet Planning Commission/Zoning Board. The appeal is in regard to the Faris sawmill, and is assigned docket number 31-3-11 Vtec.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REGARDING AMENDMENT TO SOLID
WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWIP)**

Read letter informing Town of proposed amendment to SWIP to include the Town of Marshfield and its existing, permitted facilities and a categorical composting facility located in West Charleston.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM VERMONT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING 2011 MARKING OF CENTERLINES ON CLASS 1 AND 2 TOWN HIGHWAYS

Read correspondence informing the Town of the general schedule for marking of town highway centerlines.

After brief discussion, correspondence forwarded to Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs. Gibbs to contact Agency of Transportation regarding coordination of painting with paving projects on the Groton-Peacham Road and West Main Street.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM NORTHEASTERN VERMONT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (NVDA) REGARDING HIGH RISK RURAL ROAD PROGRAM

Read letter describing program designed to identify and address areas on local roads that pose a high risk for traffic accidents. Reviewed accompanying documents.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CATAMOUNT ARTS REGARDING 2011 APPROPRIATION

Read letter thanking the Town for their support shown in the appropriation granted at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, and requesting that an attached letter of thanks be posted at the Town Clerk's Office.

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

Read cover letter and reviewed minor application and draft Land Use Permit.

HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION OF ARTHUR ARNOLD

Reviewed application, and accompanying map, for access on Garland Hill Road. Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs spoke regarding his recommended conditions of the permit.

After brief discussion, Board agreed to approve the permit with conditions as recommended by Gibbs.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs discussed several matters:
 - o Dirt roads are experiencing "mud season" earlier than normal this year. Many roads are becoming difficult to travel. The Highway Department is addressing the problem, with heavily-traveled roads, including the East Peacham Road and Joe's Brook Road, receiving attention first. When finished with these roads, the Highway Department will move on to roads in particularly bad condition, then to other secondary roads.
 - o In addition to those mentioned at Town Meeting, projects are planned this summer for Town Forest Road and the Comerford Dam Road.

- o There was an accident last week involving Town Truck #003. The truck sustained cosmetic damage and remains in working condition.
- o An increasing number of difficulties have been encountered this winter with regard to maintenance of dead-end Town Highways. Gibbs requested that the Board approve his plan to use the Town rights-of-way to create turn-around locations for plow trucks at the exact end of the Town Highway section of the roads. In many cases the Town Highway does not extend to the end of the dead-end road.
 - After brief discussion, the Board agreed to delegate this matter to the authority of the Road Commissioner.
- Roberts spoke concerning the requirement that the Board annually appoint a town Tree Warden.
 - o Stanley Robinson nominated by Faris. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote
- Faris noted the receipt of correspondence from engineer Roger Damon regarding the Harvey's Lake Dam.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

Reviewed and approved fleet permits for Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., Newport Sand & Gravel Co., Inc./Carroll Concrete Co., Inc., Gil's Construction, and Limlaw Chipping & Land Clearing, Inc.

OUTSTANDING CHECK WARRANTS

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk