

MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VT
MONDAY, MARCH 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: Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Jason Bean, Sally Cook, Michael Hennessey, (Lyndon State College News 7), Ryan Holmes (Lyndon State College News 7), Shawn Larocque, Jael Luomala, Anna McFaul, James McFaul, Steven Mosher, Arthur Speed, and Robert Zita.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

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

Roberts read letter submitted by resident Dixie Burns, recommending that the Barnet Trailblazers "be considered favorably when applying for the same permit [of operation of ATVs on Town Highways] this year [as last year]."

Jason Bean, Trail Coordinator of the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club, spoke regarding the portions of Town Highways the club requests the use of to connect trails for the 2011 season, which include portions of the following: Barnet Center Road, Bony Woods Road, Chamberlain Road, Cloud Brook Road, East Peacham Road, Ferguson Road, Garland Hill Road, Gilfillan Road, Goss Hill Road, Keenan Road, Little Scotland Road, McLaren Hill Road, Morrison Hill, Rake Factory Road, Roy Mountain Road, Stevenson Road, Strobridge Hill, West Barnet Road, and West Main Street.

General discussion involving the Board, ATV Club, and other residents in attendance ensued as summarized below:

- Roberts asked whether the newly-requested Town Highway uses will utilize existing highway accesses or will require new accesses, culverts, etc.
 - o Jason Bean responded that all of the new Town Highway requests utilize existing highway accesses.
- Anna and James McFaul spoke regarding their concern for safety at a sharp corner near their residence on Goss Hill Road. They stated that last summer they witnessed several ATV riders traveling at high speeds on unmarked trails near their residence.
 - o Jason Bean responded that the Club is not using this portion of Goss Hill Road for their trail system. Steven Mosher requested that residents who see illegal ATV use report it to the Selectboard, so that the Selectboard may take action or refer the matter to the Club.
- Jael Luomala spoke regarding her preference that the Club not use Garland Hill and West Main Street as part of their trail system, citing dangerous corners on both roads.
 - o Steven Mosher responded that ATVs are as safe as automobiles when traveling on roads.
- Arthur Speed spoke regarding incidents of dangerous, illegal ATV use on Anderson Street.
- Sally Cook asked regarding the prospects for the Barnet trail system to be connected to the Danville system, stating her concern regarding problems with ATVs in Danville.

- o Jason Bean responded: The Barnet trail system is not currently connected to Danville's, nor could it be without crossing Joe's Brook. The Barnet Club is not requesting use of all class 3 and class 4 roads, as is permitted in Danville.
- Steven Mosher answered various questions regarding several matters discussed at length at Selectboard meetings in 2010, including: the ATV Club generally, State and Federal regulations and safety requirements pertaining to ATVs, and agents for enforcement of ATV laws.

Motion made by Faris to renew the ATV ordinance of 2010, with changes only in expansion of specified Town Highway use permitted per the request of the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club at this meeting. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**APPEARANCE BY HARVEY'S LAKE PUBLIC BEACH COMMITTEE
CHAIR ROBERT ZITA REGARDING REMOVAL OF CLARA BROCK
COTTAGE**

Zita appeared to discuss several matters regarding the removal of the Clara Brock Cottage from the Beach area:

- Asked what date the removal is planned for, and if it will interfere with the use of the beach by the Barnet Elementary School for their school-year-end event.
 - o Faris responded: The removal is planned for late spring, after the ground is substantially dry. This should allow an early enough date to not interfere with the school's event.
- Asked whether the fence to Sunny Beach Lane would need to be taken down, and if so, whether the Town would be willing to put up a new gate.
 - o Faris responded that the fence would need to be taken down. The Board agreed to contact Stephen Shattuck for pricing on installation a new gate at this location.
- Asked regarding the disposition of the current contents of the cottage.
 - o It was concluded that most of the contents are the residue of a summer youth program operated at the cottage several years ago. This program was chaired by Edward Ryan and associated with the Barnet School. Board agreed that Roberts will contact the school to ask if they would like to reclaim any of the contents.
- Several other issues pertaining to the logistics of the removal of the cottage were briefly discussed.

2011 MOWING OF TOWN PROPERTIES

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt stated that he contacted J & B Property Maintenance, as discussed at the prior board meeting, and that they are willing to perform the 2011 mowing services at the same price as 2010.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
TASK FORCE REGARDING 2011 DRY HYDRANT GRANT PROGRAM**

Briefly reviewed cover letter requesting applications for grant funding.

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt stated that Fire & Rescue Chief Ronald Morse is in possession of this same correspondence and has stated that he is not interested in pursuing such funding at this time.

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

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, also a recipient of this same correspondence, spoke in summarizing this letter from CVPS to the District 7 Environmental Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING ACT 250 PERMIT APPLICATION OF LESLIE AND MELODY MORRISON

Roberts read letter from Foresite Engineering Services requesting that the Board complete a Municipal Impact Questionnaire regarding the Morrison Act 250 project.

Faris completed the questionnaire.

CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING INDIRECT DISCHARGE PERMIT OF AGRI-MARK, INC. DBA CABOT CREAMERY

Roberts read letter and Board briefly reviewed accompanying information regarding the amendment of the permit to include a new land application site for dairy washwater.

HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION OF ROBERT ROY

Board reviewed application to convert current access at 4443 Garland Hill to a circular driveway having two Highway accesses. Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs discussed his communications with Mr. Roy regarding this matter and stated that there are details concerning culverts and drainage to be settled before this permit is approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs discussed recent activities of the Highway Department, including primarily hauling and placing gravel at various locations to repair dirt roads damaged by the recent thaw.
- Roberts reviewed correspondence from the Vermont Department of Buildings & General Services to the members of the 2011 General Assembly. This letter received of Rep. Leigh Larocque and pertains to a surplus property auction to be held May 7, 2011.

UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS

Reviewed and approved fleet permits for Calkins Sand & Gravel, Inc., Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc., HA Manosh, Corp., Kirk Fenoff & Son Excavating, Matthews Excavating, Thompson Timber Harvesting & Trucking, LLC, United Natural Foods, Inc., and Arthur Whitcomb.

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 8:25 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk