

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**TOWN OF BARNET, VT**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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:** Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and David Warden.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Bunnell noted that the draft minutes of the meeting held March 28, 2011 should be amended so that the list of "others present" includes Shawn Larocque rather than Jeffrey Larocque.

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

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

Faris read cover letter and Board reviewed attached copies of closing statement and check proceeds.

Proceeds of this sale are to be deposited in the Municipal Buildings Fund reserve account.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN AGENT JAY ABRAMSON REGARDING SALE OF CLARA BROCK COTTAGE AT HARVEY'S LAKE BEACH**

Faris read cover letter and Board reviewed attached executed Promissory Note as security for the moving of the cottage.

Faris read second cover letter and Board reviewed attached copies of check proceeds and other signed documents relating to sale.

After brief discussion, Board agreed to deposit the proceeds of this sale into a new reserve account to be used for installation of a new gate, repair of bathrooms, and other improvements to the Harvey's Lake Public Beach.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN AGENT JAY ABRAMSON REGARDING NOTICE OF HEARING IN JACKMAUH V. TOWN OF BARNET**

Faris read cover letter and reviewed attached Notice of Hearing in the appeal of Gregory and Celia Jackmauh from the decision of the Barnet Board of Civil Authority. The status conference hearing is to occur April 18, 2011, and does not require the appearance of the parties.

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT  
REGARDING NOTICE OF HEARING IN APPEAL OF FARIS SAWMILL  
PERMIT**

Faris recused himself from the discussion and decision in this matter.

Roberts read notice of pre-trial telephone conference to occur April 18, 2011.

Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden spoke concerning her conversations with the Superior Court and with Town Agent Jay Abramson regarding this matter.

After brief discussion, the Board instructed Warden to request that Abramson represent the Town in this matter.

**BARNET LANDFILL POST-CLOSURE RECERTIFICATION  
APPLICATION**

Faris reviewed application, as prepared by Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, for a five-year recertification of the Barnet Landfill, which ceased accepting waste in July 1991. Two years remain of the twenty-year required post –closure monitoring period.

After brief discussion, Faris signed the application with Board’s approval.

**INSIGNIFICANT WASTE MANAGEMENT EVENT APPROVAL  
APPLICATION FORM FOR JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> HAZARDOUS WASTE  
COLLECTION**

Faris reviewed application and site-specific contingency plan for approval of household hazardous waste collection event at Barnet Transfer Station & Recycling Center to be held June 15, 2011.

After brief discussion, Faris signed the application with Board’s approval.

**LIQUOR LICENSE AND TOBACCO LICENSE RENEWAL  
APPLICATIONS OF PAUL’S WHISTLE STOP**

Reviewed and approved applications of Paul’s Whistle Stop for liquor and tobacco licenses for period ending April 30, 2012.

**HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION OF ROBERT ROY**

This matter originally discussed at Board meeting of March 28, 2011.

Board reviewed application to convert current access at 4443 Garland Hill to a circular driveway having two Highway accesses. Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs presented his requirements for this permit: 40 feet of 18 inch culvert with at least 18 inches of cover.

With Board’s approval, Faris signed the permit with conditions as presented by Gibbs.

## **HIGHWAY ACCESS PERMIT APPLICATION OF LAWRENCE AND CYNTHIA RUGGLES**

Board reviewed application for highway accesses on West Barnet Road and Roy Mountain Road. Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs stated that all culverts required for these accesses are currently in place.

With Board's approval, Faris signed the permit.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Roberts spoke concerning a 2004 Hyundai loader for sale. Loader has 500 hours and is selling for \$50,000.
  - o Board instructed Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs to view this loader and report his recommendations concerning whether the Town should pursue its purchase.
- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs discussed several matters:
  - o Bridge #46 over the Peacham Hollow Brook on Somer Hill Road is in poor condition. A hydraulic study has been conducted by the State of Vermont. Gibbs plans to apply for a grant for engineering of a new bridge this year, and apply for a grant for construction of the bridge next year.
  - o The Gorman Group reports that West Main Street cannot be repaired by using a shim as planned. They are in the process of providing a quote for reclaiming and re-paving the road. This work is to include 0.555 miles through the center of West Barnet village. Gibbs has also requested a quote for this work from Pike Industries.
  - o Heavy rain today has caused severe damage to some roads. A portion of Whitehill Road has been closed because heavy rain has made it impassible.
  - o Requested approval for the Highway Department to attend, at Town expense, the Vermont Municipal Highway Association Equipment Show and Field Day on May 11, 2011. Gibbs suggested that employees be required to use Personal or Vacation time in order to be paid for this day.
    - After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to approve the attendance of the Highway Department at this event at Town expense as a paid workday without use of Personal or Vacation time. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- Faris noted the receipt of correspondence from Roger Damon regarding the engineering of the redesign of the Harvey's Lake Dam. Faris delivered several documents relating to this matter to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

## **UNIFORM MUNICIPAL EXCESS WEIGHT PERMITS**

Reviewed and approved fleet permits for Carroll E. Ainsworth, Cardinal Logistics Management Corporation, and Chief Logging & Construction, Inc.

Reviewed and approved single vehicle permits for John Colgrove Trucking, Gould Well Drilling, Inc., and Michael L. Townsend.

## **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 8:03 p.m.

Motion made by Roberts to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session 8:10 p.m.

No action taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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