

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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, Aaron Kormos (Lyndon State College News 7), and George Ramos (Lyndon State College News 7).

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held April 11, 2011

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held April 11, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance(s) by member(s) of the public

No members of public present wished to make comment.

3. Correspondence from Town Agent Jay Abramson regarding tax assessment appeal of Gregory and Celia Jackmauh

Faris read emails indicating that a continuance was granted in the hearing of Monday, April 25th, and the hearing postponed. Board also reviewed appraisal report of Appraisal Office of Daniel J. Berna regarding a portion of the property owned by the Jackmauhs.

4. Correspondence from Town Agent Jay Abramson regarding appeal to Environmental Court of Faris Sawmill Permit

Faris recused himself from the discussion and decision in this matter. Roberts read letter and reviewed attached retainer agreement describing the terms and conditions of Abramson's representation of the Town of Barnet in the above-referenced matter.

- After brief discussion Roberts and Bunnell signed the retainer agreement.

5. Correspondence from Town of Monroe Selectboard regarding roads between Monroe and Barnet

Faris read letter stating that the two roads between Monroe and Barnet are "in very poor shape on the Vermont end" and requesting communication regarding the Barnet Board's intentions with regard to repairing these roads.

- Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs spoke, stating that he is in receipt of a copy of this correspondence and that the Highway Department has already made the necessary repairs to these roads.

6. Discussion regarding all terrain vehicle (ATV) use of town highways on Green Up Day

Faris discussed his recent communications with Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club President Steven Mosher regarding the use of ATVs on Town Highways on Green Up Day (May 7, 2011).

- After brief discussion Board agreed to permit the same single-day usage of all town highways as permitted in 2010, and with the same conditions: only Club ATVs are permitted, and these must be documented with the Town Clerk's Office.

Shirley Warden spoke concerning recent illegal ATV use she has witnessed on Keyser Hill Road.

- Board instructed Town Clerk Heisholt to call Caledonia County Sheriff Michael Bergeron with request that the Sheriff's Department use a portion of their monthly patrols to enforce the ATV ordinance.

7. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding Calendar Year 2010 Bridge Inspection Summary Reports

Reviewed inspection reports and signed statement that reports have been received, reviewed, and shared with individuals charged with preventative and routine maintenance of the structures.

8. Liquor License and Tobacco License Renewal Applications of Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop

Reviewed and approved applications of Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop for liquor and tobacco licenses for period ending April 30, 2012.

9. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Notice of Application for proposed indirect discharge permit of Duncan's Idea Mill, LLC

Roberts read cover letter and reviewed Notice of Application regarding permit for discharge of distillery wastewater resulting from cleaning of fermenting vats and stills used in the production of vodka and rum at facility on Keyser Hill Road.

10. Other business

Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs discussed several matters:

- **Purchase of loader.** Reviewed five- year and ten-year lease options for 2010 John Deere loader offered by Nortrax. Gibbs discussed the advantages he expects from retaining the current loader and purchasing a new John Deere loader to be used in conjunction with it.
 - o After some discussion, Board instructed Gibbs to request from Nortrax a two-year payment plan, with no interest, to buy the loader outright.
- **Quotes for crushing gravel.** Reviewed quotes received for 2011 crushing, as follows:
 - J.A. McDonald, Inc.: \$7.00 per yard for both ¾" crushed gravel and 2" minus ledge base;
 - Chief Logging & Construction, Inc.: \$6.35 per yard for both ¾" crushed gravel and 2" minus ledge base.
 - o After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to accept the bid of Chief Logging & Construction. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- **Culverts on School House Road and Whitehill Road.** Gibbs has contacted Dig Safe regarding mapping of buried lines for placement of culverts. One culvert has already been placed on Whitehill Road and four more will be placed this spring on the side of the hill that leads to Ryegate.
- **Paving.** The Gorman Group has submitted quotes for paving of the Groton-Peacham Road and the repair of West Main Street. The quote for Groton-Peacham is higher than last year's quote due to increased fuel costs. West Main Street will require significant work to rebuild and re-grade prior to paving. Pike Industries has not yet submitted bids for these projects.
- **Laser levels.** Gibbs has priced laser transits for placing culverts. These seem to range from \$1,200 to \$3,000.
 - o Bunnell offered to allow the Highway Department to borrow his personal laser level if they need it only occasionally. Board instructed Gibbs to price a laser level rather than laser transit.

11. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

Reviewed and approved fleet permits for Classen's Crane Service, Green Mountain Power Corporation, and Darcy Nelson.

12. Outstanding check warrants

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk