

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, MAY 9, 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, and Norman Patenaude (Pike Industries).

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held April 25, 2011 and of special meeting held April 26, 2011.

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held April 25, 2011 and of the special meeting held April 26, 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 resident David Kristoff regarding maintenance of Tower Road and Valley View Road.

Roberts read letter detailing labor and tractor use provided by Mr. Kristoff in keeping two roads passable during March and April 2011. Mr. Kristoff requests compensation at a rate of \$55 per hour for the 9.5 hours provided, totaling \$522.50. Discussion followed: Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs clarified that all of Valley View Road and a portion of Tower Road are Class 3 roads; the majority of Tower Road is a Class 4 road. Gibbs also stated that the Highway Department provided Mr. Kristoff with a load of gravel for maintenance of the Class 4 portion of Tower Road; he did not instruct Mr. Kristoff to perform maintenance on any portion of Class 3 road, nor did he arrange to compensate him for such maintenance.

- Motion made by Faris to not pay this request for compensation to Mr. Kristoff. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- Board instructed Town Clerk Heisholt to draft and mail a letter to Mr. Kristoff explaining that it is the Board's policy to not compensate for road maintenance when compensation for such maintenance has not been agreed upon in advance.

4. Loan Contract – Security Agreement for financing of John Deere Loader from Nortrax.

Roberts reviewed loan contract-security agreement. Total price to be paid for loader is \$94,050, including \$500 origination fees and \$50 official fees. This is to be paid in two payments: \$46,750 on May 10, 2011 and \$47,300 on May 10, 2012. No interest is charged for this financing.

- After brief discussion the Board signed the document. Payment is to be made from the Equipment Account reserve fund.

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

Faris recused himself from any discussion and decision in this matter. Roberts read cover letter and Roberts and Bunnell reviewed attached photographs and site plan. Abramson requests that the Zoning Board meet in executive session to review the site plan and provide comments.

6. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding annual financial plan.

Board briefly reviewed 2011 Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways as prepared by Selectboard, Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs, Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt, and VTrans District Project Manager Shauna Clifford. Plan expense and income budgets each total \$717,250. Major projects planned include paving Town Highway 4, Class 2 (Groton-Peacham Road) and grinding, replacing culverts, ditching, cold mix, and paving Town Highway 1 (West Main Street).

- After brief discussion the Board signed the plan.

7. Discussion regarding revision of Town Road and Bridge Standards.

Board discussed change in requirements for Town Road and Bridge Standards, as presented by Shauna Clifford at the Board's April 26, 2011 special meeting.

- Motion made by Faris to not adopt new Town Road and Bridge Standards with requirements per Act 110 of the 2010 Vermont legislative session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

8. Correspondence from Vermont Waste Management Division regarding first quarter 2011 Solid Waste Transfer Station Report.

Roberts reviewed highlights of report detailing first quarter 2011 waste disposed (total of 45.02 tons) and waste recycled (total of 7.82 tons) at the Barnet Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

9. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding adoption of stream alteration general permit.

Roberts read cover letter and Board briefly reviewed attached permit as adopted by the Agency of Natural Resources on April 18, 2011. The purpose of the general permit is "to ensure that all stream alteration activities are regulated efficiently and effectively in accordance with the requirements of 10 VSA Chapter 41."

10. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development regarding 2012 Vermont Transportation Enhancements Program Schedule and Process.

Roberts read introduction of cover letter and Board briefly reviewed attached application process and grant program summary.

11. Other business.

- **Correspondence from James Maher of Ryegate, Vermont regarding Symns Pond Road.** Roberts read email stating grievance regarding Road Commissioner and condition of Symns Pond Road during recent mud season.
 - o Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs responded, explaining maintenance performed on Symns Pond Road in recent months.
- **Appearance by resident Michael Lamp regarding maintenance of Campers Lane.** Mr. Lamp appeared to ask when Campers Lane will be graded.
 - o Road Foreman Gibbs responded: Campers Lane was scheduled for grading last week when the Highway Department was performing grading of the western side of Garland Hill. Gibbs will follow up regarding this and ensure that the Campers Lane grading is completed.
- **Paving projects on Town Highway 4, Class 2 (Groton-Peacham Road) and Town Highway 1 (West Main Street).** Road Foreman Gibbs presented proposals submitted by The Gorman Group (Gorman) and by Pike Industries, Inc (Pike). Gibbs explained that Norman Patenaude of Pike, who was present at this meeting, was not invited by Gibbs but volunteered to be present to answer any questions the Board may have regarding Pike's proposal. The proposals of each company are summarized as follows:

- The Gorman Group
 - Groton-Peacham Road: Place 3 inch cold mix base; place 1 ¼ inch hot mix top. Total cost \$266,995.
 - West Main Street: Reclaim and compact; place 3 inch cold mix base; place 1 ¼ inch hot mix top. Total cost \$124,967.
- Pike Industries, Inc.
 - Groton-Peacham Road: Place 2 inch hot mix base; place 1 ¼ inch hot mix top. Total cost \$208,462.50.
 - West Main Street: Reclaim and compact; place 2 inch hot mix base; place 1 ¼ inch hot mix top. Total cost \$101,867.75.
- o After lengthy discussion, Board agreed to accept the proposal of Pike Industries, Inc. Roberts signed agreement to prices, specifications and conditions.
- **Clara Brock Cottage.** Faris discussed his recent conversations with Harvey's Lake Public Beach Committee Chair Robert Zita, wherein Zita stated that all of the desirable items the Committee was storing in the cottage have been removed. Roberts said that he spoke to those formerly associated with the youth program operated at the cottage, who stated that they do not wish to claim any of the contents of the building.
 - o After brief discussion Board instructed Road Foreman Gibbs to arrange with Zita to make a Town dump truck available for the removal of the remainder of the contents of the building.
- **Little Scotland Road.** Bunnell asked Road Foreman Gibbs regarding when Little Scotland Road is to be graded. Gibbs responded, describing recent delays caused by mechanical problems with the grader and indicating that Little Scotland Road will be graded as soon as possible.

12. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits.

Reviewed and approved single vehicle permit for Larry Flood and fleet permit for Ron Fenoff Excavating LLC.

13. Outstanding check warrants.

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

14. Adjournment.

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
 Town Clerk