

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, MAY 23, 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:** Town Agent Jay Abramson, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and Ross Page.

Note: Numbers assigned to headings indicate order of agenda printed in advance of meeting. Items appear in minutes in order discussed at meeting; order of discussion is occasionally out of sequence with agenda numbers.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held May 9, 2011.**

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 9, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

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

No members of public present.

**3. Correspondence regarding maintenance of Tower Road and Valley View Road.**

All members of Board had previously read two letters. The first, from resident David Kristoff, expresses disappointment with Board's decision at prior meeting to not compensate for his labor and equipment use provided in road maintenance. The second, from owners of six properties on Tower Road and Valley View Road, requests significant enlargement of a culvert on Tower Road.

- After brief discussion Board agreed that Road Commissioner Bunnell with Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs will examine this culvert, and another problem water crossing above this culvert, and determine what must be done to address the matter.

**4. Correspondence from Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding Zoning Permit application of Harland and Mary Jane Sheerin.**

Briefly reviewed copy of permit received by Selectboard due to the Town of Barnet being the owner of abutting property. Also reviewed a second permit issued to Bryan Hoelzer and Jaunita Walsh, also received due to the Town being the owner of abutting property.

**5. Correspondence from Green Mountain Power with petition for location of poles, guys, and wires on Garland Hill.**

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed petition and plan for placement of poles, guys, and wires on Garland Hill.

- After brief discussion Roberts signed the petition with the Board's approval.

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

Ross Page of the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club, who was not present when agenda item number two was originally arrived at, appeared to discuss maintenance of Class 4 roads in advance of the 2011-2012 snowmobiling season. Mr. Page requested the Board's permission to conduct maintenance work, at no labor expense to the Town, on Chamberlain Road and Little Scotland Road, and asked whether the Town would be willing to provide gravel and culverts.

- After brief discussion Board agreed to permit this maintenance. Also agreed that Road Commissioner Bunnell and Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs will examine these roads with Mr. Page and determine what materials are necessary.

**6. Correspondence from Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) regarding application for Foreign Trade Zone Designation.**

Read cover letter and briefly reviewed informational materials regarding Foreign Trade Zones (FTZs). NVDA requests that the Board sign a Letter of Concurrence in support of NVDA's application for FTZ designation of the Northeast Kingdom region.

- After brief discussion, Board agreed to table this matter.

**7. Correspondence from Vermont Natural Resources Board regarding Act 250 Permit application of Central Vermont Public Service and Telephone Operating Company of Vermont, LLC.**

Read email and briefly reviewed attached final approved Land Use Permit.

**8. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Stream Alteration Permit of William Hoar.**

Reviewed permit and attached diagram regarding project consisting of stabilization of 90 linear feet of stream bank with stone fill located on the South Peacham Brook. Also discussed Town labor and materials necessary to improve a culvert in vicinity of this project.

**9. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Draft Indirect Discharge Permit of Duncan's Idea Mill LLC.**

Briefly reviewed public notice for draft permit. Public comment period for this permit, for non-sewage wastewater from a distillery, is from May 23, 2011 to 4:30 p.m. June 21, 2011.

**10. Other business.**

- **Harvey's Lake Dam redesign.** Faris discussed recent correspondence from engineer Roger Damon regarding prices for materials. Faris presented these documents to Town Clerk Heisholt with request that they be photocopied for the Board.
- **Trees and culvert on Rockledge Lane.** Roberts requested that Road Commissioner Bunnell address problems on Rockledge Lane regarding trees down and a culvert heaving above the road surface.
- **Correspondence from resident David Bogie regarding maintenance of Garland Hill and Cloud Brook Road.** Faris presented a note received requesting road maintenance.

**13. Possible executive session regarding legal proceedings.**

- Motion made by Faris to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:33 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Selectboard, Town Agent Jay Abramson, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Motion made by Faris to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session 8:00 p.m.
- Motion made by Faris to authorize Town Agent Jay Abramson to expend an amount not to exceed \$3,500 to procure a professional appraisal of the property owned by Gregory and Celia Jackmauh and located at 176 Houde Lane (parcel ID #0004-01-30). Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**11. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits.**

Reviewed and approved single vehicle permits for Ingerson Trucking and Donald Moore, Jr.

**12. 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 8:05 p.m.

*A true copy.*

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Town Clerk*