

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 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, Robin Allen, Crystal Rice, Shannon Rice, Anthony Smith, Bridget Ferrin Smith, Denise Stuart, Toby Walls, and Sarah Walls.

Note: Numbered headings correspond to 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 23, 2011

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 23, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearance by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding Emergency Watershed Protection Program

- Robin Allen, State Conservation Engineer with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), appeared to discuss the details of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) as they relate to several Barnet properties having received damages from recent flooding. His discussion was as summarized below:
 - o The EWP is designed to relieve imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences.
 - o All projects must have a project sponsor; the Town is suggested as a sponsor for Barnet property owners. NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost; the sponsor is responsible for the remaining percentage of the cost. Typically the sponsor and the private landowner form an agreement whereby the sponsor is reimbursed for this cost share by the landowner.
 - o In addition to this cost share burden, the sponsor also obligated to provide land rights to do repair work, secure the necessary permits, accomplish the installation of work, and perform any necessary operation and maintenance.
 - o Funding for this program is depleted. The only funds currently available are for projects designated by the program as "exigency" due to their compelling and urgent nature.
- Discussion followed between the Mr. Allen, the Board, and several residents present and interested in participating in the EWP. This discussion included details regarding particular sites, and program and "exigency" eligibility requirements.
- Board signed a letter officially requesting EWP assistance, as required to initiate program processes, but not binding upon the Town's participation.
- Board agreed to appoint Co-Chair Roberts as its delegate for all matters relating to the EWP, granting him authority to execute documents in the stead of the full Board.

3. Appearance(s) by other member(s) of the public

All members of the public present appeared for the discussion regarding number two above only.

4. Correspondence from Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding appointment of Zoning Board members

Read letter from Warden regarding the status of three expiring Board terms: Benjamin Adams and Bruce Denio have expressed willingness to serve another term on the Board; Louis Bushey has indicated that he does not wish to serve another term. Letter also discussed selection of a replacement for Bushey's position. Warden also appeared to discuss possible candidates.

- Motion made by Roberts to re-appoint Benjamin Adams and Bruce Denio to four-year terms. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

5. Correspondence from Lincoln Applied Geology, Inc. regarding Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation request for reimbursement form

Briefly reviewed reports and request for reimbursement for services and expenses related to monitoring of the site of the former Passumpsic Village Store. Total reimbursement requested is \$888.19.

- After brief discussion and with Board's approval, Faris signed the form.

6. Correspondence from Vermont Natural Resources Board regarding Act 250 Permit of Calvin and Cherryll Bunnell

Read two emails; briefly reviewed attached final approved Land Use Permit and corrected final approved Land Use Permit.

8. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

Reviewed and approved single vehicle permits for C & C Bunnell Excavating, LLC, Anthony Nutbrown, and Bill Pinkham.

7. Other business

- **Appearance by Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs regarding flood damage road repairs.** Gibbs discussed several matters relating to the repair of roads damaged by recent storms, including the following: progress of repairs, amount of gravel used, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding, seasonal crushing of gravel, and Class 4 road repair funding.
 - o Board agreed to Gibbs's recommendations for crushing of gravel and use of gravel pit for road repairs this year, including creating 1 ½ inch minus gravel from portion of pit currently in use.

9. Outstanding check warrants

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

10. Possible executive session regarding legal proceedings

- Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:30 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Selectboard, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
- Motion made by Roberts to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:38 p.m.
- No action taken.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk