

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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, Sarah Barraco (Lyndon State College News 7), Alan Boye, Sherri Colby-Schenck, Cathy McLam, Jennifer Morin (Lyndon State College News 7), Kevin Morrison, Tina Morrison, Ross Page, Wendy Raeder, Sherry Tolle, 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 October 24, 2011**

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held October 24, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearance by Barnet Public Library Trustees regarding pellet boiler proposal**

Librarian Sherry Tolle, and Trustees Alan Boye, Sherri Colby-Schenck, Cathy McLam, and Sarah Walls appeared to propose that the Board consider the installation of a wood pellet boiler when replacing the Library's current boiler. Board reviewed letter and informational materials submitted by the Trustees. Tolle spoke concerning the advantages of pellet boilers, their cost and pay-back period, and their use by local residents, businesses, and municipalities. Discussion ensued regarding practical implications of installation at the Library, issues with these boilers experienced by local residents, and grant applications.

- The Board requested that the Trustees obtain another proposal for a pellet boiler in addition to the proposal already obtained; requested that the brand name of units included in both proposals be disclosed. The Board will obtain several proposals for oil-burning boilers to compare alongside pellet boiler proposals when arriving at a purchase decision.

**3. Appearance by Ross Page of the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club**

Page appeared, as is his annual custom, to discuss the upcoming snowmobiling season with the Board. He requested that the Board allow snowmobile access, for trail connection purposes during the 2011-2012 season, on portions of Bony Woods Road, Laird Road, Somerhill Road, and Stevenson Road, as has been granted in previous years. In addition, Mr. Page requested that the Board allow access on West Main Street from its intersection with Stevenson Road to the West Barnet Quick Stop. This access would be for travel to the store only.

- After brief discussion, the Board agreed to grant the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club access as requested by Mr. Page for Bony Woods Road, Laird Road, Somerhill Road, and Stevenson Road. The Board requested that, given the concern regarding the requested portion of West Main Street voiced during the process for adoption of the All-Terrain Vehicle Ordinance, Mr. Page make all effort to avoid use of this road. If Mr. Page is unable to by some other means gain access to the store, the Board also agreed to grant access to West Main Street.

#### **4. Appearance(s) by other member(s) of the public**

Kevin Morrison, Tina Morrison, and Wendy Raeder appeared to discuss the progress of installation of culverts on Aiken Farm Road and Harvey Mountain Road, as discussed at Board meetings of September 12, September 26, and October 10, 2011. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Raeder expressed concern regarding the delay of installation, mitigation of streambanks both upstream and downstream of the Harvey Mountain Road project, and perceived inadequacy of ditches on the portion of Harvey Mountain Road directly across the road from the Morrison residence. Lengthy discussion was had regarding these concerns, the causes of installation delay, State permits for streambank mitigation, Town policy with regard to performing excavation work on private property, and status of culvert project with regard to property of Joseph Mangiapane.

- The Board agreed to hire Kenneth Bunnell & Sons to install the culvert on Harvey Mountain Road, with scheduled date of installation being Thursday, November 17, 2011. The Board also agreed to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 21, 2011 to view the site and determine if additional ditch maintenance is required.

#### **5. Correspondence from Cartographic Associates, Inc. regarding 2012 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal and Contract**

Board briefly reviewed proposal and contract for services provided to the Town by Cartographic Associates, Inc. for data recorded during the time period of April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. Services include the professional maintenance of Town tax maps according to data provided by the Town. The cost to the Town for this time period is \$1,950. This amount and the salient details pertaining to the proposal and contract remain unchanged from the 2011 Maintenance Proposal and Contract.

- After brief discussion, the Board signed the contract.

#### **6. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding for storm event of August 27-September 2, 2011**

Board reviewed cover letter and attached copy of Standard Subgrant Agreement. This agreement is the same in substance as that for the May 26-May 27, 2011 event, as discussed at the September 26, 2011 meeting, and submitted by Treasurer Heisholt. This agreement quotes the correct State share of eligible costs, which is 15%. Heisholt indicated that he has already signed and submitted this agreement.

#### **7. Correspondence from Lincoln Applied Geology regarding Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation for Passumpsic Village Store**

Board reviewed email from Jeremy Revell, citing Vermont Waste Management Division's indication that, due to off-site contamination, the site cannot be granted a SMAC designation.

- Board discussed potential buyer who may be undeterred by lack of a SMAC designation. Town Clerk Heisholt will inquire regarding obtaining a statement from the Vermont Waste Management Division making known the status of contamination at the site. This could be recorded in the land records prior to the sale of the property.

#### **8. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding No Exposure Certification for Barnet landfill**

Board reviewed letter indicating that the landfill has been assigned a Certification Number for a No Exposure Certification with Conditional Exclusion from the Multi-Sector General Permit.

#### **9. Solid Waste Transfer Station Report from Vermont Solid Waste Management Program**

Roberts reviewed highlights of report detailing third quarter 2011 waste disposed (total of 92.58 tons) and waste recycled (total of 24.87 tons) at the Barnet Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

**10. Correspondence from Farm Service Agency (FSA) regarding ballot for committee election**

Board reviewed ballot for voting in the election for Caledonia/Essex County representative in the FSA committee.

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

**11. Discussion regarding 2012 health insurance plans**

Treasurer Heisholt spoke regarding discussion of plan options at October 24, 2011 meeting. The network associated with the Aivis plan the Board selected is not, as Heisholt stated at the October 24 meeting, the same as that associated with the Cigna plan the Town currently has. The Cigna plan has a national network, whereas the Aivis network is Vermont-based with some coverage in bordering portions of New Hampshire, New York, and Massachusetts. All providers outside this region are “out-of-network,” but the Aivis plan does offer some out-of-network coverage. Within this Vermont region, the Aivis network is stronger than the Cigna network. Heisholt has consulted with Road Foreman Gibbs, and neither is aware of any problems for employees that will result from this shift in networks.

- After brief discussion, Board agreed to not change its health insurance plan selection as determined at the October 24, 2011 meeting.

**12. Highway Access Permit applications**

Reviewed two applications:

- Alan & Lorna Fogg, Barnet Center Road: Reviewed same application as submitted for consideration at meeting of October 24, 2011. Road Foreman Gibbs reported that access has been re-built to conform to conditions of permit. As such, Gibbs recommended approval of re-submitted application.
  - After brief discussion, Board approved permit with conditions as notated on application.
- Bruce and Catherine Roy, Old West Road: Road Foreman Gibbs discussed his viewing of the site; recommended approval.
  - After brief discussion, Board approved permit with conditions as notated on application.

**13. Other business**

No other business was discussed

**14. Outstanding check warrants**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

**15. Adjournment**

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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