

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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:** Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Sarah Barraco (Lyndon State College News 7), and Kevin Lessard (Lyndon State College News 7).

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 November 14, 2011 and of special meeting held November 21, 2011**

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held November 14, 2011 and of the special meeting held November 21, 2011. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearances by members of the public**

No members of the public were present.

**3. Discussion regarding sale of Passumpsic Village Store**

Faris reviewed email correspondence and attached letter from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding the present status of contamination at the site. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt discussed this letter and his recent communications with Town Agent Jay Abramson. It is not possible at this time to attain a Site Activity Management Complete designation for the site. It may be possible, however, to sell the property regardless of this situation. Abramson is investigating potential residual financial obligations the Town may retain after the sale. Prior to the sale the voters at Town Meeting must approve the sale and elect an agent to convey real estate.

- Motion made by Roberts to table this matter. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**4. Correspondence from Endyne Inc. regarding Landfill Laboratory Report**

Faris briefly reviewed results of analyses performed for samples collected at site of the former Barnet landfill.

**7. Discussion regarding legal proceedings**

Faris reviewed Notice of Hearing from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding appeal by Gregory and Celia Jackmauh of Property Valuation & Review decision regarding exclusion of land from Current Use program.

- After brief discussion, motion made by Roberts to request that Town Agent Jay Abramson attend this hearing. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**5. Other business**

- **Discussion regarding mailbox of Stanley Tatro.** Roberts discussed Mr. Tatro's complaint that the Highway Department damaged his mailbox while plowing snow on three different occasions last winter and once to date this winter.
  - o After brief discussion, Board agreed that Roberts will discuss this matter with Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs.

- **Discussion regarding “Farm Ahead” sign for property of Matthew & Alexander Choate.** Roberts discussed request by Alexander Choate for two roads signs along West Barnet Road warning motorists of slow-moving machinery in the road.
  - o After brief discussion, Board agreed that Roberts will instruct Road Foreman Timothy Gibbs to install the requested signs.
- **Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding Zoning Board vacancy.** Warden discussed vacancy, indicating that she is not presently aware of any interested candidates.

#### **6. Outstanding check warrants**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

#### **5. Other business**

- **Executive session for discussion of personnel matters**
  - o Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:20 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Bunnell, Faris, Roberts, and Town Clerk Heisholt.
  - o Motion made by Roberts to exit executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:25 p.m.
  - o No action taken.

#### **8. Adjournment**

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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