

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012**

**Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.**

**Board members present:** Selectmen Theodore Faris and Jeremy Roberts.

**Meeting Chair:** Co-Chair Jeremy Roberts presiding as Chair for this meeting.

**Others present:** Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Assistant Town Clerk Cathy McLam, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Eric Brinkerhoff, and Leigh Larocque.

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 14, 2012**

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 14, 2012. Approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearance by Assistant Town Clerk Cathy McLam**

Faris presented an engraved clock to Mrs. McLam in appreciation of her twenty-five years as Assistant Town Clerk. The Board thanked Mrs. McLam for her continued service to the Town.

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

**• Resident Eric Brinkerhoff regarding all-terrain vehicles (ATVs).**

- o Mr. Brinkerhoff read a prepared statement objecting to the operation of ATVs on town highways. Included in this statement were Mr. Brinkerhoff's opinions that such operation is dangerous, subtracts from values of properties along town highways affected, and produces noise and dust. Also, Mr. Brinkerhoff believes that the necessity of using town highways indicates that property owners along these roads do not want ATVs on or near their properties.
- o Lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Brinkerhoff suggested that changes be made to the process for annual review of the ATV ordinance. All residents owning property on the affected town highways should be notified individually by mail and the ordinance should be approved by a town-wide vote rather than by the Selectmen only.

**6. Correspondence from resident Harry Adamek regarding all-terrain vehicle (ATV) ordinance**

- Roberts read letter reporting illegal ATV operation on Ferguson Road on May 19 and 20, 2012.
- Brief discussion followed. Faris commented that Constable David Stevenson has been asked to patrol selected town highways for illegal ATV operation. Faris also noted that the Town is requesting a police report for the recent ATV accident on Bony Woods Road.

**4. Discussion regarding West Main Street paving project**

Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould discussed briefly the progress on planning for this project. The highway department has not yet collected estimates from all contractors.

**9. Other business**

- **Salt shed.** Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould asked for an update from the Board regarding plans for construction of the new salt shed. Brief discussion followed. The Board indicated that it is pleased with the design as presented by the highway department at the Board meeting of April 23, 2012 and wishes to pursue the construction per this design. The Board requested that Mr. Gould

take necessary steps to attain a zoning permit for the building, including finalization of the precise location. The highway department will perform site work, backfilling, and construction oversight only; all other construction will be performed by a hired contractor. Further discussion about the timeline for construction will be had at the next Board meeting, when more is known about the timeline for the West Main Street project.

**5. Discussion regarding library building boiler and fuel and maintenance contracts**

- Roberts discussed his recent communication with Jeff Simpson of Johnson Plumbing & Heating in Lyndonville. Mr. Simpson, who has experience with the kind of boiler that is at the library building, indicated that it may be possible to repair the boiler rather than replace it. Mr. Simpson will look at the boiler and make a proposal to the Board.
- The Board requested that Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt contact the Barnet School to discuss the possibly of combining efforts to request bids for fuel purchasing.

**7. Correspondence from United States Department of Agriculture regarding rabies vaccination and management**

Roberts read letter requesting landowner permission for oral rabies vaccination bait drops and live capture of wildlife for rabies management. Brief discussion followed.

- With Board approval Roberts signed a form granting landowner permission.

**8. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding letter of agreement for computer appraisal services**

Reviewed agreement for license to the Town of Barnet of use of the Marshall and Swift Cost Tables for appraisal of properties in Barnet until June 30, 2013. Amount due for this license is \$231.85. Brief discussion ensued.

- With Board approval Roberts signed this agreement.

**10. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits**

Reviewed and approved Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit for Blue Mountain Trucking & Excavating.

**11. Outstanding check warrants**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

**12. Discussion regarding personnel matters (executive session)**

- Motion made by Faris to enter executive session. Approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:45 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Faris, Roberts, and Town Clerk Heisholt.
- Motion made by Faris to exit executive session. Approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:55 p.m.
- No action taken.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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