

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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, Jeremy Roberts, and Gary Bunnell

Meeting Chair: Co-Chair Theodore Faris presiding as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Assistant Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, John Bishop, John Heartson, Joseph Starr (Pike Industries, Inc.).

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 28, 2012

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held May 28, 2012. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

- **John Bishop regarding West Main Street project.** In conjunction with the West Main Street construction project planned for this summer, Mr. Bishop offered the use of his land for the construction of a sidewalk or walkway to accommodate pedestrian traffic around a dangerous corner on West Main Street. Brief discussion ensued regarding the logistics of such a project.
 - o The Board agreed to refer the investigation into the feasibility of this idea to Road Commissioner Gary Bunnell.
- **John Heartson regarding West Main Street project.** Mr. Heartson appeared to request information about the West Main Street project generally, safety improvements resulting from the project, and the project's impact on his property.
 - o Faris responded to Mr. Heartson's inquiries.

3. Appearance by Highway Department employees Keith Gadapee and Thomas Gould

e. Other

- **Paving.** Joseph Starr of Pike Industries, Inc. appeared to discuss paving quotes for the Groton-Peacham Road (Town Highway #4, Class 2) and West Main Street (Town Highway #1, Class 2) Projects. Totals for quotes are as follows: Groton-Peacham Road - \$242,895.84; West Main Street - \$ 45,050.72. Mr. Gadapee discussed the timing of the Groton-Peacham Road project in relation to the West Main Street project. Some excavator work must be performed prior to paving the Groton-Peacham Road. Mr. Gadapee and Mr. Gould believe it would be advantageous to hire the same contractor to pave both projects.

11. Other business

• Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden

- o **Zoning permit for salt shed.** Ms. Warden discussed permitting for fuel storage shed and disposal canisters currently at Town Garage property. Also discussed septic and stormwater permits attained for construction of Town Garage.
- o **Sheerin zoning permit application.** Ms. Warden has received a zoning permit application from Mary Jane and Harland Sheerin for the construction of a handicap ramp at their residence. The ramp was constructed prior to the permit's approval because an emergency caused the need for the ramp. Although handicap ramps are not specifically exempted by the zoning ordinance, the

Zoning Board intends to exempt them with the revision of the ordinance. Ms. Warden requested that the Selectboard waive the fees for this permit. Brief discussion followed.

- A motion was made by Roberts to waive the fees for this permit. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

7. Discussion regarding sign for Peacham Farmers Market

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt explained that the Peacham Farmers Market has requested that the Town allow them to post a small (8 ½" x 11") sign, advertising the farmers market, at the Barnet park and ride. Brief discussion ensued.

- Board agreed to refer this matter to the Zoning Administrative Officer.

3. Appearance by Highway Department employees Keith Gadapee and Thomas Gould

a. West Main Street paving project (partial executive session)

- Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session to discuss contracts. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:30 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Faris, Roberts, Bunnell, Assistant Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould, 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 8:40 p.m.
- A motion was made by Roberts to hire Mathews Excavating to perform excavation, drainage, culvert, and road base work on section two (2) of the West Main Street project. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- Lengthy discussion ensued regarding various logistical and financial matters relating to the project.
 - o Costs for a rebuilding a retaining wall versus installing a catch basin system at the Coppenrath residence. Mr. Gadapee will call Shauna Clifford of the Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding the feasibility of abandoning underground piping.
 - o Town equipment and labor costs and planning to allow for grading of other town highways during project.
 - o The Board agreed, based on higher-than-projected estimates for construction and paving, to plan for construction and paving of section two (2) only for this year.
 - o Mr. Gadapee will prepare estimated costs for section two (2) only for the next Board meeting.

b. Bids for crushing services. Board agreed to table this matter.

c. Street sweeping. Mr. Gould discussed the agreement the Town has entered with the Town of Monroe, New Hampshire by which Monroe provides street sweeping services in exchange for a certain quantity of winter sand of equal value. Monroe has swept some of Barnet's streets already. Nine hours of sweeping remain before the exchange of sweeping for sand will be equal, but this is not enough time for Monroe to complete the job.

- The Board agreed to allow Monroe to sweep for the remaining nine hours, but to leave the remainder of the job unfinished at this time.

d. Old West Road. Mr. Gould discussed the current poor condition of this town highway. Mr. Gadapee estimates that it will cost \$27,000 to re-pave the road. Brief discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee to obtain an estimate for regrinding to present at the next Board meeting. Road Commissioner Gary Bunnell will view the site and consult with the Highway Department to provide a suggested course of action.

e. Other

- **Speed Limit Ordinance.** Mr. Gadapee discussed the speed limit on Roy Mountain Road. Donald Easter, who supervises the Lake Harvey Association boat wash program at the boat launch on Roy Mountain Road, has requested that the current speed limit signs for the boat

launch be re-located. In investigating making this change, Mr. Gadapee found that there is no reference to Roy Mountain Road in the current speed limit ordinance. Mr. Gadapee therefore proposes that the Selectboard make several amendments to the speed limit ordinance to make current signage enforceable. These amendments would be to change the ordinance adopted on October 20, 1977 and amended October 19, 1987 as follows:

- Under Section 1 (35 m.p.h. roads) add:
 - State Aid #9 (Barnet Center Road) with description, ÷entire road;÷
 - State Aid #10 (Harvey Mountain Road/Roy Mountain Road) with description, ÷from State Aid #1, 2.5 miles south;÷
 - State Aid #10 (Harvey Mountain Road/Roy Mountain Road) with description, ÷ 2.7 miles south from State Aid #1 intersection on to West Main Street (State Aid #1).÷
- Under Section 2 (25 m.p.h. roads) add:
 - State Aid #10 (Harvey Mountain Road/Roy Mountain Road) with description, ÷starting 2.5 miles from State Aid #1, for 0.2 miles.÷
- o The Board agreed to post a notice for a public hearing to be held at the next Board meeting to discuss the proposed amendment to the speed limit ordinance.
- **Radios.** Mr. Gadapee discussed the requirement to change to narrowband radios by January 1, 2013. Six Highway Department radios remain to be upgraded. The Board reviewed a quotation from Tac-2 Communications, Inc. for upgrading three of these radios; total cost is \$1,744.29.
- **West Barnet church sink hole.** Mr. Gadapee discussed a sink hole that is developing in the church parking area. Discussion ensued, in which it was determined that the location of the sink hole is within a Town Highway.
 - o The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee to patch the sink hole as necessary.
- **Stockpiles.** Mr. Gould suggested the basketball court area in West Barnet village and the Harvey÷ Lake Public Beach parking lot as possible locations to stockpile materials for the West Main Street construction project.
 - o The Board instructed Mr. Gould to pursue using the Harvey÷ Lake Public Beach parking lot and to advise Beach Committee Chairman Robert Zita of this plan.
- **Flaggers.** Mr. Gould asked whether the Board prefers to hire certified professionals or local non-certified workers to perform flagging for this year÷ paving and construction projects.
 - o The Board agreed to hire local non-certified workers at the rate of \$12.50 per hour.
- **Salt shed.** Mr. Gadapee briefly discussed permitting processes.
- **Roadside mowing.** Mr. Gould asked if the Board would like to hire Harold Wilkins to perform mowing as in previous years.
 - o The Board instructed Mr. Gould to hire Mr. Wilkins.

4. Correspondence from resident Harry Adamek regarding all-terrain vehicle (ATV) traffic on Ferguson Road

Faris read letter documenting continued ATV traffic on a portion of Ferguson Road on which ATV traffic is not permitted. Faris noted that Constable David Stevenson will be patrolling this road to enforce the ATV ordinance.

- Board instructed Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt to draft a letter to Mr. Adamek explaining that the proper procedure for complaints regarding violations of the ATV ordinance is first to contact Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club President Steven Mosher, then, if not satisfied with resolution resulting from this, to contact one of the town constables, and finally if not satisfied with resolution from this, to contact the Selectboard.

5. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding increase in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding for flooding disaster of August 27 to September 2, 2011

Faris read letter indicating that President Obama has agreed to Governor Shumlin's request for an increase in FEMA funding from seventy-five percent to ninety percent of total eligible costs. This results in an additional payment to the Town of Barnet of \$3,078.71.

6. Correspondence from Endyne Inc. regarding landfill laboratory report

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

8. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2013 Vermont Transportation Enhancements Program schedule and process

The Board briefly reviewed letter indicating process for submission of application and categories for eligible projects.

9. Discussion regarding library building boiler and fuel and maintenance contracts

Roberts gave a brief update on obtaining proposals for the boiler repair or replacement.

10. Discussion regarding upgrade of Town Clerk's Office computer systems

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt discussed estimate of CompuSys 2000, Inc. Total estimated cost, including two new computers, a new printer, software, and labor charges, is \$2,080.87. Brief discussion ensued.

- Board agreed to approve this expenditure per the estimate of CompuSys 2000, Inc.

12. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permits

Reviewed and approved Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit for Green Mountain Power Corporation.

13. Outstanding check warrants

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

14. Discussion regarding personnel matters (executive session)

- Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 9:30 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Faris, Roberts, Bunnell, 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 9:45 p.m.
- No action taken.

15. Adjournment

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____

Town Clerk