

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 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 Jeremy Roberts presided as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Assistant Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden,

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held June 11, 2012

Motion made by Faris to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 11, 2012. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

a. West Main Street construction project

- Mr. Gadapee presented and discussed an estimation of costs for the center section of the project, which he had prepared at the request of the Board. Total costs for contracted services, including all excavation, construction, and paving are estimated at \$84,468. The town's contributing value (including town labor, equipment, etc.) is estimated at \$56,080, and \$11,244 is added for administration costs and any unknown expenses, making the total estimated costs \$151,792.
- The town has requested that Pike revise their contract for Groton-Peacham Road and West Main Street to include paving a base coat only, without top coat. Mr. Gadapee's West Main Street cost estimate accounts for this change.
- It is estimated that during construction the road will be closed for ten (10) hours per day for four (4) days. The planned detour during this period will be either Old West Road or around Harvey's Lake using Harvey Mountain Road, Roy Mountain Road, etc.

b. Bids for crushing services. Mr. Gadapee reported that Road Commissioner Gary Bunnell, Mr. Gadapee, and Mr. Gould have accepted the bid of Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. to perform 2012 crushing services.

c. Speed/traffic ordinance. Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt explained that he has requested an opinion from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns regarding revision of speed regulations. He has not yet received a response.

d. Equipment quotes. Mr. Gadapee presented quotes received for a cutoff saw (\$1,400 from All Around Power) and a bale chopper (\$7,250 from All Around Power and \$7,400 from Blackmount Equipment).

- The Board agreed to instruct Mr. Gadapee to purchase the cutoff saw from All Around Power and to postpone the purchase of the bale chopper until the next budget year.

e. Salt shed concrete. Mr. Gadapee asked if the Board would like the request bids for the concrete on the new salt shed. Brief discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee and Mr. Gould to request bids from three or four contractors.

f. Old West Road. Mr. Gadapee presented and discussed an estimation of costs for reclaiming and paving, which he had prepared at the request of the Board. Two options are to (a) reclaim and pave with a two inch base coat, with an estimated cost of \$24,174.50 or (b) to shim and overlay with a one inch top coat, with an estimated cost of \$18,114.80.

- The Board agreed to pursue option (a) as described above. The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee to ask if Pike Industries will be able to perform the Old West Road work prior to the work on West Main Street, to create a better detour route for the latter.

g. Other

- **Groton-Peacham Road.** Mathews excavating will begin tomorrow (June 26, 2012) on excavation, etc. that must be completed prior to paving. The Board agreed to plan to pave only the base coat this year, in order to free paving funds for the Old West Road project.
- **Salt shed construction.** The Board discussed when and by whom the new salt shed will be constructed.
 - The Board agreed to postpone any decisions regarding this matter.
- **Private road signs.** Mr. Gould asked if the town is responsible for purchasing signs for private roads. The sign for one particular road has been stolen several times.
 - Faris indicated that the town does pay for signs for private roads.

4. Discussion regarding dump truck loan payments

The Board reviewed a report indicating the balances due on two dump truck loans, the payoffs on which total \$55,672. One loan has two annual payments remaining due; the other has three. The balance in the reserve fund truck account, including the 2012 appropriation, is \$98,983. Brief discussion followed.

- A motion was made by Faris to pay off these two loans. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

5. Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden

- a. **Correspondence regarding salt shed permit and permits of abutting landowners.** The Board briefly reviewed the approved salt shed permit and approved permits for abutting landowners Richard, Paula, and Shane Stevenson, and Harland and Mary Jane Sheerin.
- b. **Appointment of Planning Commission/Zoning Board members.** Ms. Warden indicated that both Jonathan Carpenter and George Pierce, whose terms expire on July 1, 2012, have agreed to serve another term if re-appointed.
 - The Board agreed to re-appoint Jonathan Carpenter and George Pierce to four-year terms as members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board.
- c. **Transfer Station matters.** Ms. Warden, who has recently worked as a substitute Recycling Center attendant, discussed the service and placement of the portable toilet at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center. Brief discussion ensued.

6. Late dog licenses

The Board reviewed reports of unlicensed dogs. Brief discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to authorize Constable David Stevenson to attempt to cause the listed unlicensed dogs to be licensed.

7. Discussion regarding Barnet Historical Society use of Town Hall

Faris discussed his recent conversation with Barnet Historical Society president David Warden regarding use of the Town Hall to store a display. Faris indicated to Mr. Warden that the Board would allow this use of the Town Hall with the condition that the display be moved to allow for use of the Town Hall for the Primary Election in August.

8. Correspondence from Vermont League of Cities & Towns regarding Act 103 affecting qualifications for exercising law enforcement authority by municipal constables

Roberts read letter discussing impact of Act 103 of 2012, which requires constables to obtain, or commence training to obtain, a certification from the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council in order to continue to exercise law enforcement authority. Brief discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt to forward a copy of this letter to the town constables.

9. Correspondence from Vermont Senator Jane Kitchel regarding 2012 transportation and appropriation bills

The Board briefly reviewed a letter and attached listing of funding changes included in the 2012 transportation bill.

10. Other business

No other business was discussed.

11. Outstanding check warrants

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Faris to adjourn. Seconded by Faris and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk