

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012**

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

**Board members present:** Selectmen 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, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Kathryn Bergeron, and Jan Sherman.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held June 25, 2012**

Motion made by Bunnell to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 25, 2012. Approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearance by Lake Harvey Association (LHA) members**

Kathryn Bergeron and Jan Sherman appeared to discuss two matters relating to Harvey's Lake:

- **Harvey's Lake Dam.** Ms. Sherman requested an update regarding the status of the planned re-design of the dam.
  - Roberts responded: Faris has been in correspondence with engineer Roger Damon, and the design is nearing completion. This matter was discussed at a recent Selectboard meeting.
  - The Board agreed that Faris will attend LHA's annual meeting on July 21, 2012 to provide an update regarding the status of the project.
- **Kayaks at Harvey's Lake Public Beach.** Ms. Sherman discussed the practice of kayaks entering the lake from the public beach. LHA believes that this practice makes the lake vulnerable to milfoil and other invasive species, and lessens the effectiveness of the boat wash program at the opposite end of the lake. Brief discussion followed.
  - The Board requested that LHA contact Beach Committee Chairman Robert Zita to request that the Beach ensure that kayaks and other boats are not permitted to enter the lake's waters at the Beach.

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

There were no appearances by other members of the public.

**4. Appearance by Highway Department employees Keith Gadapee and Thomas Gould**

- a. **Old West Road.** Mr. Gadapee presented a quote from Pike Industries for paving Old West Road. For paving only, with Town providing excavation of existing pavement, the quoted cost is \$23,628. For reclaiming and paving the quoted cost is \$29,306. Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt discussed budgetary considerations with respect to this project and the grant for the project on the Groton-Peacham Road. Discussion followed.
  - The Board agreed to sign the contract for the Old West Road project but postpone submitting the contract pending investigation into the possibility of extending the grant for the Groton-Peacham Road to 2013.
- b. **Other.**
  - **Roadside mower.** Roberts requested that Mr. Gadapee and Mr. Gould obtain price information for a roadside mower for the Board's consideration during 2013 budget discussions.

**5. Correspondence from Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C. regarding draft copy of Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports for year ended December 31, 2011**

The Board briefly reviewed the draft reports. Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt explained that he received this draft on the same date as this meeting and has not had time to thoroughly review it. He suggested that he review and prepared suggested responses to the reports for the next meeting.

- The Board agreed to Mr. Heisholt's suggestion.

**6. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Health regarding Health Officer appointment**

The Board reviewed a cover letter and attached forms indicating that the term of the current Health Officer, Theodore Faris, will expire July 31, 2012. The Department of Health requests that the Board recommend a Health Officer to serve for the next three years.

- The Board agreed to recommend Theodore Faris to serve another term as Health Officer, and completed the attached form to indicate this decision.

**7. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding fiscal year 2013 education tax rates**

The Board read a cover letter and reviewed the attached rates. The non-residential tax rate is to be \$1.3112 and the homestead tax rate \$1.3453.

**8. Certification of 2012 tax rates**

The Board reviewed the certification of tax rates for 2012, as prepared by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt. Total tax rate (including all municipal and education taxes) for homestead is to be 1.8106; and for non-residential 1.7765.

- The Board signed the certification.

**9. Correspondence Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and State payment for storm events of May 26 to May 27, 2011**

The Board reviewed documents detailing reimbursements received. Package received July 2, 2012 indicates that payment in the amount of \$68,483.80 has been processed; this payment represents the Federal and State portions of costs for the Barnet Center Road project. This is expected to be the final payment received for the May 26 to May 27, 2011 storm events. Federal and State payments for these events totaled \$865,518.11.

**10. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2013 Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program**

The Board briefly reviewed a cover letter and attached application soliciting proposals for the creation of small park-and-ride facilities in Vermont.

**11. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2012 Bicycle and Pedestrian Program**

The Board reviewed a letter indicating that the Agency of Transportation is seeking applications for grants to improve access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. The Board discussed the possibility of applying for a grant to provide a pedestrian path around a dangerous corner on West Main Street.

- The Board agreed to refer this matter to Assistant Road Foremen Keith Gadapee and Thomas Gould for investigation and recommendations.

**12. Other business**

No other business was discussed.

**13. Outstanding check warrants**

Reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

**14. Adjournment**

Motion made by Bunnell to adjourn. Approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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