

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JULY 23, 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 presided as Chair for this meeting.

**Others present:** Highway Department employee Ernest Bourtelle, Assistant Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Greg Garner, and Pamela Linnell.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held July 9, 2012**

Motion made by Roberts to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held July 9, 2012. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearance by Greg Garner of Karme Choling regarding proposed Library Building improvements**

Mr. Garner and Pamela Linnell of Karme Choling appeared to discuss proposed improvements to the second floor of the Library Building, which Karme Choling leases from the Town. Proposed improvements would be in two phases: first, painting and lighting, which Karme Choling would like to commence immediately, and second, carpeting. Karme Choling estimates that each phase will have costs of approximately \$7,000, which costs would be paid entirely by Karme Choling. Discussion followed regarding specifics of colors and fabrics, proposed contractors, and permitting.

- The Board agreed to allow Karme Choling to make the proposed improvements to the Library Building.
- The Board agreed to amend the lease agreement to indicate that the proposed improvements are allowable.

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

There were no appearances by other members of the public.

**4. Appearance by Assistant Road Foremen Keith Gadapee and Thomas Gould (partial executive session)**

- **Executive session regarding personnel matters**
  - Motion made by Roberts to enter executive session. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:05 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Faris, Roberts, Bunnell, Highway Department employee Ernest Bourtelle, 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 7:10 p.m.
  - No action taken.
- **Ernest Bourtelle surgery leave.** Mr. Bourtelle discussed his upcoming leave from work due to surgery. Mr. Bourtelle will be unable to work from August 2 to August 16 and available for light duty with no lifting, straining or operating heavy equipment until September 2.

- **Groton-Peacham Road project.** The Board has decided to complete the project this year, including paving both base and top coats. Mr. Gadapee indicated that he is waiting to receive an updated paving contract from Pike Industries.
- **Old West Road.** The decision to complete the Groton-Peacham Road project this year leaves insufficient paving funds to complete the Old West Road project. A temporary alternative repair is under consideration.
- **West Main Street project.**
  - Mr. Gadapee indicated that the Highway Department is having difficulty finding local workers to employ as flaggers for the project.
  - Mr. Gadapee indicated that he will contact resident George Coppenrath regarding a culvert at Mr. Coppenrath's residence.
  - Mr. Gadapee has contacted FairPoint Communications and Green Mountain Power regarding moving telephone and power poles to accommodate the project.
- **Grader operation.** Mr. Gould discussed the Highway Department's personnel shortage while Mr. Bourtelle is on leave. This will make it difficult to maintain normal grader operations during the West Main Street project, as all remaining workers will be required for the project.
- **Overburden.** Mr. Gadapee discussed recent requests from local contractors for use of overburden material at the Town Pit. Mr. Gadapee recommended that the Town give this material to local contractors at no charge.
  - The Board agreed to Mr. Gadapee's recommendation.
- **Garland Hill ditch repair.** Roberts discussed recent communication from Vermont Mold and Tool regarding wash-out damage to ditches along Garland Hill.
- **Guardrail repair.** Mr. Gadapee discussed repair of guardrail damages caused by a truck accident. The Town has contracted for this repair, and has inquired with the insurance company regarding recouping some of this cost.

## 5. Correspondence from Vermont Natural Resources Board regarding Act 250 permit of David C. Bogie

The Board briefly reviewed email and attached approved permit authorizing development and operation of a commercial sand and gravel pit on Garland Hill in Barnet.

## 6. Other business

- **Harvey's Lake Dam.** Faris discussed design plans for the new gate. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to request bids for the construction of the gate.

## 7. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit application

The Board reviewed and approved a single vehicle permit for Martin Larrabee.

## 8. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

## 9. Discussion regarding real estate transaction (executive session)

- 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: 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 7:25 p.m.
- The Board agreed to send a letter to the owner of land abutting the property owned by the Town and located at 4465 US Route 5 North indicating that the Town has received an offer for this property from another abutter and asking if this abutter would like to make an offer.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion made by Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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