

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Barclay Stetson, and Doris Stetson.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held July 23, 2012

Mr. Faris made a motion to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held July 23, 2012. Seconded by Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

8. Highway Access Permit application of Doris Stetson

The Board reviewed the application with attached sketch of the proposed highway access onto Harvey Mountain Road, and discussed with Barclay and Doris Stetson the conditions applicable to the permit. Mr. Faris and Assistant Road Foreman Keith Gadapee indicated that they had viewed the site and recommended the permit's approval.

- The Board agreed to approve the permit; Mr. Roberts signed the permit as approved.

2. Appearances by other members of the public

There were no appearances by other members of the public.

3. Appearance by Assistant Road Foremen Keith Gadapee and Thomas Gould regarding highway department matters

Mr. Gadapee discussed several matters with the Board; Mr. Gould was not present.

- **Groton Peacham Road.** Mr. Gadapee discussed scheduling for paving; Pike Industries has indicated that paving will be performed at the end of August.
- **Gravel purchasing.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that a local contractor has approached him regarding selling gravel to the Town from a local pit. Discussion followed.
- **Comerford Dam Road.** Mr. Gadapee discussed an estimate received from Pike Industries for grinding a portion of the paved surface. To grind and leave material in place for a 3,700 foot section will have an estimated cost of \$7,200.
- **Culverts requested by landowners.** Mr. Gadapee discussed several requests received recently from private landowners for culverts to be installed at specific locations across public roads. Whereas not all such requests may always be in the Town's best interest, Mr. Gadapee asked what the protocol for responding to them is.
 - The Board agreed that the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman should investigate such requests and respond according to their best judgment.
- **Insurance and repair of totaled truck.** Mr. Gadapee requested that the Board issue a decision regarding dump truck #006, which was recently deemed to be totaled by the Town's insurance carrier after an accident at the Gilfillan Road stockpile. Discussion followed.
 - The Board agreed to purchase the truck from the insurance company for the salvage cost of \$4,558, and instruct the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman to decide whether to use the remaining insurance proceeds to repair the truck or purchase a new truck.

- **Roy Mountain Wildlife Management Area/Jewett Brook Road.** Mr. Faris discussed recent communication with Louis Bushey of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation regarding a washed out culvert on Jewett Brook Road.
 - Mr. Gadapee indicated that he will measure from Harvey Mountain Road to see if the culvert is within the public highway, and repair it if it is within the public highway.
- **West Main Street project.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that construction is scheduled to commence the week of August 20, 2012.

4. Correspondence from Health Officer Theodore Faris regarding a sanitation and health incident

Mr. Roberts read a letter describing damage to a septic system in Barnet Village (owned by Brauer, Farman, McLaren, and Schoolcraft) caused by a substantial rainstorm on July 4, 2012.

5. Discussion regarding fuel oil, diesel oil, and propane purchasing

Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt asked if the Board would like to request bids for fuel purchasing this year.

- The Board requested that Mr. Heisholt request bids.

6. Solid Waste Transfer Station and Facility Reports from Vermont Solid Waste Management Program

Mr. Roberts reviewed the highlights of report detailing second quarter 2012 waste disposed (total of 71.01 tons) and waste recycled (total of 24.46 tons) at the Barnet Transfer Station and Recycling Center.

7. Highway Access Permit application of Thomas Melton

The Board reviewed the application with attached photographs of the proposed highway access onto Ferguson Road. Mr. Gadapee indicated that he had viewed the site and recommended the permit's approval.

- The Board agreed to approve the permit; Mr. Roberts signed the permit as approved.

9. Other business

- **Political campaigning at the Transfer Station.** Mr. Roberts spoke regarding recent political campaigning at the Transfer Station. The Board discussed policy with regard to allowing free speech while maintaining safety and traffic flow.
 - The Board agreed to require political campaigns to receive permission from the Selectboard in order to campaign at the Transfer Station; such permission will specify location.

10. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit application

The Board reviewed and approved a single vehicle permit for Rodney Rexford, DBA North Woods Transport.

11. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

9. Other business

- **Discussion regarding personnel matters (executive session)**
 - Mr. Faris made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:15 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.

- Mr. Faris made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:25 p.m.
- **Discussion regarding real estate transaction (executive session)**
 - Mr. Faris made a motion to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:25 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, and Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt.
 - Mr. Faris made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:30 p.m.
 - The Board agreed to convey the land owned by the Town and located at 4465 US Route 5 North to Leslie Morrison.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Faris made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk