

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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: Town Agent Jay Abramson, Assistant Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Assistant Road Foreman Thomas Gould, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Eric Page, and Ross Page.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held August 27, 2012

Mr. Bunnell made a motion to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held August 27, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Faris and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

- **Salt shed bids.** Mr. Gadapee discussed the process used for requesting bids, including detailed specification guidelines that bidders were required to sign, and submitted bids received from Bob's Construction and Andy Cochran. Eric Page submitted a bid from Ross Page Foundations, LLC. These were three bids received out of a total of four contractors who were invited to bid. The Board opened the bids, which were found to be as follows: Bob's Construction: \$13,578.00; Andy Cochran: \$16,800.00; Ross Page Foundations, LLC: \$19,900. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to accept the bid of Bob's Construction.
- **West Main Street project.** Mr. Gadapee reported that this project is progressing as planned. The road was closed for only three days, instead of four as anticipated.
- **Roadside mowing.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he has noticed that roadside mowing has caused cut limbs in roads or hanging over roads in several locations.
 - Mr. Gadapee indicated that the Highway Department is aware of this problem and is addressing it.
- **Town Hall tree.** Mr. Faris requested that Mr. Gadapee and Mr. Gould look at a tree at the Town Hall that may need to be limbed or cut down.

6. Other business

- **Appearance by Ross Page of the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club.** Mr. Page appeared to discuss the upcoming snowmobiling season. He requested snowmobile access, for trail connection purposes during the 2012-2013 season, on portions of Laird Road, Somerhill Road, Stevenson Road, and West Main Street, as has been granted in previous years. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to grant the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club access as requested by Mr. Page for Laird Road, Somerhill Road, Stevenson Road, and West Main Street.
- **Propane tank at Library Building.** Mr. Roberts reported that there is a full propane tank at the Library Building. It was formerly used for the hot water heater, which now uses oil.
 - The Board requested that Mr. Heisholt arrange for Patten's Gas pick up the tank and give the Town credit for the unused propane.

4. Correspondence from Barnet Public Library regarding Trunk or Treat event

Mr. Roberts read email requesting use of the parking lot of the Harvey's Lake Public Beach for the Library's annual Trunk or Treat Halloween event.

- Mr. Faris made a motion to allow this use of the parking lot. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

5. Correspondence from Cargill regarding salt quote

Mr. Roberts read quote indicating the price at which Cargill will sell salt to the Town during the 2012-2013 season, and the number of tons Cargill estimates the Town will purchase.

- The Board decided not to sign the quote, and requested that Mr. Gadapee inquire with other salt vendors regarding pricing.

6. Other business

- **Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding demolition of structure in Passumpsic Village.** Ms. Warden reported that several Barnet residents have complained about a partially demolished building owned by Brandon and Kate Boardman. Discussion ensued.

- The Board decided that Mr. Roberts will contact Mr. and Mrs. Boardman regarding this matter.

- **August 30th broadband meeting.** The Board reviewed Andrew Mosedale's summary of a meeting discussing strategies for delivering broadband internet to underserved localities.

7. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

8. 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 7:40 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Mr. Abramson, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Faris made a motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:50 p.m.
- Mr. Faris made a motion to hire Mr. Abramson to act as the Town's attorney in the sale of property owned by the Town and located at 4465 US Route 5 North to Leslie Morrison. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Faris made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk