

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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: Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Eric Brinkerhoff, Albert Despins Jr., Albert Despins III, and Shawn Larocque.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held September 24, 2012

Mr. Faris moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 2012. Seconded by Mr. 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 Harvey's Lake Public Beach Committee Chairman Robert Zita

Mr. Zita was not present at the meeting.

4. Appearance by Road Foreman Keith Gadapee

- **Tree at Town Hall.** Mr. Gadapee discussed a tree at the Town Hall that the Board requested the Highway Department evaluate for potential injury or building damage. He reported that the tree does pose a danger, but it is not a job that the Highway Department is equipped to perform.
- **West Main Street project.** Mr. Gadapee reported that this year's work on the project is complete. Discussion ensued.
- **Monroe Road.** Mr. Gadapee presented an estimate from Pike Industries, Inc. for reclaim and paving of a section of Monroe Road. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to not perform any paving work this year, but to keep this project in consideration for next year's budget.
- **Damaged dump truck.** Mr. Gadapee reported that dump truck #006 has returned from the repair shop. A few minor repairs remain to be completed before it is put back in service.
- **Comerford Dam Road.** Mr. Gadapee reported that Pike Industries, Inc. has completed the regrinding of a section of Comerford Dam Road, and asked what the Board wishes to do to finish the project. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee that the Highway Department should put down sufficient gravel to stabilize the road through the winter and create a good surface for plowing. Further drainage and gravel work will be planned for next year.
- **2013 Highway Department budgeting.** Mr. Gadapee presented a list of budgeting priorities for roadway and structure projects and for equipment maintenance and purchasing. Discussion ensued.

5. Decision regarding date and location for special town meeting

The Board agreed to warn the special town meeting discussed at the previous meeting for Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Barnet School gymnasium. Discussion ensued. Mr. Faris indicated that although the vote will be from the floor, according to the process set forth by Barnet voters in the past, paper ballots will be cast if seven voters move to "divide the assembly."

6. Discussion regarding library building boiler

Mr. Roberts indicated that Johnson Plumbing & Heating was at the Library Building on the day of this meeting, and would be the following day as well, to install the new boiler system.

7. Final 2011 financial statements and independent auditor's reports from Mudgett, Jennett & Krogh-Wisner, P.C.

The Board reviewed the final version of the statements and reports.

8. Correspondence from Vermont Natural Resources Board regarding Administrative Amendment to Land Use Permit of Milarepa Center, Inc.

The Board briefly reviewed email and attached amendment pertaining to the revision of a cabin location.

9. Discussion regarding tax appeal of TransCanada Hydro Northeast Inc.

Mr. Faris read a Notice of Hearing from the Vermont Superior Court, Caledonia Civil Division, regarding a Status Conference to be held November 14, 2012. Discussion ensued regarding selection of an attorney to represent the Town in the appeal.

10. Other business

• Discussion regarding personnel matters (executive session)

- Mr. Faris moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:27 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Mr. Gadapee, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Faris moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:59 p.m.
- No action taken

11. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

12. Adjournment

Mr. Faris moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk