

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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: Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held December 10, 2012

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 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 Road Foreman Keith Gadapee regarding 2013 budget

Mr. Gadapee was unable to attend this meeting. The Board reviewed notes left by Mr. Gadapee pertaining to the 2013 Highway budget. The Board also discussed the 2013 budget more generally.

4. Renewal quotation from Sawyer & Ritchie Insurance Agency

The Board reviewed the 2013 quotation and noted an approximate 9% increase over the 2012 premiums. This increase results from the claims history of the past two years. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the quotation. Seconded by Mr. Faris and approved by voice vote.

5. Application to Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for wildland fire cost reimbursement

The Board reviewed applications for wildland fire cost reimbursement as submitted by Fire Warden Joseph Barrett.

- The Board signed the applications.

6. Correspondence from Barnet Fire & Rescue regarding nomination of Chief

Mr. Roberts read a letter indicating that Barnet Fire & Rescue has nominated Ronald Morse to be re-appointed as Chief in 2013.

- The Board agreed to accept the nomination.

7. Report from Lincoln Applied Geology, Inc. regarding ground water monitoring and sampling at former Passumpsic Village Store

The Board reviewed the report indicating the results of monitoring performed September 14, 2012. The Board noted that the monitor well gradient has decreased, showing site improvement.

8. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding 2012 equalization study

The Board reviewed the results of the study. The equalized education property value was \$239,316,000, the coefficient of dispersion 16.5%, and common level of appraisal 102.07%. The Board discussed the possibility of a town-wide reappraisal in the future.

9. Other business

- **Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.** Ms. Warden advised the Board of a legal conversation with Town Attorney Jay Abramson.

10. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and signed all outstanding check warrants.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Faris moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk