

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

**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:** Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Gail Aloisio, Kane Smart, and Hon. Roy Vance.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held December 23, 2013**

Mr. Roberts moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held December 23, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearance by Kane Smart of Downs Rachlin Martin regarding telecommunications facility on Pearlmont Road**

Mr. Smart discussed and presented print documentation regarding VTel Wireless, Inc.’s application to the Vermont Public Service Board for a Certificate of Public Good for a project involving a ninety-foot pole located at 436 Pearlmont Road that will provide wireless internet service. This application requires the applicant to provide the Town a forty-five day notice, and the Town to issue a recommendation for the project. Mr. Smart requested that the Town issue a recommendation that also waives the forty-five day notice requirement. Discussion ensued.

**3. Appearance by Assistant Judge Roy Vance regarding fiscal year 2014 county budget**

Judge Vance reviewed the County budget line-by-line. Proposed budget has total expenditures of \$370,953, which is a \$62,027 increase from the 2013/2014 budget.

**4. Appearance by Gail Aloisio of Northeastern Vermont Development Association (NVDA) regarding Municipal Planning Grant agreement**

Ms. Aloisio discussed the Town’s approved application for a municipal planning grant, and presented details regarding administration of the grant. Ms. Aloisio indicated that the Planning Commission/Zoning Board appointed NVDA as Consultant for this project. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Roberts executed the grant agreement.

**5. Appearances by members of the public**

There were no appearances by members of the public.

**6. Appearance by Road Foreman Keith Gadapee regarding Highway Department matters**

- a. **Waste oil furnace.** Mr. Gadapee discussed with Mr. Roberts details concerning installation of electricity for the furnace.
- b. **Patnaude Lane traffic mirror.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that Byron Wild of Karme Choling has requested that the Town install a traffic mirror at the intersection of Patnaude Lane and West Barnet Road to alleviate a visibility problem. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee to consult with the Vermont Agency of Transportation for a recommendation about the installation of traffic mirrors.
- c. **Dump truck purchase timeline.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that he has sent five requests for proposals to vendors, with a return deadline of January 27. Mr. Gadapee hopes the Board will be able to select a vendor at their February 10 regular meeting.

**7. Correspondence from Library Board of Trustees regarding dogs in village**

Mr. Faris read the copy of a letter mailed to a Barnet Village resident requesting that dogs be refrained from running free on library grounds, and for leashed dogs to be cleaned up after.

**8. 2014 tax anticipation note documents from Union Bank**

The Board reviewed and executed documents relating to the 2014 tax anticipation note, as decided upon at their December 9, 2013 meeting.

**9. Correspondence from Vermont Superior Court regarding annual account for Harriet S. Palmer Trust**

The Board reviewed a cover letter and attached Summary of Account and Motion to Allow Account, as completed by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt.

- The Board signed these forms.

**10. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2014 Certificate of Highway Mileage**

The Board reviewed and signed the Certificate. There were no changes in highway mileage from 2013.

**11. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding Letter of Agreement for Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) Cost Tables Services**

The Board reviewed the Letter of Agreement, which states that the Town will pay the sum of \$238.81 and receive a license for the use of Marshall & Swift Cost Tables associated with the MicroSolve CAMA product by NEMRC until June 30, 2014.

- Mr. Faris executed the agreement with the approval of the Board.

**12. Correspondence from CAI Technologies regarding GIS Services Maintenance Agreement**

The Board reviewed the proposed agreement between CAI Technologies and the Town of Barnet concerning the delivery of user support for listers' Query Manager GIS software. The cost to the Town for this support is \$500.00. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to enter the agreement and signed the contract.

**13. Correspondence from Lincoln Applied Geology, Inc. regarding 2013 annual summary report on groundwater monitoring at former Passumpsic Village Store**

The Board reviewed the report indicating the results of monitoring performed September 9, 2013.

**14. Other business**

**a. Appearance by Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding Town Plan revision.** Ms. Warden discussed with the Board several minor changes made to the Town Plan since they received the last revision thereof.

**b. Appearance by Transfer Station attendant Shirley Warden regarding ice build-up at Transfer Station building.** Ms. Warden discussed a problem resulting from water entering at the floor of the building during warm and rainy periods and freezing during cold periods. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Roberts indicated that he would investigate this situation.

**15. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**16. 2014 budget discussion**

The Board, Mr. Gadapee, and Mr. Heisholt discussed the Highway Department budget at length. The Board and Mr. Heisholt discussed the Selectmen's Budget at length. The Board tentatively approved

the both budgets, with revisions as discussed, pending possible further revision at their next regular meeting.

**17. Discussion regarding legal proceedings (executive session)**

- Mr. Roberts moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 9:10 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Roberts moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 9:25 p.m.
- No action taken.

**18. Adjournment**

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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