

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 and Gary Bunnell.

Meeting Chair: Co-Chair Theodore Faris presided as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held January 13, 2014

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 13, 2014.

Approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public

3. 2014 Town Meeting warning

Mr. Faris read the proposed 2014 Town Meeting warning as prepared by Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt. This warning is the same 2013’s except that the following articles appear on the 2014 warning, which did not appear on the 2013 warning: a) Article 11, a question regarding an appropriation request of \$500 by Kingdom Animal Shelter; b) Article 22, a question about the extension of the property tax exemption of Lakeview Grange #359, and c) Article 23, a question regarding advising the State Legislature to establish a Public Bank in Vermont. Petitions for Articles 11 and 23 were reviewed.

- The Board signed the warning as presented.

4. Correspondence from Harvey’s Lake Beach Committee members Robert and Kathleen Zita regarding resignation

Mr. Faris read letter indicating Mr. and Mrs. Zita’s resignations as Beach Committee members effective immediately.

- The Board agreed to request that Town Clerk Benjamin draft a letter from the Board stating their regretful acceptance of the resignations and thanking Mr. and Mrs. Zita for their dedicated service.

5. Discussion regarding Budget Committee meetings

The Board reviewed the warnings for the Budget Committee meetings to be held Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at the Town Clerk’s Office. The School District budget meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the Town budget meeting at 7:30 p.m.

6. Correspondence from Lincoln Applied Geology with Petroleum Cleanup Fund Request for Reimbursement Form

The Board reviewed invoices relating to groundwater monitoring at the former Passumpsic Village Store (totaling \$1,440.94) and signed the attached Request for Reimbursement Form.

7. Other business

- a. **Harvey’s Lake Dam renovations.** Mr. Faris spoke regarding his recent communications with engineer Roger Damon. Mr. Faris plans to meet with Mr. Damon on January 28, 2014 to discuss final prints for the renovations. The Board hopes to implement the renovations in 2014.

8. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

9. 2014 budget discussion

The Board discussed changes to the budget, compared with the budget as adopted at the January 13, 2014 meeting, as proposed by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt. Mr. Heisholt indicated that Selectman Jeremy Roberts has seen the revisions and approved of them. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve the revised budget.

10. Discussion regarding legal proceedings (executive session)

- Mr. Bunnell moved to enter executive session. Approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:25 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Bunnell, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 7:40 p.m.
- No action taken.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk