

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 (Mr. Roberts was absent at beginning of meeting; joined the meeting at item #4.b.).

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, David Anderson, Ruth Anderson, Dylan Ford, Sandy Ladd (R.R. Charlebois, Inc.), Mike Perrigo (H.P. Fairfield, LLC), and Dan St. Cyr (Clark’s Truck Center).

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held January 27, 2014

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 27, 2014. Approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

3. Appearance by Dylan Ford regarding Barnet 250th Committee

Ms. Ford, President of the Barnet Historical Society (BHS) and of the Barnet 250th Committee, appeared along with David and Ruth Anderson, also of BHS. Ms. Ford expressed the Committee’s thanks to the Board for their confidence in allowing the Committee to run the 250th events. Ms. Ford presented the Board with a check for \$1,000, representing the unused portion of the Town’s 2013 appropriation (\$2,500) for charter anniversary events. Ms. Ford indicated that there were some other excess funds raised by the Committee; these will establish a “Celebrate Barnet” fund. This fund will be used for future events to celebrate Barnet’s heritage, to be determined by a majority of the BHS.

4. Appearance by Road Foreman Keith Gadapee regarding Highway Department matters

a. New trailer. Mr. Gadapee indicated that he purchased a new trailer to replace an aging trailer in the Town’s fleet. The new trailer was purchased from Dad’s 4 By Tool & Supply for \$1,249 and will be used to carry the culvert thawer, as was the old trailer. Mr. Gadapee had discussed the potential of this purchase with the Board at past meetings; rapid deterioration of the old trailer necessitated an immediate purchase.

b. Dump truck chassis proposals. Mr. Gadapee presented proposals from five different chassis vendors for a ten-wheel dump truck. Mr. Gadapee explained that specifications were attempted to be matched on all proposals, but it was not always possible to make them exactly the same. Mr. Gadapee reviewed each proposal with the Board, explaining minor specification variations and incentives offered by each vendor. Dan St. Cyr of Clark’s Truck Center and Sandy Ladd of R.R. Charlebois each spoke briefly regarding their proposals. Discussion ensued. The following is a summary of the bids presented, each of which includes a trade-in allowance (make in parentheses):

▪ Clark’s Truck Center (International):	\$101,134
▪ Freightliner of New Hampshire (Freightliner):	\$107,155
▪ J & B International Trucks, Inc. (Western Star):	\$107,941
▪ R.R. Charlebois, Inc. (Freightliner):	\$98,300
▪ Sheldon Trucks (Mack):	\$115,280

- Mr. Roberts moved to accept the proposal of R.R. Charlebois, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- c. Dump truck body proposals.** Mr. Gadapee presented proposals from three different body vendors for a ten-wheel dump truck. Mr. Gadapee explained that, as with the chassis, an attempt was made to match specifications on all proposals, but it was not always possible to make them exactly the same. Mr. Gadapee reviewed each proposal with the Board, explaining minor specification variations and incentives offered by each vendor. Mike Perrigo of H.P. Fairfield, LLC spoke briefly regarding his proposal. Discussion ensued. The following is a summary of the bids presented (make in parentheses):
- H.P. Fairfield, LLC (Everest): \$67,825
 - H.P. Fairfield, LLC (MG): \$68,536
 - Tenco Industries (Tenco): \$64,532
 - Viking Cives (Viking): \$62,550
- Mr. Roberts moved to accept the proposal of H.P. Fairfield for the Everest body. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

5. Correspondence from Roger Damon regarding Harvey's Lake Dam gate project

The Board reviewed emails and request for proposal documentation materials from Mr. Damon. Mr. Damon prepared these materials to be mailed to two vendors requesting proposals for construction of gate assemblies per Mr. Damon's design.

6. Discussion regarding public hearing for Town Plan re-adoption

Mr. Faris read a notice of a public hearing to be held at the Town Clerk's Office on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. (prior to the regular Selectboard meeting). This hearing will be held for the purpose of public review of and comment on the proposed Barnet Town Plan pursuant to 24 VSA Chapter 117. Copies of the full text of the proposed Town Plan are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

7. Discussion regarding Harvey's Lake Beach Committee

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt indicated that he has communicated with the lone remaining Beach Committee member, Susan Persson. Ms. Persson indicates interest in expanding the Committee from three to five members. Mr. Heisholt indicated that the Committee has had five members in the past. Ms. Persson proposes to hold a public meeting to garner public interest in Committee membership and Beach volunteerism. Discussion ensued.

8. Discussion regarding Barnet Historical Society (BHS) and Library Building

Mr. Heisholt indicated that BHS has requested a key to the basement of the Library Building for use in cataloguing artifacts. Discussion ensued. Mr. Roberts indicated that the Library Building basement is not to code for occupancy; BHS would be able to store artifacts there but not to spend prolonged periods there cataloguing artifacts.

- Mr. Heisholt agreed to contact BHS regarding restrictions on the use of the basement, and to inquire regarding whether interest in obtaining a key persists given this development.

9. Correspondence from Vermont Superior Court, Caledonia Probate Division regarding Palmer Cemetery Fund

The Board reviewed a Notice of Hearing for a Probate Hearing regarding the Palmer Cemetery Fund to be held Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

10. Correspondence from Federal Regulatory Commission regarding TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc.

The Board reviewed Orders Granting Extension of Time by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. in connection with the filing of a report required pursuant to an Order Approving Mercury Monitoring Plan under Article 405.

11. Application for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit

The Board reviewed and approved a fleet permit for Newport Sand & Gravel, Inc./Carroll Concrete Co., Inc.

12. Other business

No other business was discussed.

13. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

14. 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 8:52 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 9:00 p.m.
- No action taken.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk