

**MINUTES – SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Barnet Town Clerk's Office.

Board members present: Chair Jeremy Roberts, Gary Bunnell, and Dylan Ford.

Others present: Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Harry Adamek, William Biddle, Ernest Bourtelle, John Cook, Sarah Cook, Tammi Davis, John Jefferson, Mark Jefferson, Bruce Marston, Steve Mosher, Donald Nelson, and David Warden.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held February 24, 2014

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held February 24, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.

2. Organization of the Board:

- a. **Appoint Chairman.** Mr. Bunnell moved to appoint Mr. Roberts. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- b. **Appoint Road Commissioner.** Mr. Roberts moved to appoint Mr. Bunnell. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- c. **Appoint Tree Warden.** Mr. Bunnell moved to appoint Stanley Robinson. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- d. **Set date and time of meetings.** The Board agreed to continue to meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

3. Appearances by members of the public

- a. **David Warden regarding Town Hall renovations.** Mr. Warden noted that renovations on the Town Hall have not commenced, and asked the Board when they plan to start this process. Mr. Warden also indicated that he wishes to be considered as a candidate for any building committee the Board may form.
 - Mr. Roberts indicated that the Board plans to commence work on the Town Hall this year.

4. Appearance by Transfer Station & Recycling Center employees Bruce Marston and Donald Nelson regarding Transfer Station & Recycling Center matters

Mr. Marston and Mr. Nelson appeared to discuss two matters of concern. The first related to service provided by the Highway Department to the Transfer Station & Recycling Center. Mr. Marston stated that there needs to be a winter schedule that incorporates sanding and plowing six days a week and packing down the dumpsters early every Monday morning. The second matter related to the cement wall in front of the two construction dumpsters. Mr. Marston reported that the design of the wall makes navigating the top of it on foot hazardous, and the distance between the wall and the dumpsters seems to be widening, exacerbating the problem. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that Mr. Roberts will meet with Mr. Gadapee at the site to discuss solutions to the problems cited by Mr. Marston and Mr. Nelson.

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

- a. **Bridge Street bridge estimate.** Mr. Gadapee reported to Mr. Roberts, as requested at a previous meeting, on the estimate obtained in 2013 for a proposed project on the deck of the Bridge Street bridge. Mr. Gadapee reported that this project was estimated to cost \$63,122.

- b. **Dump truck #009 body proposal.** At the Board's request at a previous meeting, Mr. Gadapee obtained an estimate for the replacement of the body on Truck #006. A Viking side-dump six-wheel body would cost an estimated \$30,000. Discussion ensued.
- c. **Truck body maintenance.** Mr. Gadapee discussed a maintenance program for dump truck bodies, as discussed with the Board in spring 2013. Mr. Gadapee presented proposals from two companies for programs that would involve sand-blasting and painting, or applying a grease adherent. Mr. Gadapee suggested that the sand-blasting and painting program would best apply to trucks near the middle of their expected useful life. Dump trucks #004 (which Mr. Gadapee had hoped to have worked on in 2013) and #003 would be good candidates according to this criterion. Mr. Gadapee suggested that the ideal timeframe for having this work completed would be between mud season and the beginning of summer. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to pursue applying a grease adherent to the dump truck purchased in 2014, and to discuss a sand-blasting and painting decision at the next Board meeting.
- d. **Road project options.** Mr. Gadapee discussed the unlikelihood of the Town obtaining a Class 2 Roadway Grant in 2014. Mr. Gadapee asked the Board if they would change their plan with regard to a project to pursue if a grant is not obtained. The Roy Mountain Road project discussed that the previous Board meeting would require road base work and paving. Other possible projects would involve regrinding and paving only. The 2014 paving and construction budget, without a grant, would allow the Town to do approximately 5,700 feet of work if the Board chooses a project requiring regrinding and paving only, and approximately 3,400 feet if a project requiring road base work and paving is chosen. Mr. Gadapee suggested that since the Town has approximately 20 to 23 miles of paved road surface, and new construction lasts approximately 20 years, the Board should plan to resurface approximately one mile per year. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to continue to pursue the project on Roy Mountain Road in 2014 regardless of whether a grant is obtained.

6. Annual review of Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

The Board discussed the Ordinance, as adopted in 2010, which includes a provision (Section IX) for annual review of the sub-section (Section IV.C.) naming specific roads on which ATV travel is permitted.

- Steve Mosher, President of the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club spoke regarding the list of town highways, or portions thereof, on which the Club requests ATV travel be permitted in 2014. This list was transmitted by Club Secretary Tammi Davis to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt via email on February 18, 2014. A total of approximately 16.17 miles of town highway access was requested, which is the same mileage and includes the same town highways as permitted by the Board in 2013. Ms. Davis indicated that the Club is working to reduce town highway mileage, and will keep the Board informed of their progress.
- Some discussion was had regarding enforcement of the ordinance. Mr. Roberts noted that Mr. Mosher is now First Constable. For this reason in the chain of command the Second Constable will replace the First Constable. Therefore violations of the ordinance should be reported first to Mr. Mosher, as President of the ATV club, then to David Stevenson as Second Constable, then to the Selectboard.
- The Selectboard granted the Club's request for permission to use all town highways for collection of litter on Green Up Day on May 3, 2014. The Club must provide the Town with a list of the members who will participate along with proof of driver's license, vehicle registration, and insurance. Numbered tickets will be issued to confirm receipt of this documentation, without which access will be denied.
- Mr. Bunnell moved renew the Ordinance for Regulating All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) as adopted in 2010, with changes only in the modification of specified town highway use permitted; this new permitted use being as requested by the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club at

this Board meeting and in the an email from Club Secretary Tammi Davis to Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt on February 18, 2014. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

7. Adoption of Town Plan

The Board reviewed the draft Town Plan, as revised according to the amendments agreed upon at the previous Board meeting. Discussion ensued.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to adopt the Town Plan as presented at this meeting. Seconded Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

8. Discussion regarding 2013 mowing of town properties

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt requested that the Board indicate whether they wish to solicit bids for 2014 mowing services or request the services of the contractor hired 2010 through 2013 (J & B Property Maintenance). Brief discussion followed.

- Board agreed forego the bidding process and to request a quote from J & B Property Maintenance.

9. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding revised General Permit for Stream Alterations

The Board read an email and reviewed attached public notice and permit relating to authorization of activities that may change, alter, or modify the course, current, or cross section of any watercourse within or along the boundaries of Vermont.

10. Applications for Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of A. Withers Trucking, Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., Bourne's Inc. & Bourne's Propane, DBA Bourne's Energy, C & C Bunnell Excavating LLC, Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc., Gil's Construction, H.A. Manosh, Corp., Mike Lemieux Trucking, Inc., and United Natural Foods, Inc.

11. Other business

- a. Ernest Bourtelle retirement.** Highway Department employee Ernest Bourtelle appeared and presented a letter to the Board indicating his decision to retire effective April 30, 2014.
 - The Board thanked Mr. Bourtelle for his nearly thirty years of service to the Town.
- b. Appearance by William Biddle regarding septic concern.** Mr. Biddle appeared to report a septic smell he has noted this winter in the vicinity of the Harvey's Lake boat ramp.
 - The Board agreed to refer this matter to Health Officer Theodore Faris.
- c. Appearance by Transfer Station & Recycling Center Supervisor Bruce Marston regarding dumpster roof.** Mr. Marston, as an addendum to the matters discussed earlier in this meeting, also noted that the dumpsters should have a roof built over them to prevent water from entering and increasing the weight for waste removal for which the Town pays.
 - The Board agreed that Mr. Roberts will investigate this possibility in the spring.
- d. New board member.** Ms. Ford spoke, thanking the Board and Barnet voters for the opportunity to serve, and indicating that she will do her best to represent the Town.

12. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

13. Discussion regarding legal proceedings (executive session)

- Mr. Bunnell moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:20 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 9:10 p.m.

- No action taken.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk