

**MINUTES –SELECTBOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, MAY 26, 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:** Lister John Cook, Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden

**1. Approve minutes of special meeting held May 12, 2014**

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the special meeting held May 12, 2014. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

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

There were no appearances by members of the public.

**3. Discussion regarding application for installation of telecommunications facility at 140 Kinerson Lane**

Mr. Heisholt explained that Town Agent Jay Abramson has not yet provided an opinion on this matter. Resident Kevin Bruno for this reason did not appear at this meeting, and requested that the Board not take action until he is able to speak with the Board. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to table this matter.

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

- a. Sand screening and gravel crushing bids.** The Board opened and reviewed bids, which are summarized as follows:

Sand screening: 6,500 cubic yards ½ inch screened sand

Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc.: \$2.00 per yard

J.A. McDonald, Inc.: \$3.00 per yard

Gravel crushing: 8,000 cubic yards 1 inch crushed gravel (square screen), 3,000 cubic yards 3 ½ inch road base material, and 1,000 cubic yards 1 ½ inch clean stone

Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc.: \$5.59 per yard

J.A. McDonald, Inc.: \$5.85 per yard

- Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the bids of Chief Crushing & Excavation, Inc. for both sand screening and gravel crushing. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.
- b. Backhoe tires.** Mr. Gadapee discussed the backhoe's tires, which will need to be replaced sometime this summer. Mr. Gadapee has spoken with tire vendor New England Truck Tire regarding differences between bias and radial tires. The backhoe currently is installed with bias tires. Although the prices for radial tires are higher than those for bias tires, the radial tires are expected to last much longer, and are likely to be a better value. Discussion ensued.
- The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee to purchase radial tires.
- c. Widowmakers.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that he hired Bedor Tree Service (BTS) to remove hazardous tree limbs on Whitehill Road, Pearlmont Road, and Old West Road. He also noted that BTS will be removing hazardous limbs at Harvey's Lake Beach. Discussion ensued

regarding the removal of a hazardous tree at the memorial park in Passumpsic Village. Mr. Gadapee agreed to request that BTS remove this tree.

- d. **Dump Truck #006 body repair.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that Ted Faris Welding referred him for body repairs on this truck to Rowden Brothers. Discussion ensued regarding extent of repairs to be performed, and the remaining lifetime of this truck.
- e. **New dump truck.** Mr. Gadapee reported that the new truck chassis is complete, and was picked up from R.R. Charlebois, and delivered to H.P. Fairfield for installation of the body. The body is expected to be complete near the beginning of July.
- f. **Mowing of field at town garage.** Mr. Gadapee reported that the volunteer who has mowed the field at the town garage the past several years has indicated that he no longer wishes to perform this mowing. Mr. Gadapee asked the Board how they would like to proceed with regard to this. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board requested that Mr. Heisholt ask Dennis McLam if he wishes to perform this mowing.
- g. **Truck undercoating.** Mr. Gadapee discussed a quote received from H.P. Fairfield for two options for undercoating the new dump truck. These are a 3M bedliner material (\$1,500) and a paraffin-based material (\$350). Discussion ensued.
  - The Board instructed Mr. Gadapee to request that H.P. Fairfield perform the paraffin-based material undercoating.
- h. **Vermont Local Roads flagging class.** Mr. Gadapee reported that the Highway Department received training in flagging as planned.
- i. **Structures Grant agreement.** Mr. Gadapee presented the State of Vermont Standard Grant Agreement for the project on Mill Hill.
  - With the Board's approval Mr. Roberts executed the agreement.
- j. **Anderson Street water leak.** Mr. Gadapee reported on the excavation of the leak in the Barnet Water System, as performed on Friday, May 23, 2014. The excavation revealed a leak at a coupling approximately eight (8) feet beyond the end of the Town's box culvert excavation. Discussion ensued.

##### **5. Discussion regarding annual Goss mud bog**

Ms. Ford discussed recent accidents occurring at the mud bog or involving participants in the mud bog. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to investigate the possibility of requesting the presence of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department at the mud bog next year.

##### **6. Discussion regarding all-terrain vehicle (ATV) access on town highways for annual Studebaker baseball game**

Mr. Roberts read an email from Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club Secretary Tammi Davis regarding the participation of the Club at the second annual Studebaker baseball game on June 28 or July 12. Those organizing the game are requesting owners of various vehicles to display these vehicles at the game. Ms. Davis anticipates no more six ATVs participating; these would need to travel from the current trail at the end of Cloud Brook Road, along Gilfillan Road and West Barnet Road to the recreational field on Kid Row. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to grant the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club access on the above-referenced portions of town highways on the day of the Studebaker baseball game only.

##### **7. Discussion regarding insurance coverage for fire districts**

The Board reviewed quotes from Vermont League of Cities & Towns for insurance coverage on Fire Districts #2, #3, and #4. Mr. Heisholt explained that Fire District #5 is already covered per the Board's decision at a previous meeting, and Fire District #1 already has coverage, and wishes to postpone being added to the Town's policies until 2015. The total estimated annual costs were quoted as

follows: Fire District #2: \$92; Fire District #3: \$1,570 (including \$1,210 for property coverage on the water system); Fire District #4: \$61. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to add coverage for these three fire districts to the Town's insurance policies with the exclusion of coverage for water systems.

#### **8. Discussion regarding TransCanada Hydro Northeast tax appeal**

The Board reviewed an email from the Town's attorney Richard Coutant. Mr. Cook appeared to discuss mediation, which is to take place on Wednesday, May 28, 2014.

#### **9. Other business**

- a. Fred's Propane & Heating Oil.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he contacted Fred's regarding the vendor offering a benefit for Town employees of a discount on home heating fuel. One of the other vendors bidding on the Town's fuel and propane business offered this benefit. Fred's indicated that they do offer this benefit, and that they will contact Mr. Heisholt with details.
- b. Harvey's Lake Dam design fabrication.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he left a message with Rowden Brothers regarding their bid on this project, but has not spoken to them. Discussion ensued.
  - The Board agreed to open bids for fabrication of the dam redesign at the next Board meeting, to be held June 9, 2014.

#### **10. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

#### **11. Adjournment**

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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