

**MINUTES –SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, and Robert Desrochers (Fairbanks Mill, Inc.).

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held June 23, 2014

Mr. Bunnell moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held June 23, 2014. Seconded by Ms. Ford. Mr. Gadapee suggested that item 6., section d. be amended to indicate that 6,463 cubic yards of sand were screened, not 7,200 cubic yards as the draft minutes indicate. Ms. Ford suggested that item 2. be amended to indicate that the next regular meeting was to be July 14, 2014, not July 7, 2014 as the draft minutes indicate. Mr. Bunnell moved to approve the minutes as amended per the suggestions of Mr. Gadapee and Ms. Ford. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote.

2. Discussion regarding bid for fabrication of Harvey's Lake Dam gate components

The Board met with Mr. Desrochers of Fairbanks Mill, Inc. to discuss his proposal for this project. Mr. Desrochers indicated that his proposal assumed that some of the parts would be supplied by the Town through separate purchase arrangements with Whipps, Inc. Other discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed that Mr. Bunnell will inquire with former Board member Theodore Faris regarding the Whipps, Inc. purchase arrangements. The Board agreed that if these arrangements, in connection with the Fairbanks Mill, Inc. proposal, are acceptable the Board will sign Fairbanks Mill, Inc.'s proposal.

3. Appearances by members of the public

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

- a. Rivers and Roads class.** Mr. Gadapee will be attending a free class presented by the Vermont Agency of Transportation on September 10 and 11.
- b. New dump truck.** The new dump truck is now in service. There are a few minor issues to be resolved, as are common with new trucks.
- c. Gravel crushing.** Gravel crushing is scheduled to begin on Thursday (July 17).
- d. Roadside mower rental.** The rented mower is currently in service; mowing commenced last week. The Highway Department has been satisfied with the machine thus far.
- e. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) claims for April 15 flooding event.** The number of sites eligible for FEMA reimbursements has decreased from nine to six. Mr. Gadapee will meet with FEMA representatives on July 22; he will make a case for mitigation grant eligibility at several sites, arguing that inadequate structures were the cause of the damage.
- f. Dump truck #004 grill damage.** The grill on truck #004 has been broken for several years. Mr. Gadapee would like for it to be replaced; the cost is estimated to be \$640. Discussion ensued.

5. Application of Robert Bisson for Highway Access Permit on Blaine Drive

Mr. Gadapee indicated that he had visited the site of this proposed access and that it is a second access onto Blaine Drive on this property. Mr. Gadapee recommended that this permit be approved with the condition of the installation of thirty feet of 15" steel or N-12 plastic culvert. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve this permit with the condition as recommended by Mr. Gadapee. Mr. Roberts signed the permit.

6. Application of Jacob Rivers for Highway Access Permit on Little France Road

Mr. Gadapee indicated that he had visited this proposed access and that the application is for a change of use from an existing logging access. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve this permit. Mr. Roberts signed the permit.

7. Other business

a. Cloud Brook Road highway access. Mr. Gadapee discussed a permitted access on Cloud Brook Road on the property of J. Paul Moulton and Alice Snyder. This permit was approved in August 2013, but construction on the driveway commenced recently. The driveway has caused washouts on Cloud Brook Road during heavy rain storms. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to instruct Mr. Gadapee to request that this landowner install a culvert to redirect water from the driveway to the Town's culvert on Cloud Brook Road.

8. Correspondence from residents regarding Roy Mountain Road dog concern

The Selectboard read two letters from Barnet residents (one signed by two residents, the other by eight residents) complaining of dogs owned by Kathleen Campbell. The complaints indicate that Ms. Campbell's two dogs are permitted to run at large and that they with regularity aggressively approach pedestrians and bicyclists traveling along Roy Mountain Road. One complaint reports a bite from one of the dogs. The two dogs in question are not licensed in the Town of Barnet. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to deliver a letter to Ms. Campbell via the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department indicating that: 1) Ms. Campbell must license her dogs within twenty-four hours of receipt of the letter; if they are not licensed within this timeframe the dogs will be captured by Town personnel; and 2) Ms. Campbell must not permit her dogs to run at large so as to cause a disturbance; if the Board receives further complaints of this nature Ms. Campbell's dog(s) will be impounded.

9. Discussion regarding Transfer Station security

Mr. Roberts indicated that the problem with bears at the Transfer Station seems to be resolved, but the problem with illegal dumping remains. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to install a security camera and a sign warning of penalties for illegal dumping.

10. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Taxes regarding fiscal year 2015 education tax rates

The Board read the notice indicating that the non-residential tax rate is to be \$1.4714 and the homestead tax rate \$1.5077.

11. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation and Caledonia County State's Attorney regarding accident on Comerford Dam Road

The Board reviewed correspondence relating to an accident occurring June 23, 2014, causing damage to a Town guardrail, and involving an operator who is being charged with driving under the influence.

12. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2015 Municipal Park-and-Ride Grant Program

The Board reviewed a letter and attached application form soliciting proposals for park-and-ride projects. Mr. Heisholt indicated that when completing a survey recently it was noted that Barnet's park-and-ride is in need of line paint. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to pursue obtaining grant funding for painting lines at the park-and-ride.

13. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Universal Recycling Law

The Board reviewed a letter laying out various requirements for municipalities under the new Universal Recycling Law. Implementation deadline dates for these requirements range from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2020. Discussion ensued.

14. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding Municipal Pollution Control Projects priority list

The Board reviewed an email and attachments indicating the State's adopted Municipal Pollution Control Projects Priority List for State fiscal year 2015 and Clean Water Intended Use Plan for Federal fiscal year 2014.

15. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Public Safety regarding Local Emergency Operations Plan

The Board read a cover letter and reviewed attached documents indicating that the Town is required to submit a revised Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP). Mr. Heisholt indicated that he has spoken to Fire & Rescue Chief Ronald Morse regarding this matter; Mr. Morse indicates that he is working on this plan, and will meet with the Board to discuss. Discussion ensued.

16. Correspondence from Vermont Public Service Board (VPSB) regarding Order Revision pursuant to Act No. 199 (S.220)

The Board read an email and reviewed attached memorandum regarding a revision of the VPSB's Amended Standards and Procedures Order.

17. Other business (continued)

- a. **Review of unlicensed dogs.** The Board reviewed a list of unlicensed dogs as presented by Mr. Heisholt. Dog licenses were due on April 1, and two late notices have been mailed since then. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to send a notice to dog owners indicating that 1) they must license their dogs by September 1 or a \$50 fee will be assessed in addition to fees already assessed, and 2) if fees are not received by October 1, a Constable will be employed to collect fees.
- b. **Building Committee.** Mr. Heisholt indicated that he has spoken with William Graves, who suggests a Building Committee membership as follows: Selectboard, William Graves, Benjamin Heisholt, Cathy McLam, Stanley Robinson, David Warden, and Dana Young. Mr. Graves also suggests arranging a meeting of the group soon at the Town Hall. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to appoint a Building Committee of the membership suggested by Mr. Graves. The Board also agreed to call a meeting of the Building Committee to be held at the Town Hall on August 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. **July 28, 2014 Board meeting.** Mr. Roberts indicated that he will be out of town and unable to attend the regular Board meeting scheduled for July 28, 2014. Discussion ensued.
 - The Board agreed to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for July 28, 2014, and in its place to call a special meeting to be held July 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

18. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

19. Discussion regarding TransCanada Hydro Northeast tax appeal (executive session)

- Mr. Bunnell moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 9:19 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Ms. Ford, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Heisholt.

- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 9:30 p.m.
- No action taken.

20. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Ford and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk