

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013**

**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.

**Meeting Chair:** Co-Chair Jeremy Roberts presided as Chair for this meeting.

**Others present:** Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Sheriff Dean Shatney, and Hon. Roy C. Vance,

**1. Approve minutes of special meeting held January 3, 2013**

Mr. Faris moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

**2. Appearance by Hon. Roy C. Vance and Sheriff Dean Shatney regarding proposed 2013/2014 Caledonia County budget**

Judge Vance reviewed the County budget line-by-line. Proposed budget (including Sheriff's Department) has total expenditures of \$456,126, which is a \$150,166 increase from the 2012/2013 budget.

**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**

Mr. Gadapee appeared to discuss several matters relating to the Highway Department:

- A. Dump Truck #006 body hoist repair.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that this hoist, which was dropped off at a repair shop in December 2012, has not yet been repaired. This truck therefore remains out of service.
  - a. Mr. Bunnell indicated that he will follow up with the repair shop.
- B. Brush-cutting.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that the road crew continues to perform roadside brush-cutting during good weather. Presently the crew is working on Warden Road.
- C. Dump Truck #006 radiator crack.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that a radiator crack, and other damage possibly relating to a 2012 accident, remains to be repaired. He asked the Board if they would like to budget funds in 2013 specifically for this accident-related repair. Discussion ensued.
  - a. The Board agreed to expense these repairs to general truck maintenance rather than a line-item specific to insurance repairs.
- D. Mud and ruts.** Mr. Gadapee discussed the condition of gravel roads following the recent unseasonably warm weather. The road crew will be applying gravel to the roads tomorrow.
- E. Somerhill Road Bridge #46 project final costs.** Mr. Gadapee presented to the Board a report on the final costs for the project, which totaled \$10,808.85. This project was financed with funds from the Bridge Fund.
- F. Salt shed construction project final costs.** Mr. Gadapee presented to the Board a report on the final costs for the project, which totaled \$26,687.95. This project was financed with funds from the Municipal Buildings Fund.
- G. Request for ballasts.** Mr. Gadapee reminded the Board of his request for electrical ballasts at the Town Garage.

## **5. 2013 budget discussion**

The Board and Mr. Gadapee continued their discussion of the 2013 Highway Department Expenditures budget. Paving and construction projects were discussed at length. The Board made final adjustments to the revenue, selectmen's, and highway budgets to finalize them for their presentation to the Budget Committee.

## **6. Execute documents for 2013 tax anticipation line of credit**

The Board reviewed and executed a Municipal Note Line of Credit agreement and Internal Revenue Service return relating to a \$620,750 line of credit from Passumpsic Savings Bank.

## **7. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2013 Certificate of Highway Mileage**

The Board reviewed and signed the Certificate. There were no changes in highway mileage from 2012.

## **8. Correspondence from Vermont Superior Court, Caledonia Unit regarding annual account of Harriet S. Palmer Trust**

The Board reviewed cover letter and attached Summary of Account and Motion to Allow Account, as completed by Treasurer Benjamin Heisholt. The Board signed these forms, along with a letter requesting that the Court waive the fees associated with their filing.

## **9. Petroleum Cleanup Fund Request for Reimbursement Form from Lincoln Applied Geology**

The Board reviewed invoices relating to groundwater monitoring at the former Passumpsic Village Store (totaling \$890.00) and signed the attached Request for Reimbursement Form.

## **10. Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Insignificant Waste Management Event Approval Application Form from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District (NEKWMD)**

The Board reviewed the form as completed by NEKWMD and relating to a household hazardous waste collection event to be held at the Barnet Transfer Station on August 7, 2013, and signed the form approving the event as the landowner of the site.

## **11. Correspondence from Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation regarding draft Procedure Addressing Completion of Post Closure Care for Solid Waste Disposal Facilities**

The Board read email and attached memorandum and draft procedure setting forth new maintenance and liability responsibilities for owners of closed landfills.

## **12. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources regarding Draft Indirect Discharge Permit of Agri-Mark, Inc. (DBA Cabot Creamery)**

The Board read and discussed the permit for wastewater discharge having a drainage basin including the Passumpsic and Stevens Rivers.

## **13. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Natural Resources regarding Draft Indirect Discharge Permit of Barnet Hydro Company**

The Board read and discussed the permit for non-contact cooling water discharged into the Stevens River.

## **14. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit Application**

The Board reviewed and approved single vehicle permit of Nathan Foster.

## **15. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

## 16. Other business

- **Discussion regarding personnel matters (executive session)**

- Mr. Faris moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:40 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, Mr. Gadapee, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Faris moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 9:23 p.m.
- Mr. Faris moved to grant pay raises to Highway Department personnel per recently-completed performance reviews. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

## 17. Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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