

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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, and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden.

**1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held March 25, 2013**

Mr. Faris moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held March 25, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

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

There were no appearances by members of the public.

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

- a) **Mud season.** Mr. Gadapee spoke about the Department's activity in repairing muddy gravel roads. More than anticipated has been spent to purchase gravel for these repairs.
- b) **Street sweeping.** Mr. Gadapee asked the Board how they would like to perform street sweeping this spring. Discussion ensued regarding various options, including hiring a private contractor at an hourly rate, trading sand with the Town of Monroe for use of their sweeper, and purchasing a sweeper for the Town's own use.
  - The Board agreed to hire Little Acres Landscaping to perform 2013 street sweeping.
- c) **Overburden stripping.** The Board and Mr. Gadapee discussed meetings in the pit between the Board and Mr. Gadapee and between Mr. Gadapee and private contractors. Discussion ensued. Mr. Gadapee expects to receive per-yard quotes from several contractors before the next Board meeting.
- d) **High-performance plastic culverts.** Mr. Gadapee advised the Board that he is purchasing several "high-performance" plastic culverts for the Highway Department's inventory this year. These are of better quality than ordinary plastic culverts, and are priced less than steel culverts.
- e) **Chloride bid requests.** Mr. Gadapee advised the Board that he sent out requests to three vendors requiring a response by April 19. These should be available for the Board's consideration at their next meeting.
- f) **State road and bridge standards.** Mr. Gadapee indicated that he discussed this matter with Shauna Clifford of the Vermont Agency of Transportation, as the Board requested at their March 11, 2013 meeting. Ms. Clifford advised that the State will not offer incentives for Standards unless the Town adopts either the current State standards or standards that are equal to or more stringent than the State's. Discussion ensued.
  - Mr. Faris moved to not adopt the State's current standards, but to retain the Town's current standards, which are the State's former standards. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.
- g) **Four-day work week.** Mr. Gadapee proposed to the Board that the Highway Department, beginning in mid-April, work four ten-hour days per week during the non-winter months. Mr. Gadapee proposed that regular hours be 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A majority of Highway Department personnel are in favor of this change. Discussion ensued regarding overtime, grading schedules, etc.

- Mr. Faris moved to approved the use of a four-day work week by the Highway Department as proposed by Mr. Gadapee and to revise the Personnel Policy to add three sentences after the first sentence of Section VIII, Part B, as follows: “The normal workday hours may be temporarily altered by the Selectmen for non-winter seasonal use at such times and for such durations as determined at Board meetings. These seasonal hours shall to be a four-day work week of Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., with half (1/2) hour taken out for lunch. At such times as these seasonal hours are in effect all time on Fridays shall also be overtime for the hours actually worked.”

**h) Gilfillan Road.** Mr. Faris requested that Mr. Gadapee obtain a quote for regrinding of Gilfillan Road.

#### **4. Application of Nathaniel Tripp for Highway Access Permit on Tripp Lane**

Mr. Gadapee discussed his communications with Mr. Tripp regarding this permit, which was originally discussed by the Board at their previous meeting. Mr. Gadapee stated that the location for the driveway, as proposed by Mr. Tripp, was not ideal. Mr. Tripp agreed to postpone construction until a better plan is devised.

- The Board agreed to table this matter.

#### **5. Application of Saadia Ortiz for Highway Access Permit on Garland Hill**

Mr. Gadapee indicated that he has reviewed the maps attached to this application, and visited the site. The maps do not seem to align with the measurements indicated on the application. Mr. Gadapee has sent an email to the applicant to request clarification.

- The Board agreed to table this matter.

#### **6. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding Annual Financial Plan**

Mr. Roberts read a cover letter, and the Board reviewed the attached financial plan, as prepared by Mr. Gadapee and Shauna Clifford of the Vermont Agency of Transportation and based on the 2013 Highway Department budget. A total of \$867,200 in expenditures is budgeted. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve the plan, and signed the plan.

#### **7. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding 2012 Bridge Inspection Summary Reports**

The Board reviewed a cover letter and reports regarding seventeen bridges inspected in 2012. Discussion ensued regarding prioritizing bridge projects in light of these reports.

- The Board requested that Mr. Gadapee investigate permitting requirements for performing repairs to Bridge #41 on Carter Street.

#### **8. Correspondence from Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding supplemental state payment for August 2011 flooding disaster**

Mr. Roberts read a cover letter and the Board reviewed attached documents relating to a payment of \$29,654.33 received March 29, 2013. This payment is not in reimbursement of expenses for any single project but reflects a supplemental percentage increase in State reimbursements for all projects relating to this disaster.

#### **9. Liquor and tobacco license applications of Paul’s Whistle Stop**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of Paul’s Whistle Stop for liquor and tobacco licenses for a period ending April 30, 2014.

#### **10. Liquor and tobacco license renewal applications of Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the Barnet Village Store and West Barnet Quick Stop for liquor and tobacco licenses for a period ending April 30, 2014.

**11. Correspondence from Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association regarding fundraiser ride**

Mr. Roberts read an email describing a ride to support the family of Marine Corporal Ian Muller of Danville that would travel through Barnet on Route 5 on June 29, 2013. Discussion ensued.

**12. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit applications**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of John Colgrove Trucking, and Thomson Timber.

**13. Other business**

- a) **Zoning permit.** Mr. Roberts spoke regarding a zoning permit recently issued to Zachary Drown. Discussion ensued between the Board and Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden regarding whether this project may require a State permit.
- b) **Harvey's Lake Dam.** Mr. Faris indicated that he recently discussed implementation of the re-design of the dam with engineer Roger Damon.

**14. Outstanding check warrants**

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Faris moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*A true copy.*

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