

**MINUTES - SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 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 Theodore Faris presided as Chair for this meeting.

Others present: Road Foreman Keith Gadapee, Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt, Zoning Administrative Officer Shirley Warden, Harvey's Lake Beach Committee Chair Robert Zita, Joel Bartlett, Frank Beliveau (Innovative Surface Solutions), Steve Mosher, and Melanie Ouellette.

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held April 8, 2013

Mr. Roberts moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held April 8, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Public hearing to consider the E911 map naming of a private right of way off Davidson Lane

Mr. Faris read the warning for the hearing, which indicates that suggested names are Hilltop Lane and Sky Farm Lane. Mr. Faris indicated that the Board also had two items of correspondence from Melanie Ouellette. E911 Coordinator Shirley Warden spoke, stating that the road name suggestions (including Hilltop Lane) made in Ms. Ouellette's correspondence are not acceptable because they are too similar to Barnet road names already in use. Ms. Ouellette then spoke, suggesting the names Mountain View Lane or Farm View Lane, with the former being her preference. These names derive from the views from this drive of Mount Washington and Hillside Acres Farm. Joel Bartlett then spoke in the support of his suggestion, Sky Farm Lane, which derives from a goat farm on this drive named Sky Island Farm. Discussion ensued wherein the Board suggested that Mr. Bartlett and Ms. Ouellette make some compromise. When no compromise was reached, Mr. Faris suggested that the Board flip a coin to determine the road name. With both parties agreeable to this method, the Board determined that a "heads" result would cause the road name to be "Mountain View Lane" and a "tails" result "Sky Farm Lane." The coin flip resulted in "tails" and the road name was determined to be "Sky Farm Lane."

3. Appearances by members of the public

- a) **Steve Mosher regarding all-terrain vehicle (ATV) trails.** Mr. Mosher of the Barnet Trailblazers ATV Club (Club) appeared to request that the Board allow ATV access on a section of town highway that, although approved for use by the Board at the annual review of the ATV Ordinance on March 11, 2013, the Club had not planned to use for ATV trails. A property owner has since withdrawn his permission for the Club to use his property, thus necessitating the use of this section of road to keep the trail intact. This section is approximately nine-tenths of a mile: from a field access of David Bogie on Cloud Brook Road, southerly to the intersection with Garland Hill Road, and thus southeasterly on Garland Hill Road to the intersection with Gates Lane. Discussion ensued regarding town highway access the Club has eliminated from its trail system since the March 11 meeting (approximately three-quarters of a mile), and the possibility that this new town highway access may be eliminated by the Club by the end of the season.
- Mr. Roberts moved to allow town highway use as proposed by Mr. Mosher, and as previously approved by the Board. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

4. Appearance by Harvey's Lake Beach Committee Chairman Robert Zita regarding beach matters

- a) **Parking lot island.** Mr. Zita suggested that the island of trees at the center of the parking lot be removed, because it obstructs the view of some parts of the parking lot from the bathhouse, and thus causes a danger.
- Mr. Faris indicated that a plan is in place whereby resident Louis Bushey will thin out this island by removing most of the trees for transplant elsewhere and trimming others. This work is expected to be completed soon.
- b) **Mowing outside field.** Mr. Zita stated that he no longer is able to mow the field near the parking lot along Harvey Mountain Road, and asked if the Board would like to cease mowing this field or hire somebody else to mow it. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to ask Dennis McLam, who mows the beach area, and J & B Property Maintenance, who mows the rest of the Town's properties, if they are interested in mowing this field.

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

- a) **Dust control bids.** Mr. Faris opened bids from three bidders to supply the Town with summer dust control products. All bids, per specifications required by Mr. Gadapee, are for approximately 27,000 gallons annually, with the bidder providing storage tanks at the Town Garage and pressurized application system with a minimum of a 1,000 gallon tank, and the bidder allowing the Town to use the application system for watering roads as well. The bids were submitted as follows: All States Asphalt, Inc. bid \$0.94 for calcium chloride and did not submit a bid for magnesium chloride, The Gorman Group bid \$0.92 per gallon for calcium chloride and \$0.87 for magnesium chloride, and Innovative Surface Solutions bid \$0.99 for calcium chloride and \$0.86 for magnesium chloride. Frank Beliveau of Innovative Surface Solutions then appeared to discuss the benefits of magnesium chloride, including reduced environmental impact and corrosion. Mr. Beliveau also discussed trainings and other services offered by his company. Discussion between the Board and Mr. Gadapee ensued.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to accept the bid of Innovative Surface Solutions to buy magnesium chloride at a price of \$0.86 per gallon. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote.
- b) **Bids for stripping overburden in gravel pit.** Mr. Bunnell recused himself from discussion and decision-making in this matter as he is the proprietor of Kenneth Bunnell & Sons, a bidder for this project. Mr. Faris opened bids from the four contractors who submitted bids of five from whom bids were requested. Per yard prices were requested for stripping and removing (including loading and trucking) overburden at the pit. The bids were submitted as follows: Chief Logging & Excavation bid \$1.18 per yard, Dave Bogie Contracting bid \$3.13 per yard (and \$1.65 per yard if with Town trucks assisting), Kenneth Bunnell & Sons bid \$1.45 per yard, and Mathews Excavating bid \$1.94 per yard. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Roberts moved to accept the bid of Kenneth Bunnell & Sons at a price of \$1.45 per yard. Seconded by Mr. Faris and approved by voice vote.
- c) **Gravel crushing plan.** Mr. Gadapee presented to the Board a plan for aggregate gravel crushing this year. Mr. Gadapee indicated that he plans, with the Board's approval, to send this plan with a request for per yard bids to two contractors. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to approve Mr. Gadapee's plan and request for bids.

6. Discussion regarding May 27, 2013 regular meeting

The Board discussed whether they will reschedule their May 27, 2013 regular meeting, which happens to fall on Memorial Day.

- The Board agreed to not reschedule, but to hold its meeting on May 27, 2013 as regularly scheduled.

7. Appearance by Road Foreman Keith Gadapee regarding Highway Department matters (continued)

- d) Road and bridge standards.** Mr. Gadapee discussed his communications with Shauna Clifford of the Vermont Agency of Transportation regarding the Board's April 8, 2013 decision relating to standards. Ms. Clifford encouraged the Town to adopt new standards, even if they are not the same as the State standards, because it has been more than ten years since the last time the Town updated these. Mr. Gadapee presented to the Board his proposed standards. These differ from the State's with regard to seeding, mulching, and stone-lining ditches. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to accept Mr. Gadapee's proposed Town Road and Bridge Standards, and signed the same.
- e) Street sweeping.** Mr. Gadapee related to the Board that Little Acres Landscaping provided the Town with a quote of \$110 per hour for the sweeping of streets. Mr. Gadapee expects that the work will take four days. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to hire Little Acres Landscaping at the quoted rate.
- f) Roadside mowing.** Mr. Gadapee asked the Board for direction in initiating the process for roadside mowing this season. The Board has discussed in previous meetings various options for performing this work by either purchasing or renting equipment, or hiring a contractor. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to continue to pursue the prospect of buying a tractor and mower in a future year, but to hire Harold Wilkins Contracting to perform the mowing this year.
- g) Truck body maintenance.** The Board discussed with Mr. Gadapee various possible treatments for preserving and prolonging the life of dump truck bodies.
- h) Time trading with other municipalities.** Mr. Gadapee asked the Board if they had interest in trading time with other municipalities. This practice would involve the Town providing neighboring municipalities with trucks and labor during times when extra equipment is needed (e.g. for hauling gravel), and the neighboring municipalities would reciprocate this when Barnet requires extra equipment and labor. Discussion ensued.
- The Board agreed to continue to provide equipment and labor during times of emergency, but not to engage in regular time-trading as described by Mr. Gadapee.

8. Application of Saadia Ortiz for Highway Access Permit on Garland Hill

Mr. Gadapee discussed his review of this permit and site, including a telephone conversation with the owner to clarify the location of this proposed access, as was discussed at the Board's previous meeting. The application was changed to reflect this telephone conversation, indicating that the access will use an existing field entrance, at a distance from the property corner marker changed from 325 feet on the original application to 175 feet. With these revisions applied Mr. Gadapee recommended the approval of the application. Discussion ensued.

- The Board agreed to approve the application; Mr. Faris signed the same.

9. Correspondence from Library Trustees regarding control of dogs in Barnet Village

Mr. Faris read the carbon copy of a letter mailed to Barnet Village residents. The Trustees state that the Library is experiencing a problem with dog excrement on the Library lawn and requests courtesy from village residents in their diligence in cleaning up after their pets.

10. Correspondence from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District regarding amendment to Solid Waste Management Plan

Mr. Faris read a letter and the Board reviewed an attached proposed amendment to include the Recycling Center/Transfer Station at 1375 Cross Road, Jay, Vermont. Two public hearings regarding the proposed amendment will be held.

11. Uniform Municipal Excess Weight Permit applications

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of Carroll E. Ainsworth, Limlaw Chipping & Land Clearing, Inc., and Darrell Mathews/Mathews Excavating.

12. Other business

- a) **Boat wash employee application.** Mr. Faris related that a young man fifteen and one-half years old has expressed interest in working at the boat wash at Harvey's Lake, and would like to know if the Town will hire him even though he is not yet sixteen years old.
 - The Board agreed to not hire this young man because he is not of legal age to work this job.
- b) **Passumpsic property clean-up.** Mr. Roberts indicated that Brandon and Kate Boardman, the owners of a partially demolished property in Passumpsic Village that was discussed at the Board meeting of September 9, 2012, have commenced clean-up of this property.
- c) **Transfer Station clean-up.** Mr. Bunnell discussed his recent work in removing stockpiled disposed tires and steel from the Transfer Station. Nine loads of tires and five loads of steel were removed.

13. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

14. Discussion regarding legal proceedings (executive session)

- Mr. Roberts moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 9:00 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Bunnell moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Roberts and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 9:05 p.m.
- No action taken

15. Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk