

**MINUTES – SELECTMEN’S MEETING
TOWN OF BARNET, VERMONT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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, Cassandra Bernier (Lyndon State College News 7), Kevin Kelleher (Lyndon State College News 7), Bob Murray (UniFirst Corporation), Ross Page, and Heidi Reisdorff (G & K Services).

1. Approve minutes of regular meeting held October 28, 2013

Mr. Faris moved to approve as presented the minutes of the regular meeting held October 28, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

2. Appearances by members of the public

- a. Appearance by Ross Page of the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club.** Mr. Page appeared to discuss the upcoming snowmobiling season. He requested snowmobile access, for trail connection purposes during the 2013-2014 season, on portions of Laird Road, Somerhill Road, Stevenson Road, and West Main Street, as has been granted in previous years. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Faris moved to grant the Bayley-Hazen Road Snowmobile Club access as requested by Mr. Page for Laird Road, Somerhill Road, Stevenson Road, and West Main Street. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote.

3. Discussion regarding uniform contract

The Town’s contract with UniFirst Corporation for lease and maintenance of Highway Department uniforms, floor mats for various Town buildings, and other Highway Department products expires in 2014. Representatives from UniFirst Corporation (Bob Murray) and G & K Services (Heidi Reisdorff), who provides the same service, appeared to present proposals for a new contract. Discussion ensued.

- The Board instructed Road Foreman Keith Gadapee to inquire with local towns currently contracted with G & K Services for references on product and service quality. The Board agreed to table this matter until Mr. Gadapee reports to the Board.

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

- a. Somerhill Road Better Backroads grant.** Mr. Gadapee presented a report on the final expenses for this project, as submitted for grant funding to the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Total project costs were \$18,847.11, which was less than the \$19,769.45 budgeted for the project. Mr. Gadapee expressed his thankfulness to owners of property on Somerhill Road, whose cooperation in allowing the Town to operate machinery on their land was critical in making the project a success.
- b. Dump truck #006 repair.** Mr. Gadapee reported that this dump truck will require a replaced walking beam, which will cost an estimated \$4,000.
- c. Dump truck #004 repair.** Mr. Gadapee reported that the transmission repair discussed at the October 15 meeting has been completed.
- d. Gravel pit meeting.** Mr. Gadapee reported on his meeting with Mr. Bunnell at the pit to discuss planning for future pit stripping.

5. Highway Access Permit application of Stephanie Mitchel for driveway on Old Silo Road

The Board reviewed this application for a permanent driveway. Mr. Gadapee reported on his site visit, indicating his recommendation for approval. Discussion ensued.

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

6. Discussion regarding 2014 property and liability insurance coverage

Town Clerk Benjamin Heisholt reported that George Coppentrath of Sawyer & Ritchie Insurance Agency, the Town's current agent, has indicated that the Town's current carrier, Trident Insurance, is non-renewing the Town's policies for 2014. Mr. Coppentrath will obtain a quote from another company, but recommended that the Town also obtain a quote from Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT). Mr. Heisholt indicated that he has already started the process of obtaining a quote from VLCT, and hopes to present both quotes to the Board soon.

7. Notice of vacancy in the office of Lister

Mr. Roberts read a notice that, pursuant to 24 VSA § 961(a), indicates a vacancy in the office of Lister and solicits applications for an appointment to fill this office until the 2014 Annual Town Meeting. This notice was posted in several locations in town and in the Caledonian-Record. Mr. Heisholt indicated that he has not received any applications yet.

8. Laboratory report from Endyne, Inc. regarding monitoring of former landfill

The Board reviewed a report detailing the results of required sampling performed October 10, 2013.

9. Other business

No other business was discussed.

10. Outstanding check warrants

The Board reviewed and approved all outstanding check warrants.

11. Discussion regarding 2014 health insurance benefit (executive session)

- Mr. Faris moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 7:40 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 8:25 p.m.
- The Board instructed Mr. Heisholt to proceed, pending satisfactory answers to several questions regarding Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs), with enrolling full-time employees in HRA plans with a January 1, 2014 contribution of \$2,500 each.

12. Discussion regarding legal proceedings (executive session)

- Mr. Faris moved to enter executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Entered executive session at 8:25 p.m. Attendance in executive session: Mr. Faris, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Bunnell, and Mr. Heisholt.
- Mr. Faris moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Mr. Bunnell and approved by voice vote. Exited executive session at 8:55 p.m.
- No action taken.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Bunnell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Faris and approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

A true copy.

Attest: _____
Town Clerk