



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES (REVISED JULY 17, 2024) JULY 3, 2024

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Present: Rock Webster (Chair), Richard Lancaster (Vice Chair), Bob Edmunds
Also Present: Bob Cushman (Road Forman), Jon Harrington (Harrington Engineering)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Review Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda under Old Business

Fire Station ARPA Funds Allocation

Vermont Standard Grant Agreement, GA0721

Gretchen Wilson Appraisal

3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes June 19, 2024

The Selectman's Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2024, were approved

5. Old Business

A. Set up Road Weight Restriction Account, Road Forman authorization

Richard and Bob Cushman will work on getting Bob set up on the on-line portal

B. Who to authorize on the Amazon account

Monthly account billing to be sent to the Treasurer for payment. Bob Cushman is authorized to make purchases under the Highway Budget.

C. Who to authorize on the Milton Rents Account

Monthly account billing to be sent to the Treasurer for payment. Bob Cushman is authorized to make purchases under the Highway Budget.

D. Unfilled Town Office positions

The Selectboard reviewed letters from Kassie Tibbott-Hull and Deborah Jillson. Both indicated an interest in the Zoning Administrator and/or Town Administrator positions. The Selectboard asked that the two candidates attend the next Selectboard meeting to continue the selection process.

The other positions for Planning Commission and Energy Committee remain unfilled.

E. Public Meeting Requirements

The Selectboard asked Richard to continue to research ways to meet the State's mandated Open Meeting Law. It was noted that the Budget for FY24-25 does not have any money in the budget for the equipment and personnel needed to meet the requirements of the new law.

F. Fire Station ARPA Funds Allocation

The Selectboard noted that all ARPA Funds have been spoken for. Fire Station Project will not receive additional ARPA funds beyond what has already been allocated.

G. Vermont Standard Grant Agreement, GA0721

The Vermont Standard Grant agreement was signed.

H. Gretchen Wilson Appraisal

The Selectman voted to have Jeffrey White, dba/Gernand Associates, do the market appraisal for the Gretchen Willson parcel. Richard will email Mr. White to this effect.

6. Review of Lakota bridge and Lime Pond Road bank-slide, w/ Jon Harrington

Jon Harrington presented the preliminary options for the Lime Pond Road bank slide and the Lakota Road bridge. Bob Cushman asked that the final road width at the bank slide on Lime Pond Road not be less than 20 feet. Berm removal work outside of the bank slide work area will be handled by the Town Crew.

The Selectboard requested better information about the new Lakota Road bridge options for the bid plans. The design for the temporary bridge on Lakota Road will be left for the contractors and the Town to work out. Jon will return on July 17 with bid plans for both projects.

7. Review Barnard Inn Blanket Liquor License

A blanket approval letter from the Selectboard, for Belly Up LLC, was signed.

8. Town & Highway Operations

A. Authorize Richard Lancaster to approve normal operational invoices

The Selectboard voted to authorize Richard Lancaster to approve the payment of normal operational invoices

B. Select option for Lime Pond Road culvert and start Contract RFP

Will Davis from Horizons Engineering was unable to attend this meeting. This item will be reviewed at the July 17th meeting

C. Combined Transfer Station Supervisor and Swing Road Crew position

The possibility of having a part-time road crew member and a transfer station supervisor was discussed. Currently there is no money in the Solid waste budget for this position. Bob Cushman may be able to find some money in the Highway budget to help, as he feels he needs an additional road crewman. This will be an agenda item for future meetings.

D. VTrans 2025 Municipal Park & Ride Grant (Rita Solo)

The Selectboard determined there was no need to pursue this grant.

Under Highway operations Bob Cushman noted the need for additional storage, suggesting that a storage container was a good solution. He will bring costs for a container to the next meeting. Bob also discussed the progress of replacing some of the older town equipment. He noted that the grader and wheeled excavator need repair. Bob is reviewing options for replacing one truck and will present them at a later meeting. Bob will investigate the replacement of the other older equipment to improve efficiency and will consider leasing instead of outright purchase. Bob reviewed the current type of sand that was being used. He felt that a manufactured mix would be a better solution. Although more expensive than plain brown sand, there was additional cost in adding crushed material to the brown sand and the manufactured sand would last longer on the roads.

9. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 6/26/24, 7/3/24

Town & Highway Orders for 6/26/24, 7/3/24 were approved. The Selectboard asked Richard to discuss the presentation format of the orders with Diane. The current process makes it difficult to examine the stapled invoices individually.

10. Adjourn

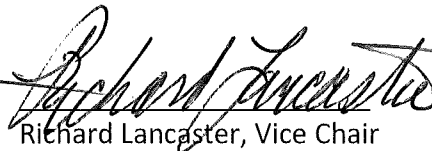
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Lancaster, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is July 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:



Rock Webster, Chair



Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair



Robert Edmunds