



Town of Barnard, Vermont

Chartered July 17, 1761

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES MARCH 4, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

Selectboard Members Present: Rock Webster, Richard Lancaster, Kurt Lessard.
Also Present: Kassie Hull, Steve Hamsch, Gina Lancaster, Chip Davis.

1. **Call to Order** at 7:00PM.
2. **Review/Approve Minutes from February 18, 2026.** Approved.
3. **Review Agenda.** No changes.
4. **Public Comments & Other Business.** None.
5. **New Business.**

A. Organizational Decisions. The Selectboard voted to continue the following:

- i. Chair Rock Webster
- ii. Vice Chair Richard Lancaster
- iii. Newspaper of Record Valley News
- iv. Meeting Schedule 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM in the Barnard Town Offices (downstairs).
- v. Official Posting Locations: (1) in the Barnard Town Office, (2) on the outdoor Barnard Town Hall bulletin board, (3) on the outdoor Barnard General Store bulletin board, and (4) on the Town of Barnard website.

B. Appointment of Town Officers. The Selectboard voted to appoint the following officers for one year unless otherwise noted:

Road Foreman	Nick Stone (reappointment)
Fire Wardens	Scott Mills, Rob Tracy (reappointment)
WRVA Representative	Lynne Tracy (reappointment)
Emergency Mgt Director/Coordinator	Mike Manning (reappointment)
State Police Advisory Bd	Mike Manning (reappointment)
State Police Liaison	Mike Manning (reappointment)
E-911 Coordinator	Richard Lancaster (reappointment)
Alternate E-911 Coordinator	Robert Ramrath (reappointment)
Solid Waste Supervisor	Kassie Hull (reappointment)
Solid Waste Attendant	Wes Hennig (reappointment)
Green Up Coordinator	Kassie Hull
Pound Keeper	Wes Hennig (reappointment)
Tree Warden	Doug Blain (reappointment)
Town Administrator	Kassie Hull (reappointment)
Town Hall Supervisor	Kassie Hull (reappointment)
Zoning Administrator	Robert Ramrath (reappointment)
Alternate Zoning Administrator	Kassie Hull (reappointment)



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TRORC Board Member	Ed Jodice (reappointment)
Alternate TRORC Board Member	Steve Cota (reappointment)
Conservation Commission (3-years)	Lucy Godshall Katharine Lagreze Kathryn Flynn
Development Review Board (3-years)	Ellen Miles (reappointment)
Planning Commission (3-years)	Steve Cota (reappointment) Brooks Wright (reappointment)
Recreation Committee*	Lucas Coogan (reappointment) Drew Reeder (reappointment) Tammy Gerdes (reappointment) Michael Lackey (reappointment) Justin Park (reappointment)
East Ctr VT Telecomm. Dist. Delegate	Dan Leavitt (reappointment) Richard Lancaster (reappointment) Patrick Kell (reappointment)

* NOTE: The Selectboard voted to reduce the number of voting members on the Recreation Committee from 8 members to 5 members so that it's easier to get a quorum.

C. Payment to Windsor County Treasurer. The Selectboard voted to pay the Windsor Co. Treasurer in two equal installments in 2026, in July & November.

D. Mowing Contract Request for Bids. The 3-year mowing contracts are up for renewal. Kassie will publish a request for bids for the town properties (town hall/fire station, library/old fire station, town garage/transfer station) and connect with the school district to discuss mowing at Barnard Academy before posting a request for bids for that location, as it may not be needed.

E. Rabies Clinic at Town Hall. Veterinarian Megan Webster of Country Animal Hospital is hosting a rabies clinic at the Barnard Town Hall on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 3PM to 6PM. Cost is \$25 per pet.

6. Old Business.

A. Apparel Impact clothing drop-off bin at Transfer Station. The Selectboard voted to have the bin located at the town hall instead, behind the building next to the generator. Kassie will discuss the location with Nick.

B. Repair & Associated Costs Invoice for Lancasters. Richard Lancaster recused himself from this discussion due to perceived conflict of interest and left the table to sit with the members of the public. The Selectboard voted to have Nick make a final inspection of the Cootey Road repair work (thus far) and take photos, then report to the Selectboard the amount of top dressing, seeding, and mulching that will be needed (work to be done by the Lancasters). The Selectboard voted to invoice the Lancasters for (1) the repair work completed by Steve Johnson, and (2) the associated legal fees for this issue.



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7. **Town & Highway Orders.** The orders to date were reviewed and approved.

A. Town Property Maintenance

- i. **Meeting at Transfer Station re: trash cover.** The Selectboard voted to reschedule the meeting to Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 8AM.
- ii. **JP Pest Price Increase.** There will be an increase from \$82 to \$94 per visit by JP Pest. For the past year they've visited the transfer station on a monthly basis; the hope is for the visits to be reduced to quarterly now that we've gutted the office (including walls and floor) to address the rat infestation, removed nests, and discarded heavily contaminated items.


8. Town Meeting Follow up.

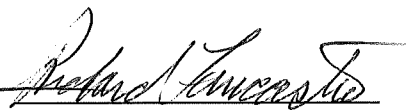
- A. Chip Davis was elected at Town Meeting to be one of three auditors. He asked for more information about what the position requires. Kassie printed out the Local Auditor's Handbook from VLCT for him to review. Kurt discussed the weekly review made by the Selectboard and advised he speak to Diane.
- B. Rock Webster made an amendment to change the remainder of Bob's term from one year to two years because the 2025 town meeting minutes state that Robert Edmunds was reelected. This is incorrect; Richard Lancaster was reelected in 2025. Thus, Kurt Lessard should have only been elected for 1 year instead of 2. Kassie will contact VLCT to ask what procedure the Selectboard should follow.

9. Adjourn at 7:51PM.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise noted. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 7PM at the Town Offices.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster*


Kurt Lessard

**Signature excludes
action taken on Article 6(B)*

