



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Present: Rock Webster, Tim Johnson, Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Rob Ramrath. Teleconference: Kelly Welsh, Heather Surprenant, Nick Benson.

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1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Review Agenda

A. Tom Morse recommends another composting receptacle –

The Selectboard agreed with Tom's recommendation and directed Assistant Rob Ramrath to order another from Grow Compost.

B. VLCT/PACIF comments on floor vote Town Meeting –

Rob Ramrath reviewed liability comments from Barnard's PACIF insurance carrier and Town Counsel Jim Barlow. The Selectboard took the comments under advisement and reiterated intentions to follow all CDC and Vermont regulations for the Town Meeting.

C. Exterior WIFI at Town Hall –

Rob Ramrath explained that the first grant application was refused but a subsequent grant application was successful. The external Wi-Fi antenna will be installed in the spring giving full coverage to the Town Hall parking lot area.

3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 2/3/2021.

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Fable Farm Liquor License Renewal –

The Fable Farm representative did not attend the meeting and the approval was tabled to a future meeting.

7. Candidate for open WCSU Board Seat, Kelly Welsh –

Kelly Welsh of Barnard sent a letter of interest for the Windsor Central MUUD School District Director seat left open with Pamela Fraser's departure. Kelly and the Selectboard discussed her qualifications and the Selectboard appointed Kelly to fill the vacant seat through the term to 2022. The Selectboard thanks Kelly for her willingness to serve the community and our school children.

8. Suggestions on new materials to recycle, Caleb Barber –

The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Caleb where he detailed his desire for broadened recycling of materials to include plastic wrapping materials of all types, particularly associated with farming. The Selectboard agreed there is a need and encourages interested residents to contact the Vermont Agency of Agriculture and our State Legislators.

9. Pop-up farm stand on Town Hall Parking lot, Moonlighting Farm –

Heather Surprenant and Nick Benson presented their proposal to host a weekly ‘pop-up’ farm stand on the Town Hall parking lot. The Selectboard directed that Town Hall renters will always have priority and that Moonlighting Farm had to present the Selectboard Assistant with a Certificate of Insurance. Heather and Nick agreed. The Selectboard gave their approval.

10. VLCT request for input on Town Highway Programs –

The Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) made contact, asking for feedback on what does not work well regarding Highway Aid. The Selectboard discussed and wants to share that the Structures Grant programs typically do not nearly cover the costs of the work, requiring the town to appropriate money several years in advance, thereby saving for a project via a dedicated fund. Additionally, the Selectboard commented that up-front engineering costs can be very expensive and are not typically covered by grants. These costs are fully at risk and the value of the work is not realized if the grant is refused.

11. Helipad letter from VT Transportation Board –

The State of VT Transportation Board shared a letter on the construction of helipads, detailing the potential issues associated with Zoning Regulations. Barnard has grappled with the helipad issue and has precedent to rely on. The letter was shared with the Planning Board Chair as well.

12. Highway Operations –

There were no specific discussions on Highway Operations.

13. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 2/9/21, 2/16/21 –

The Town and Highway Orders were approved.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting March 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds