



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT

MARCH 3, 2021

Present: Rock Webster, Tim Johnson, Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Rob Ramrath. Teleconference: Christopher Piana, Jeff Tracy.

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1. Call to order –

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2. Review Agenda –

Item B. was added to 'Old Business' as detailed below.

3. Public comments –

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 2/17/2021 –

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business –

A. Can Town Hall Be Rented the Day After Town Meeting? –

A resident had inquired regarding renting the Town Hall on May 16, 2021. The Selectboard confirmed that the tent used for the Town Meeting would be taken down on the 15th, so the rental could proceed.

B. Tent Rental for Town Meeting

Tim Johnson discussed the rental quote he received for the tent and ancillary items for the Town Meeting including: Tent, chairs, heaters, guyline blocks, lighting and setup/take-down. The total rental cost quoted was \$6,910.50 with some possibility to reduce some costs if heating is not needed. The Selectboard tabled a vote to proceed with this quote until the next meeting.

6. Fable Farm Liquor License Renewal –

The liquor license was approved.

7. Barnard Inn Liquor License Renewal –

The liquor license was approved.

8. Certificate of Compliance for Town Rd and Bridge Standards –

The Certificate of Compliance was signed.

9. Structures Grant Applications 2021 –

The Selectboard authorized Assistant Rob Ramrath to apply for structures grants in order of priority: 1.) Broad Brook Road culvert erosion.; 2.) Chateaugay Rd. Bridge 30 footings scour.

10. Resident Inquiry, Has Barnard Considered Curbside Trash Pickup? –

The Selectboard discussed the issues involved with municipally provided curbside pickup including: Issues with roadside trash containers; administrative costs; overall costs to the taxpayers; and complexities with recycling. Given there are several options available for private contracting for trash pickup along with the above issues, the Selectboard will not pursue municipal services for trash pickup.

11. FY2022 Major Projects Dedicated Funds –

Barnard faces several critical highway projects that are very expensive. There are no grants available that come close to funding the costs of these projects. The Selectboard discussed the need to ‘save’ money, year over year to accumulate funds to pay for these projects to avoid burdening taxpayers with raising required funds in a single tax year. To accomplish this, the Selectboard decided that they will propose at the Town Meeting, to create a dedicated Major Projects fund comprised of Highway surplus, anticipated incoming revenue from past grants and a modest amount of Major Project funds included in the FY22 budget.

12. FEMA Watershed Discovery Questionnaire –

FEMA sent a survey to Barnard which asks for flood risk details in our town. The Selectboard discussed how this information is already well understood and there are no additional details to share. Barnard will not participate in the survey.

13. IREC Feb Progress Report –

The monthly report from the Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator was reviewed.

14. 2021 Road Posting –

The Selectboard voted to activate Road Postings for 2021 to avoid damage to roads during mud season. Please see details on the town website [HERE](#).

15. Highway Operations –

Truck repairs and plans for procuring road materials to prepare for mud season were discussed.

16. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 2/23/21, 3/2/21.

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

17. Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting March 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds