



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT

APRIL 7, 2021

NEW BARNARD EMAIL SERVICE:

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Present: Rock Webster, Tim Johnson, Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Rob Ramrath. Teleconference: Ann Marie

Delaney, Stan Butler, Beth Finlayson, Pat Mattson, Sara Widness, Melanie McGovern, Kate Reeves, Ellen Miles, Linda Treash, Carol Rousseau, Jim Clarke, Chuck Lyman, Ken Carter, Allan Stein, Justin Reich.

1. Call to order -

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

2. Review Agenda

A. La Garagista, LLC Liquor License Renewal –

The Liquor License was approved.

B. VLCT question, whether to add Fire Wardens to PACIF Workman's Comp –

The Selectboard chose not to add the two fire Wardens to the policy as they are not Town Employees.

C. Town Hall Parking Lot WiFi Installed –

The Selectboard was briefed on the new public WiFi installation available at the Town Hall parking lot.

D. Ken Carter/Chuck Lyman Central Vermont Quad Runners – Permission to use the town roads currently used for ATV trails –

Permission was granted.

E. Tax Sales Initial Process memo from Town Clerk –

The memo was reviewed on an FYI basis.

3. Public comments-

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 3/17/2021 –

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

A. GMP Authorization to install and maintain power lines along Eastman Road to Parcel 03-0205 –

The authorization to install was granted by the Selectboard.

B. Ambrose/Tague Access Permit – Notice of Permission to Proceed –

The Notice of Permission to Proceed was approved.

C. Town Meeting Format & Logistics – Continue discussion.

i. Selectboard Vote whether to Switch to Australian Ballot –

The Selectboard voted NOT to change the Town Meeting to an Australian Ballot format; the in-person Town Meeting will be held as planned on May 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM. The Selectboard voted to change the meeting from an outdoor/tent format to inside the Town Hall. All proper COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

6. BarnArts Request for Town Hall Usage, Linda Treash –

Linda Treash reviewed BarnArts' needs for the Town Hall. The Selectboard granted no-fee usage per Linda's request on an as-available basis with paying reservations taking priority if they conflict.

7. Community Concern on Village Speeding –

The Selectboard received approximately 26 letters on the topic in advance of the meeting, supporting various forms of speed mitigation. Approximately 12 members of the community were on the conference call to share their ideas on the topic. Community members shared concerns of speeding on Rt 12, North Road and Stage Road. Various ideas for mitigation were discussed including radar signs, increased enforcement, pavement markings and raised crosswalks. The Selectboard directed Assistant Rob Ramrath to investigate and pursue a speed study for Rt 12, radar speed signs and raised crosswalks. Additionally, they asked Rob to contact the Highway Foreman to have a radar sign that the town already owns to be placed on North Road, facing southerly traffic near the intersection with Tower Road.

8. Replenishment of emergency highway dedicated fund –

The balance of the Emergency Highway Dedicated Fund has dropped \$9,000 and was not at the \$60,000. level required for FEMA grant reimbursements in the future. The Selectboard asked Rob to ask the Treasurer to reimburse the fund by \$9,000. from the 2019 Spring Storm grant proceeds to bring the fund back up to \$60,000.

9. Replacement of PCs for Town Clerk's Office –

Rob Ramrath asked for this item to be removed from the agenda.

10. Highway Operations – Review.

A. Broken Windshield Insurance Claim –

PACIF (the town's insurance carrier through VLCT) has reviewed this case and found the town responsible for the damage. A rock was thrown into the windshield of a car following a town truck on I-89. The Selectboard approved the claim. PACIF will reimburse the driver \$556.22 for repairs and will invoice the town as this amount is less than our deductible.

B. The Selectboard asked Rob to draft a note to Highway Foreman Jeff Tracy, thanking him and the Road Crew for a job well done in maintaining the roads through mud season.

11. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 3/23/21, 3/30/21.

The Town & Highway Orders were reviewed and approved.

12. Executive Session – Employee issue –

The Selectboard went into Executive Session at 8:13 PM and came out at 8:30 PM.

13. Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting April 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds