



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT

APRIL 21, 2021

Present: Tim Johnson, Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Rob Ramrath. Teleconference: Geoff Martin, Elizabeth Ferry, Allan Stein, Richard Lancaster

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1. Call to order –

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

2. Review Agenda

A. Tom Morse request to use one-ton town truck for Green-Up Day, parked at BGS, May 1, 2021 –

Permission was granted. The Selectboard requested that Tom work with Jeff Tracy, our Highway Foreman to coordinate use of the truck.

B. Barb Kelly, Progressive Club Scholarship Chair wants time on the Town Meeting Agenda –

The Selectboard said that Barb could feel free to address the Town Meeting during the “Other Business” topic.

3. Public comments – There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 4/7/2021 –

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business –

A. E. Barnard Speed Signs Placed –

Assistant Rob Ramrath shared the new speed limit signs were installed last fall.

B. ‘Town Beach’ no-parking & overflow parking signs –

Rob shared that within the next few weeks, Jeff Tracy and the Road Crew will be installing the no-parking signs between the Post Office and the Kayak Launch and the overflow parking sign (directing to the Town Hall parking lot).

6. Resident concern: condition Town Hall front steps –

Margaret Edwards sent an email with photographs of her observations regarding degrading boards and trip hazards on the Town Hall Front steps. The Selectboard discussed and decided that short-term repairs will be made within the next 30 days including nailing down boards and shoring up railings. Longer-term, the Selectboard will get an estimate for a long-term refurbishment of the steps and consider actions based on the cost.

7. Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator Update & Town Hall Proposal, Geoff Martin –

IREC Geoff Martin reviewed the latest energy progress report for the town. Additionally, Geoff reviewed recommendations for making the Town Hall more energy efficient via air sealing and additional insulation in various areas. Geoff projected annual energy savings of approximately 34%

if all recommendations are taken. The Selectboard authorized Geoff to pursue detailed quotes on the work and follow up with the board to make final work decisions.

8. Blanket Approval DLC Catering permit request for Barnard Inn –

The request was approved.

9. Lister request for Grand List 30-Day extension –

Richard Lancaster, our Lister reviewed the status of the Grand List. A few issues have combined to impede planned progress, computer system performance issues being the most notable. It is likely that the GL will be submitted on time, but there is a chance it will be delayed a short time and having the extension available would be prudent. The Selectboard approved and signed the extension letter to be sent to the state.

10. Highway Operations –

The Highway Foreman was not present, and no Highway Operations matters were discussed.

11. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 4/13/21, 4/20/21 –

The Town & Highway Orders were not available and were not approved. The Selectboard will follow up with the Town Clerk to review and approve the orders next week.

12. Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting May 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM – **Pre-Meeting, Annual Town Meeting.**

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds