



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT MAY 5, 2021

Present: Rock Webster, Tim Johnson, Bob Edmunds
Also Present: Rob Ramrath. Teleconference: Jeff Tracy, Carol Ann Mosher, Kate Reeves, Pat Mattson, Jim Clarke.

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PRE-TOWN MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. There was only one topic raised to discuss: Safety protocols to be employed at the in-person Town Meeting. Tim Johnson offered that the following COVID 19 protocols will be followed:

- Mandatory masking.
- Six-foot distancing. Per normal guidelines, families/household attendees will be allowed to stand together.
- A standing meeting, except for limited seating for seniors and others who need it. Seating will be safely spaced.
- Self-screening at the entrance based on normal parameters, temperature, feeling well, no cough, etc.
- Hand sanitizing.
- Windows will be open.
- Careful attention will be made to track changes to state mandates/guideline as they may change to assure adherence at the date of the Town Meeting.

The Selectboard commented the Town Meeting will be a typical floor voting approach.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order

The meeting transitioned to the regular Selectboard meeting at 7:10 PM.

2. Review Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 4/21/2021.

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business –

A. Follow-up to Village Speeding – Findings overview for radar signs and speed humps/raised crosswalk – Consider.

Selectboard Assistant Rob Ramrath reviewed the outcomes and requested actions from the April 7, 2021 Selectboard Meeting topic on the Village Speeding concerns. The portable radar speed sign has been placed on North Rd for southbound traffic near the Tower Rd

intersection. The state has been contacted to request a VT 12 speed study. The state responded with a letter committing to the study, indicating that the outcome would likely be in the late-summer timeframe, due to the time for the study and the meeting cadence of the governing body. Rob conducted a market/vendor study for permanently mounted solar powered radar signs. He went over the landscape of the market, and various size and functional options. Rob pointed out that the signs gather traffic data that can be downloaded and analyzed to understand their efficacy. The Selectboard authorized Rob to go ahead with the purchase of four signs; North Rd, Stage Rd and VT 12 northbound/southbound. Rob pointed out state permission will need to be obtained for the VT 12 applications. The total cost of the four signs will be approximately \$12,000-\$13,000. Rob reviewed the findings for various raised crosswalk/speed table options for westbound Stage Rd traffic as it approaches the crosswalk from the beach to the BGS. As all the solutions discussed were relatively expensive, the Selectboard opted to hold off on any investment in this area to first see how effective the radar signs will be in mitigating speeding. Tim Johnson commented that extending patrol hours for the Windsor County Sheriff Department may be a better investment. Resident attendees enthusiastically shared their pleasure with the outcome and thanks to the Selectboard for their actions.

B. Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator (IREC) April Progress Report – Review.

The April progress report was reviewed.

C. Updated Town Meeting Reference sheet – Review.

Rob prepared and reviewed a final copy of a reference sheet the Selectboard will use to facilitate the Town Meeting.

6. Catering Request – Kate Stiles, Vermont Farms Catering & The Backroom – Consider.

Rock Webster recused himself from the vote as the request was for a private event that involved him. The request was approved by Tim & Bob.

7. Highway Operations – Review.

Highway Foreman Jeff Tracy discussed tree clearing and culvert work that will occur on E. Barnard Rd as we move towards and into the summer. Jeff said the road may need to be closed for a few days. The Selectboard asked Jeff to make sure that residents were given at least a week advance notice.

8. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 4/27/21, 5/4/21.

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

9. Executive Session 1 V.S.A. § 313 – Employee topic.

Executive session started at 8:02 PM and ended at 8:32 PM. An employee topic was discussed.

10. Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds