



# Town of Barnard, Vermont

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## SELECTBOARD MINUTES- DRAFT JUNE 2, 2021

### **BARNARD EMAIL SERVICE:**

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**Present:** Rock Webster, Bob Edmunds

**Also Present:** Rob Ramrath, Jeff Tracy, Pat Mattson, Ryan Silvestri, Bill Krajieski, Richard Lancaster, Kate Reeves, Jim Barlow (via phone).

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

### 2. Review Agenda

#### A. 2021 Windsor County Sheriff Agreement – Consider.

The proposed Agreement was identical to the previous year regarding cost, hours and services. The Selectboard approved the agreement. There were concerns discussed regarding Sheriff cruisers being seen spending excessive amounts of time behind the Fire Station for WiFi. Selectboard Assistant Rob Ramrath said he would remind the Sheriff again of this concern.

### 3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

### 4. Review/Approve Minutes of 5/19/2021, 5/26/2021.

The minutes were approved.

### 5. Old Business –

#### A. Gate on Masterson Rd. – Discuss.

Gates have been illegally placed on the Class IV portion of Masterson Road, thereby blocking public access. The Selectboard has not granted permission for these gates per 19 V.S.A. § 304(A)(5). The landowners will be contacted via a demand letter from the Selectboard to have the gates removed.

#### B. Radar sign update – Discuss.

The four radar signs have been ordered. Installing the signs on Rt 12 require a project request to be filed with VTrans. This request requires traffic speed data in the area of each sign to be installed. There is no existing data available. Selectboard Assistant Rob Ramrath will investigate avenues to measure and provide the data to be included in the project request.

### 6. New England Municipal Consultants Professional Assessor Agreement – Consider.

Bill Krajieski and Ryan Silvestri from NEMC were present to discuss the Agreement. Two minor modifications were made to the agreement. The Selectboard approved the agreement. Richard Lancaster, Professional Assessor Liaison to the Selectboard, will work with NEMC on an information sheet for Professional Assessor engagement/contact information to be available at the Town Hall and the town website. The Selectboard discussed whether to use the Dedicated Reappraisal fund

for paying for NEMC services. The Selectboard decided to leave the Dedicated Reappraisal fund intact to be used for future town-wide reappraisals as mandated by the state.

**7. Meeting with Town attorney regarding personnel matter. Executive session anticipated. 1 V.S.A. 313(a)(1)(F).**

The board found that premature general public knowledge of the pending topic would clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage. The Selectboard voted to go into Executive Session at 8:33 PM. During the Executive Session, the Selectboard consulted with the town attorney, Jim Barlow on a personnel matter. The Selectboard voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:44 PM.

**8. Discussion of personnel matter. Executive session anticipated. 1 V.S.A 313(a)(3).**

Based on the outcome of Agenda Item #7 the Selectboard deleted Agenda Item #8.

**9. Highway Operations – Review.**

The pending East Barnard Rd. tree work was discussed. This work will take place in late June/Early July and will require road closures. The closures will be announced in advance on the town website, email list and listserv. The Selectboard and Highway Foreman Jeff Tracy continue to solicit bids for diesel, propane, and heating oil. The Jeff said the ‘No Parking’ signs for the Barnard General Store area will be installed soon. There will be no road parking from the edge of the Post Office driveway to the beginning of the lined parking spaces in front of the beach on the north side of Stage Road. Additionally, a sign inviting ‘overflow’ parking to the Town Hall lot will be installed.

**10. Better BackRoads E. Barnard Rd Bankslide rejection – Discuss**

Assistant Rob Ramrath reviewed that the town’s application to the Better Roads grant for the E. Barnard Rd Bankslide was again rejected this year. This is because VTTrans received no state assistance for these grants, so they will only fund small projects.

**11. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); \$58,788,245.00 to VT for NEUs (Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government) – brief overview.**

Assistant Rob Ramrath offered an overview of the program to the Selectboard. There is only partial understanding on how this program works and how the monies will be restricted. Much more information will be forthcoming from the Federal Treasury and VLCT (Vermont League of Cities and Towns). The Selectboard voted to appoint Rob Ramrath as the Authorized Representative for the Town in administering the program.

**12. Reappointment of Sonja Doppelhofer-Withington to DRB - 3 yr term – Consider.**

Due to an oversight, Sonja was not included on the list used at a recent Selectboard meeting for reappointments. Sonja was reappointed to the DRB.

**13. FY 22 Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator Service Agreement (IRECSA) and monthly Report – Review and consider.**

The Selectboard reviewed the agreement and anticipates approval when the final version is released for signature.

**14. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 5/25/21, 6/1/21.**

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

**15. Adjourn –**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting June 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

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Rock Webster, Chair

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Timothy Johnson

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Robert Edmunds