



# Town of Barnard, Vermont

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## SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT AUGUST 18, 2021

### BARNARD EMAIL SERVICE:

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**Present:** Rock Webster, Bob Edmunds, Tim Johnson

**Also Present:** Rob Ramrath, Jeff Tracy, Tom Platner, Dean Edmunds, Edge Cole, Delmer Baich, Tarkin Clark.

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

### 2. Annual Employee Evaluations. Executive session anticipated. 1 V.S.A 313(a)(3). (6:30-7:00 PM).

There was a vote to enter executive session at 6:33 PM. The annual employee evaluations for the Road Crew were conducted. There was a vote to exit executive session to regular session at 6:54 PM.

### 3. Review Agenda

#### A. DRB Hearing Fee – Consider.

Selectboard Assistant Rob Ramrath reported that the current fee for a residential and commercial DRB hearing is \$75. and \$125. respectively. The cost of the required newspaper warning typically exceeds \$130. Other costs include the Zoning Administrator's time and postage costs for mailing abutters. To cover these costs, the Selectboard directed a change to the fee structure. Effective September 1, 2021, the fee for residential and commercial DRB hearings will be \$150. As a clarification to existing policy, the Selectboard stated that the DRB hearing fee is in addition to the current Zoning Permit Application fee structure.

#### B. Village Scoping Study Contract Amendment – Consider.

Rob presented a contract amendment for VHB, the engineering firm conducting the Village Scoping Study. The amendment was to cover the costs associated with doing a brief traffic study associated with a proposed island being considered at the corner of VT 12N and Stage Road by the Barnard General Store. The Selectboard stated they are not in favor of such an island and therefore would not support increase costs associated with the study. They did not approve the amendment.

#### C. Appropriation thank-you/reminder letters.

Health Care & Rehabilitative Services of Southeastern Vermont sent a letter of thanks for the appropriations vote at the recent town meeting. Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Vermont & New Hampshire sent a letter thanking and reminding of payment for their appropriation.

#### D. Dean Edmunds questions on historic bridge location.

Dean asked the Selectboard for historical information regarding a bridge that is a reference location in defining his property boundary. The bridge has been relocated. The Selectboard advised Dean to contact the Town Clerk for assistance in doing a property search for the information.

**E. Tom Platner Town Hall Rental Fee Waiver Request.**

Tom requested a fee waiver to rent the Town Hall on October 16, 2021 for a joint event of the Barnard Conservation Commission and the Vermont Land Trust. The waiver was granted.

**4. Public comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Review/Approve Minutes of 8/4/2021.**

The minutes were approved.

**6. Old Business –**

**A. VTrans VT RT 12 Speed Study Results – Review.**

A VTrans letter was reviewed outlining their findings of the recent VT 12 speed study through the village. VTrans Traffic Operations recommends retaining the present 30 MPH speed limit based on the measured data. They will forward their recommendations to Vermont Traffic Committee who will be making the final decision at a meeting on August 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM. The Selectboard supports the VTrans finding.

**B. Radar Speed Signs Operations & Statistics – Review.**

Rob reported speed statistics from the four radar signs. Letters from two residents were reviewed with their comments on speeding through the village area. The Selectboard indicated they were satisfied with the Sheriff's department current practices for enforcement.

**C. Sheriff & VLCT Guidance on Town Beach Parking Enforcement – Review.**

Rob reviewed options discussed with the Windsor County Sheriff's department and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for parking enforcement in the area of the 'town beach'. The Sheriff Deputies can issue parking tickets based on state statute if requested. The alternative is to develop a local parking ordinance. It was noted that the traffic cones placed in the area of the boat launch, along with the 'NO PARKING' signs are having a positive effect on orderly parking in the area. It is not known who placed the cones, but the Selectboard does not object to their presence. The Selectboard will not be taking any action on parking tickets as the situation seems to be improved.

**D. Structures Grant Awards – Review.**

Rob reviewed the confirmed, final award of the two Structures Grants (Bridge #30 Scour and Broad Brook Rd bank slide). The Selectboard and Highway Foreman Jeff Tracy discussed an approach for preparing for the bidding process for the work.

**E. Warnings and Meeting Logistics for Pending Road Reclassifications – Consider.**

Rob presented the inspection and hearing logistics for the four road reclassifications discussed at the July 24, 2021 meeting. The warning letters were signed.

**F. ARPA Award, 1<sup>st</sup> Deposit Made \$48,522.77 – FYI.**

The ARPA award has been placed in a specific account.

**7. Replacement of Halogen Lights and Locks at Transfer Station – Consider.**

Bob Edmunds reported that the halogen lights will be replaced with LEDs. Additionally, external flood lights will be added. The Transfer Station attendant had requested that the combination gate locks be replaced with key locks due to past issues with freezing. The Selectboard will not be changing the combination locks as key management is impractical with various waste removal drivers needing access.

**8. Highway Operations – Review.**

The Peterbilt will be advertised for sale. The Road Crew will be applying crack sealer to paved town roads.

**9. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 8/10/21, 8/17/21.**

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

**10. Adjourn –**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Assistant to the Selectboard. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting September 1, 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