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SELECTBOARD MINUTES – DRAFT SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

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Present: Rock Webster, Bob Edmunds, Tim Johnson

Also Present: Rob Ramrath, Jeff Tracy, Marty Bell, Dean Edmunds, Amanda Anderson.

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Review Agenda -

A. VTrans Traffic Committee Decision Letter – Review.

The letter was from the State of Vermont Agency of Transportation, Operations & Safety Bureau. It stated at its August 23, 2021 meeting, the Vermont Traffic Committee voted to accept Traffic Operations' recommendations to retain the existing 30-mph speed limit on VT-12 in Barnard village. This is the final outcome of the VT-12 speed study.

B. August IREC Report – Review

The Intermunicipal Regional Energy Coordinator report was reviewed. The report discussed updates on energy efficiency of the Town Hall, Town Garage and Municipal Vehicle Fleet Efficiency.

C. Marty Bell – Adams Rd Ditch & Culvert at Lili Ln – Discuss.

Marty described the ditching along Adams Rd needed some maintenance. He also described that a culvert across the end of Lili Ln was plugged and partially collapsed on one side. The Selectboard informed Marty that the town would take care of the ditch, but the culvert was not in the travelled lane of the town road (Adams Rd) and therefore was the responsibility of the landowner.

D. Dean Edmunds 53 North Rd, Using Ancient Rd for Access – Discuss.

On behalf of the owner, Dean described that the access to 53 North Rd was steep and difficult. He wanted to know if the access could be moved to utilize the ancient road on the border of the property. The Selectboard said the town has no interest in the ancient road which is now private. They informed Dean that if he moved the access from the present location, he would need to file an application for an Access Permit.

E. Amanda Anderson & Peter Kahn Homestead – Discuss.

Amanda described a Homestead Filing late fee she incurred on her property tax bill. The Selectboard referred her to the Board of Abatement to handle the matter.

F. Compost Handling from Grow Compost to Casella – FYI.

The Selectboard reviewed a letter from Grow Compost that announced that the compost handling for the town will be transitioned to Casella Waste Systems Inc. beginning September 1, 2021.

G. VLCT Annual Meeting Notification – FYI

The letter announcing the VLCT Annual Meeting was reviewed.

3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 8/18/2021.

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business –

A. ARPA – update.

Selectboard Assistant Rob Ramrath reviewed that the state had announced its reallocation of County ARPA funds to cities and towns. Barnard will be receiving an additional \$180,058.88 via two payments. This brings the total ARPA funds to Barnard to \$277,104.43.

6. Highway Operations – Review.

Highway Foreman Jeff Tracy discussed his conversations with IREC Geoff Martin, looking at the possibility of replacing the heating system in the town garage. The Selectboard told Jeff to inform Geoff Martin that they would entertain proposals with a very positive payback well within the life span of new equipment. Rob reviewed that he met with VTrans personnel and Marty Bell to discuss trimming of trees across from the Barnard General Store to improve VT-12 sight lines. The trimming will move ahead. Rob also discussed that VTrans would entertain relocation of the VT-12 Radar Signs from the mandated speed transition location if the town desired. The Selectboard said they were satisfied with the locations of the signs. Jeff also shared he had contacted Charlie Davis to perform work to develop Requests for Proposals to do the work associated with the two Structures Grants awarded to Barnard. The Selectboard authorized hiring Charlie for \$35./hour as a temporary Project Coordinator. The Selectboard voted to reduce Wednesday Transfer Station Hours from 4-8 PM to 4-7 PM through September as it gets dark shortly after 7 PM.

7. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 8/24/21, 8/31/21.

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

8. 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 September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds