



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Selectboard Members Present: Rock Webster, Richard Lancaster, Robert Edmunds
Meeting Attendees: Kassie Hull, Diane Rainey, Nick Stone

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** at 8:01PM.
2. **Review/Approve Minutes of February 5, 2025.** Approved.
3. **Review Agenda.**
4. **Public Comments & Other Business.**
 - A. **Email request from the Charles B. Danforth Library.** The library asked if the town crew could shovel the walkway and access to the propane tank on the side of the building. The Selectboard voted not to commit the town crew to do this because the library has its own administrative board and budget and should be responsible for managing the snow removal outside of what the town crew already does, which is plowing out the parking areas on the parcel.
 - B. **Email from Barnard Roads Subcommittee.** The committee informed the Selectboard that they scheduled an introductory meeting with Rita Seto from the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) “to talk about what they can help [them] in [their] mission” and invited Nick to attend. The Selectboard asked Kassie to email for clarification on the reason for the meeting because (1) TRORC bills for their time and the committee does not have a budget; and (2) Nick, the Selectboard, and Kassie already work closely with Rita/TRORC and can probably answer the committee’s questions.
 - C. **Email request from the Barnard Historical Society.** The society asked if the town would co-host the Marquis de LaFayette event in June. The Selectboard voted to co-host with the understanding that no funds will be requested, only participation.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **FY26 Structures Grant.** The town was previously awarded a VT Structures Grant to have the undermining fixed on Bridge #30 (on Chateauguay) but the town declined the funds due to the 2023 storms for two reasons: (1) the town could not meet the deadline, as many other projects took priority after the floods, and (2) the bridge was included in the list of FEMA damages and the town believed that FEMA would provide damage assistance. FEMA has since determined the bridge ineligible; the town will reapply for the state grant.



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B. Public Meeting Law. It is expected that the electronic meeting platform (the option to call-in) will be available for meetings starting on March 5, 2025.

6. New Business

A. Event Permits. Permission is still required by groups and organizations to use town roads for an event, such as a race or a parade. There is no fee, just a requirement for the event host to have liability insurance.

B. Project WorkSAFE. The Selectboard voted to consider this later in the year.

7. Town & Highway Orders. Orders and activities reviewed, signed.

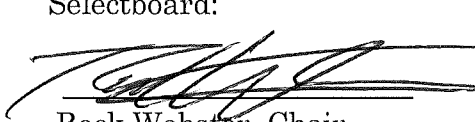
A. Municipal Excess Weight Permits. The process will remain the same.

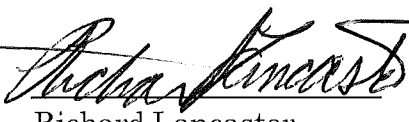
B. Town Crew Updates. Nick reported that the crew moved as much snow as possible with the plow trucks and are using the loader for intersections and the grader for snowbanks that were created by the wind. Nick also spoke with Twin Farms about their anticipated construction start date: March 10, 2025. The Selectboard asked Nick to discuss the expected load size/weight they plan to bring up Stage Road, as that is the typical timeframe the road is posted.

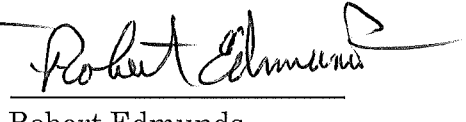
8. Adjourn at 8:50PM.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting. All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is March 5, 2025, 7:00 PM, Town Hall.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster


Robert Edmunds