



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

TOWN HALL DOWNSTAIRS

AUGUST 21, 2024

Present: Rock Webster (Chair), Richard Lancaster (Vice Chair), Robert Edmunds.

ALSO PRESENT: Kassie Hull, Nick Stone, Jon Harrington, Will Davis, Doug Blain, Buzzy Audsley.

1. **Call to Order** at 6:59PM.
2. **Review Agenda – Addition of items 6B – 6F.** Related to Town & Highway Operations.
3. **Public comments.**
 - A. Buzzy came to share recent observations. He advised that brush is growing behind the abutments of the bridges on the road he travels and suggested the ditches be cleaned annually. He also suggested that the town consider downsizing from a 14' to a 12' grader blade because "you cannot crown the back roads with one that large."
4. **Review/Approve Minutes of August 7 and August 14, 2024.** Minutes approved.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **Use of the School Parking lot on August 24 for private wedding parking.**
 - B. A group requested use of the Barnard Academy parking lot as a meeting place for a bus to pick up guests for a wedding at a nearby location because the Town Hall parking lot was reserved for the street dance. Request was approved.
 - C. **Lakota Bridge and Lime Pond Bank slide plans, Jon Harrington.**
 - i. Lakota Bridge plans. Reviewed the full-sized set of plans. Discussed the bid form and bidding timeframe. Town will pre buy the culvert.
 1. Next step: Jon will provide Kassie and Richard the information needed to complete the Request for Bid, to be sent out early next week.
 - ii. Lime Pond Bank plans. Reviewed the full-sized set of plans. Discussed the bid form and bidding timeframe. Needs to be finished before town has to plow.
 1. Next step: Jon will provide Kassie and Richard the information needed to complete the Request for Bid, to be sent out late next week.
 - D. **Lime Pond Culvert plans, Will Davis.** Reviewed the full-sized set of plans. Discussed the bid form and bidding timeframe. Will is going to send the stream permit to Kassie next week; Selectboard voted to authorize Kassie to sign the permit.
 - E. **Update on purchase of John Deere excavator.** The excavator is approx. 1 week out.

F. **Ongoing Review of Transfer Station Operations.** The larger-picture discussions about the Transfer Station will be on the agenda in early 2025.

6. Town & Highway Operations

A. **Hiring a replacement Road Foreman and/or an additional crew member.** Bob Cushman is no longer the town road foreman or an employee of the town. There is a possible candidate for a 4th road crew member. Foreman duties to be discussed.

B. **Current truck replacement and start of additional replacement process.** The truck arrival date is at least one month out. General policy has been to replace the oldest truck first, but the newest truck is the one in the worst shape. (See next item.)

C. **Issues with Delmar's truck, it may have alignment issues in the frame.** The truck is only five years old, but in addition to the alignment issues there are also issues with the transmission. The truck was not used much last winter because of these issues.

D. **Consider the 120 or 140 Grader with a 12' moldboard for the new grader.** It was noted that a 12' moldboard is difficult to use when grading an 18' wide road. Discussed why it may be difficult to crown some roads. Road crew confirmed that many roads are lacking road surface materials needed to crown the roads. As an FYI, the Town of Royalton recently bought a grader with a 12' moldboard for \$360,000.

E. **Review the estimate for the stream work that Mark Johnson submitted.** This project will have to be bid out. Kassie will prepare the draft for Selectboard review.

F. **Douglas Blain's request for closure of Stage Road.** Doug is replacing a septic line on Stage Road and needs to go across the road. He inquired as to when the road crew will be closing the road to replace a culvert on Stage Road so that he could do his project at the same time, as he is concerned about the speed of traffic in the area.

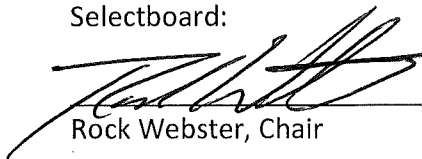
7. **Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders** for 8-14-2024, 8-21-2024. All orders approved.

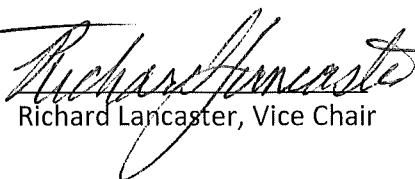
8. **Other Business.** Rock received the quote for a trailer for the excavator from G. Stone Commercial: \$9,995.00. Purchase approved. Rock will ask for it to be delivered in 1 week.

9. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 8:49PM.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is September 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds