



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2024

Present: Richard Lancaster (Vice Chair), Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Bob Cushman, John Dibble, Margaret Edwards, Pete Stoddard and Nancy McAuliffe

Absent from the meeting: Rock Webster (Chair),

1. Call to Order

Called to order at 7:00

2. Review Agenda

Addition of Item 6B

3. Public comments

Margaret Edwards just wanted to make sure that the Selectboard paid the bill from MA & KE Architects for the work done on the old fire station feasibility study.

Pete Stoddard was concerned about the ongoing parking issues in the area around the Barnard General Store. He suggested that the Town place a "No Parking Beyond This Point" sign at the end of the BGS parking area on Stage Road.

John Dibble added his concerns regarding the various road issues, particularly regarding road dust.

4. Review/Approve Minutes July 31, 2024

The meeting date was corrected, and Bob Cushman was added as present. The minutes of the July 31, 2024, were signed

5. Old Business

A. Ongoing erosion issues on Old Stagecoach Road, Amanda Richards

Amanda Chamberlin Richards' letter was discussed. Nancy McAuliffe expressed her concern that she is unable to get to her camp at 436 Old Stagecoach Road. The current road is nearly impassable and cannot be easily plowed in the winter. She would like the Town to improve the Class IV Road. Bob Cushman will visit the site and have some suggestions for the Selectboard at a later meeting.

B. Lakota Bridge and Lime Pond Bank slide plans, Jon Harrington

Jon Harrington was unable to make the meeting but did submit additional details regarding the Lime Pond Road bank-slide and the Lakota bridge. The Selectboard was concerned about getting the work done this year. Placing a temporary bridge

for the winter was considered. Further discussion was postponed pending a meeting with Jon Harrington in the future.

C. Lime Pond Culvert plans, Will Davis

The Selectboard Reviewed the plans submitted by Will Davis. Further questions about the bridge vs. precast culvert were raised. Will Davis will be contacted regarding these questions and will be asked to attend next week's meeting.

D. Masterson Road Culvert, Signage and Survey: Dunning

The Selectboard requested that Bob Cushman replace the Class IV sign at the end of Masterson Road with a "Road Ends Here" sign and check the drainage issue on the Dunning drive.

E. Old Fire Station Architect Invoice, Linda Treash

Linda Treash's letter was reviewed, and payment of the MA & KE invoice was approved.

F. Ongoing Review of Transfer Station Operations

Discussed changes to pricing, accepting refrigerating devices, changing the roll-off configuration, and the general appearance and management of the Transfer Station. It was noted that the waste oil drums must be kept inside the facility. There was discussion about the proper operation of the two trash compactors and the overall management of the facility. Bob Cushman will get quotes on the blocks that will be needed if the facility is to accept all tires and refrigerating appliances. A meeting with Wess Henig will be scheduled for a future Selectboard meeting.

6. Town & Highway Operations

A. Town and State Tax Rates

The current tax rates were reviewed.

State Tax Rates

CLA: 104.57%

District Rate: 1.6742

Homestead rate: 1.6010 (District Rate divided by the CLA)

State Rate: 1.391

Non-homestead Rate: 1.3302 (State Rate divided by the CLA)

Municipal tax rate: 0.4453

B. Road drainage issue at 3376 Stage Road

The letter from Danielle and Chris Wiedemann concerning the water flowing off the road and onto their drive was discussed with the Road Forman. Bob Cushman suggested that a shallow ditch should be maintained where your drive meets the road, so that the water continues down the road.

7. Fish & Wildlife Ice Fishing Event use of Town Hall Parking

Approved on the condition that Town Hall has not already been scheduled for use by another party on that date.

8. La Garagista Liquor Licenses

The La Garagista Liquor Licenses were signed.

9. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 8-7-2024

Highway and Town orders were approved.

Bob Cushman discussed options for two of the Chateauguay bridges, which were priced at \$180,000 each, including delivery. A bridge option for the Lakota Road culvert was \$220,000 installed. Temporary bridges, 12' x 50' and 24' x 50' were \$35,000 installed, \$3,500/month rental and \$40,000 installed, \$4,000/month rental respectively.

Richard Lancaster will discuss the various options with Berquist Consulting and report at the next meeting.

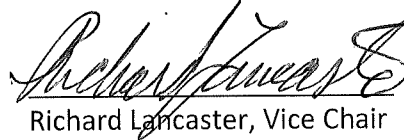
Bob Cushman noted some confusion about the position of the Road Closed signs in use on Broad Brook Road and said he will reset the signs Thursday morning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Lancaster, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is August 14, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices. A special Executive Session for Employee evaluations is scheduled, with the regular meeting following at around 7:30 PM

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds