



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES JULY 17, 2024

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

Also Present: Bob Cushman (Road Forman), Will Davis (Horizons Engineering), Pete Stoddard (Barnard Community Trust), Linda Treash (Barnarts), Derek Aldrighitti and Kassie Hull

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00Pm

2. Review Agenda

Additions were noted and added to the agenda.

3. Public comments

Pete Stoddard spoke to the Issue of the parking problem at the Barnard General Store. Suggested line renewal, making changes and adding signage and increasing enforcement. The Selectboard noted that Barnard had no ordinance in place to regulate parking in town which limits parking enforcement. The Selectboard will work on resolving the problem.

4. Review/Approve Minutes July 3, 2024

The revised language was accepted, and the Minutes approved.

5. Old Business

A. Select option for Lime Pond Road culvert, Will Davis, Horizons

During the discussion with Will Davis the following changes were noted. The Bridge will raise the road 2 feet and will require appropriate sloping to meet the existing grade of the road. The skew of the bridge relative to the road will require a wider bridge so that the road can remain straight. There should be a minimum of 20 feet between the guardrails. Will Davis was asked to have the full construction plans ready for the August 7th meeting. He will meet with Bob Cushman at the site on 07/22/2024 at 3:00 PM to review ditching.

B. Solid waste management, pricing, facility and personnel

Wess Henig reviewed the current operation of the transfer station, suggesting raising the rates at the end of the year and setting rates for compost, which is currently free. There was discussion on how to improve waste management, with the possibility of creating block bunks for bulk waste and tires. The option of having a waste oil company handle all oil containment and transport was also noted.

C. Public Meeting Law compliance

Richard reported that he has been in ongoing discussions with World Wide Consultants in an effort to meet the requirements of the new Open Meeting Law

D. Jon Harrington Engineering, Lime Pond Project

The Submitted plans were reviewed and a final decision will be made at the August 7, 2024, meeting.

6. Summer Theatre porta potty at BTH & Barnard Street Dance Sherriff Coverage

Linda Treash advised the Selectboard of the upcoming street dance and the Barnarts performances at the Town Hall. Linda asked for permission to set up a Porta-Potty during Barnarts performances to help reduce the traffic to the inside bathrooms. The Selectboard agreed to having a unit placed outside, out of the way, during the performance period. Linda also asked that the Selectboard arrange to have a deputy Sherriff present at the Street Dance from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm on August 24th.

7. Town & Highway Operations

A. Payment of Farinas Invoice, Town Hall Steps

Approved.

B. Town Credit Card and Offices 2FA process and options

With the increasing complexity of Two Factor Authentication (2FA) practices, the Selectboard asked Richard to meet with the Town Clerk to discuss ways for the town to better manage the 2FA process for all the town operations.

C. DPS Financial Report Form

The DPS Financial Report Form was signed.

D. Bridge #33 Engineering Report Process for FEMA and RFPs

As the Town has expended most of its available budget on projects already in progress, this issue will be addressed at an upcoming Selectboard meeting. Bob and Richard will review options for fixing the bridge at reduced cost to the town.

E. Mount Hunger Road Engineering Report Process for FEMA and RFPs

As the Town has expended most of its available budget on projects already in progress the Chateauguay and Mount Hunger bank slides will be addressed later.

F. Road Crew evaluation, executive session expected.

This agenda item was tabled and will be taken up at a later meeting.

G. Administrator and Zoning Administrator candidate evaluation.

The Selectboard entered Executive Session at 8:47 PM to discuss the current list of applicants for the Town Administrator and Zoning Administrator positions. The Selectboard exited Executive Session at 9:06 PM. Kassie Hull was asked to forward her offer to fill both positions to the Selectboard.

H. SWT-608 Tax Form

The two copies of the tax form were signed.

I. Sherriff Ryan - Speed Trailer

The board felt that since Barnard already has a Speed trailer, that helping to pay for an additional one is unnecessary.

J. Derek Aldrighetti`s request for permission to work on a section of class 4 road, Smith Hill/Davis Hill

The selectman approved Derek Aldrighetti`s request to bury utility lines in the Town Right-of-way, improve a culvert and lightly resurface the far end of West/Davis road, near the Barnard/Stockbridge line. pending proof of liability insurance, a copy of which is to be filed with the Town.

K. Set Town Tax Rates

The 2024 Town Tax Rate form was Sign

8. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders

Orders for 7/10/24, 7/17/2024, and the Horizons Eng. 7-15-2024 Invoice were approved. Bob Cushman reviewed highway operations. He is still looking to upgrade/replace some of the Town`s equipment. He asked for approval for additional culverts to get a better overall price. Bob C. asked Rock to extend the trailer rental as he still needs to move equipment around. He discussed options for storage and the building of bunks from concrete blocks. The grader repair will be about \$32,000 and other repairs may be around \$3,000. Bob C. is continuing to review truck replacement options and is reviewing various options to cut costs.

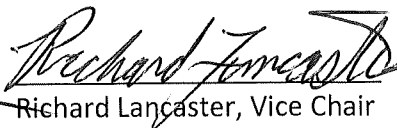
The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes prepared by Richard Lancaster, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is August 7, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices. A special session to address legal and employment issues is scheduled for July 31, 2024, at 7:00 PM

Selectboard:



Rock Webster, Chair



Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair



Robert Edmunds