



Town of Barnard, Vermont

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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2024

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

Also Present: Tom Morse, Peter Raymond, Michael Barnhart, Steve Hambsch, Greyling VanAlstyne, Bruce Dougherty, Gina Lancaster, Margaret and Justin Lancaster, Tao Zagar, Glen Dunning, Reporter Darren Marcy of the Randolph Herald, and Karen Lens.

Masterson and Cootey Farm Road Hearings

The minutes for these Hearings will be posted separately

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM.

2. Review Agenda

The revised agenda had been posted on the Barnard Website. Changes were primarily administrative tasks that needed Selectboard approval.

3. Public comments

A. McClean Letter regarding access to their camp.

The Selectboard asked Road Forman Bob Cushman to work out a solution for a ford across the stream.

4. Review/Approve Minutes May 15, 2024

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

A. Roads Committee Letter Regarding Grove Road.

The report was forwarded to Road Forman Bob Cushman. Rock and Bob Cushman will visit the site Thursday afternoon.

6. Renew the Village Center designation for Barnard

The Selectboard voted to renew the current Village Center designation.

7. AED Management Letter

The Selectmen asked Richard Lancaster to manage the servicing of the two AED units in the Town Hall and the unit at the Town Garage. It was suggested that Richard talk with the Fire Department regarding what should be done.

8. Town & Highway Operations

A. Filling the positions held by Rob Ramrath

The need for an assistant and a Zoning Administrator was discussed. Richard will contact VLCT for help in advertising for the position. Reporter Darren Marcy suggested a full-page ad in the Herald. Richard presented the contract with TRORC for interim assistance in managing Zoning Administration. Tao Zagar spoke to the change in the DRB meeting schedule and about his concern that the deadline for action on the current DRB request may expire without DRB review. Richard explained that he had been unable to assist with this issue due to time constraints and suggested that Tao join in the meeting on Tuesday June 11 with Kyle Katz and Rob Ramrath. Tao noted that that June 11th might be too late with respect to the rescheduled DRB Hearing.

B. TRORC Zoning Assistance Contract

Reviewed and Signed.

C. Add Cody Campbell Excavating to Town contact list

The Selectman added Cody Campbell to the Town contractor list.

D. NEMRC Cloud Services Agreement

Reviewed and signed

E. WWC invoices

Approved for payment.

F. Tax Sale Agent

Richard Lancaster was appointed by the Selectboard to act as town agent at the sale.

G. Road Forman Benefit Information

The Selectboard partially filled out and signed the request, leaving Richard Lancaster to work with Diane to complete the missing items.

H. Barlow invoice

Approved for payment.

I. Black-Ottawquechee Watershed Project Report

The letter from the Black-Ottawquechee Watershed Project was reviewed. As Barnard has only the upper portion of the Pomfret Brook that feeds the watershed and flooding risk is minimal, Barnard's participation in the project is necessary.

J. VLCT DER Notification

The Notification regarding the possible need for a Designated Employer Representative was reviewed and Richard will investigate the matter.

K. Report of the Road Forman

Road Forman Bob Cushman reported on several things. He is working with Delmar to check current road conditions. The roads currently are in good shape. He noted the repair of a belly blade and the repairs needed on the wheeled excavator. He will be looking to rent a mini excavator as he needs to get some roadwork done. Bob and Delmar have set the stakes for DigSafe review and Richard reported that the DigSafe requests have been entered. The Town has until the first week in June to install the Welcome to Barnard signs. Bob talked about the delays in the purchase of a new town truck and made some suggestions with respect to what the Town could do to improve the situation. He will be working with Diane on setting up the Toan Highway Budget and is hoping to make some changes that will save in the cost of expendable supplies and highway costs. Bob also asked the Selectman about various pieces of construction and logging equipment that are in the Town ROW and asked the Selectboard for assistance in moving the offending equipment. Other highway issues were reviewed and discussed.

9. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders


The orders for 5/21/2024, 5/28/24, 6/4/24 were approved

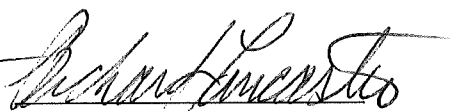
10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 PM

Minutes prepared by Richard Lancaster, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting will be June 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:


Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds