



# Town of Barnard, Vermont

Chartered July 17, 1761

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Barnard, Vermont 05031  
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## **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kassie Hull, Nick Stone, Wes Hennig, Barbara Pulling, Norm Cohen, Edythe Wright, Brooks Wright, Pete Stoddard, Koke & Andi Twigg-Smith, Linda Treash, Carin Park, Margaret Edwards, Berna Donlon, Stuart Hull.

- 1. Call to Order** at 7:00PM
- 2. Review/Approve Minutes of October 16, 2024.** Minutes approved.
- 3. Review Agenda.** Addition of new hire paperwork to be signed.
- 4. Public Comments & Other Business**
  - A. VT Declaration of Inclusion.** Barbara Pulling and Norm Cohen, members of a grassroots group from Rutland, asked if the Town would adopt the declaration. They are "going from town to town to ask them to condemn racism and welcome all people" and it has been adopted by 157 Vermont towns. The Selectboard will review the material.
  - B. Grove Plowing.** Pete Stoddard requested a meeting with Nick Stone, acting Road Foreman, to discuss different ideas for plowing this winter.
  - C. Koke Twigg-Smith re: indirect lighting from Barnard Inn, events.** The Selectboard stated that the concerns were zoning issues. Kassie will forward to the Development Review Board to review conditional permit.
  - D. Linda Treash of BarnArts re: new Town Hall Rental Policy.** Asked that BarnArts continue to receive a separate rental fee schedule and submitted their annual town hall use request for 2025. The Selectboard will review the request and take her proposal under advisement.
  - E. Ottauquechee Health Foundation.** Letter of appreciation for \$1,500 appropriation. Stated that \$27,000 worth of services was donated to Barnard last year, including health and wellness grants and support.
  - F. Barnard Historical Society Lafayette Celebration.** Paige Gibbs, on behalf of the Historical Society, asked the Selectboard to save the date and consider participating in the reenactment to be held in June 2025.
  - G. Lisa Martel re: replacement culvert.** No culverts available.
  - H. Sue Lewis & Phil Lewis re: use of town hall.** Stated that it seems that Barn Arts has "free reign" of the Town Hall and pays little to no rental fee to use the space on a continuing basis.



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## 5. Old Business

- A. Sign Access Permit 24-01.** Signed and will be recorded.
- B. FEMA reimbursement.** Another sum of \$64,000 is expected.
- C. Open Meeting Law Compliance.** Tabled until next meeting.
- D. Class IV Old Stagecoach Rd.** Reviewed a letter and request from Jeffrey Allen who stated he would attend the meeting (but did not make it); tabled the discussion until he can attend to discuss.
- E. Feasibility Design of the Old Firehouse.** The feasibility study is not complete and requires an additional \$4,835 for the structural assessment and report and consultant coordination. She hopes that she can have final designs by early 2025 and then will start fundraising at that point for construction to begin in early 2026. Linda asked if there were additional ARPA funds available. There are not. She was encouraged to do additional fundraising and keep the Town updated.
- F. Transfer Station Updates.** Discussed getting rid of an old oil tank, organizing tires, and working toward being able to accept all white goods. Kassie will continue to examine the pros/cons of Alliance Waste.
- G. Municipal Employee Training.** The town will host a training course for all employees, volunteers, and board members in the spring. The training will discuss recent changes in the law re: town and personal liability when it comes to respect and professionalism in the workplace.
- H. Buyout of 10050 VT Rte. 12.** FEMA is processing a budget modification so that funding is available for purchase. Kassie will contact Jeffrey Lewis to ask if he will be the closing attorney for the transaction.

## 6. New Business

- A. Appoint Alternate Zoning Administrator.** Tom Morse was the previous alternate; Kassie will ask him if he is willing to do it again.
- B. Signatory Authority for Awards, Grants.** The Selectboard voted to give Kassie authority to sign grant award documentation.
- C. 2024 Dog Census.** Signed letter to be sent to all Barnard residents.
- D. Town Hall rental waiver requests.** The Barnard BEES Harvest Luncheon rental fee waiver for November 22, 2024, was granted. The rental waiver requests for 2025 were also granted under the new policy.



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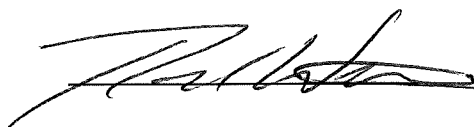
## 7. Town & Highway Orders

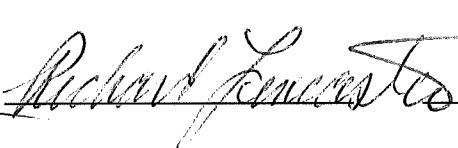
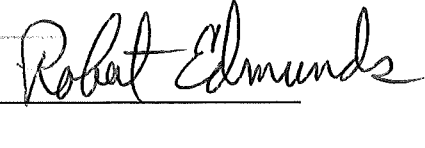
- A. Old Landfill Groundwater Monitoring.** Approved invoice of \$2,750 for the annual groundwater sampling of the former Barnard Landfill, completed as per the VT Dept. of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Management Program's Solid Waste Facility Certification.
- B. Lakota Road invoice payments to Barnard Excavation & Logging.** Approved two invoices for progress payments. The aluminum arch culvert should be delivered to the jobsite on Monday, November 11.
- C. Better Roads Grant Program.** Discussed possible projects. Kassie and Nick will work with Rita to determine projects and apply by 12/27/24.
- D. Lime Pond driveway culvert cost estimate.** Sent a message to Harrington Civil Engineers to arrange a time to discuss this project.
- E. Road Crew Updates.** Road crew switched from the 4-day workweek schedule to the 5-day workweek schedule. A fourth employee started this week and begins CDL classes next week. Signed newhire paperwork.

## 8. Adjourn at 9:42PM.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Hull, Clerk of the meeting. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next regular meeting is November 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:

  
Rock Webster, Chair

   
Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair    Robert Edmunds