BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
November 29, 2016

1. Call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consider approving agenda

4. Consider approving November 15, 2016 meeting minutes

5. Announcements

6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items)

7. Consider approving Sno-Bees snowmobile club’s landowner permission request.

8. Discussion about dispatch service and contract.

9. Consider authorizing purchase of washer and dryer for EMS station.

10. Consider authorizing payment to replace Ken Carpenter’s property pins.

11. Consider Earth Waste’s request to use a different trash compactor.

12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.

13. Miscellaneous, if needed.

14. Round the table

15. Executive session – personnel, labor contract (action possible)


BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 29, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard was scheduled and held on November 29, 2016 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), W. John “Jack” Mitchell, Paul White, Rolland Tessier, and Tom White.

Others attending were: Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Asst. Town Manager Elaine Wang, Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell, Tim Stone, Chris Violette (Fire Chief), Michael Stevens (Police Chief — arrived at 7:00 p.m.), and Chris Lamonda (EMS Director — arrived at 7:10 p.m.).

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as presented. LaClair was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes from November 15, 2016 with the clerical amendments as presented prior to the meeting. LaClair was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Winter sand is available for Barre Town residents outside the public works fence. This service is only offered to residents. Please follow instructions posted at the sand pile. Plan ahead because when you will most want it is when everyone else will, too! More information is in the November 2016 newsletter.
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2. Please be advised, the Police Department indicates that home burglaries and car reach-ins are on the rise. Remember to remove valuables from vehicles and keep home and vehicle doors locked!

3. The days are very short now, so more people are walking in the dark. Pedestrians, please wear a reflective vest or light colored clothing, and carry a flashlight. During any time of the year, pedestrians are reminded to walk along the left side of the road, against traffic. Drivers, watch out for pedestrians along the edge of the road.

4. Sterling Hill Road is closed for the season. Vehicles must use either Quarry Hill Road or Graniteville/Middle Road to travel to points west.

5. The lovely Barre Town Recreation photo calendars are available for $10 each from the Town Office, Lawson's Store in Websterville, and Quarry Hill Quick Stop (Quarry Hill Road). Proceeds benefit Barre Town Recreation.

GUESTS

Guest are expected for the next few topics, but were not present. The Selectboard by consensus agreed to proceed to with agenda items 10 through 14.

REPLACE KEN CARPENTER’S PROPERTY PINS

Background: About 8 or so years ago the Town had a sidewalk constructed along Websterville Road which abuts the Kenneth Carpenter properties. Mr. Carpenter stated that three of his property survey pins are missing and stated the Town/Project people removed them, but never reset them. At a recent meeting Mr. Carpenter asked the Selectboard to pay for resetting them. The Town Manager and Engineer went through the two boxes of documents and found nothing about the pins being removed. The Selectboard was provided a copy of the subdivision map showing the pin locations. When Mr. Carpenter asked about the Town paying for setting the pins the Town Engineer stated he did remember something about the pin by the catch basin (middle pin #2) and remembers there was a pipe in front of the tree stump (location of pin #3).

Upon review of the Plan given to the Board it was noted the plan does not indicate a pin at position 1 (recording plan). The Town Engineer stated that Mr. Carpenter's engineering plan does show a pin at location #1. The cost for the resetting pins is $415.

There is no evidence to indicate the Town removed the pins. However, the Manager did state in his notes to the Board that it is possible the sidewalk project disturbed a pin or pins and no one reported it. Perhaps an equipment operator did not realize it happened. It is also possible that Mr. Carpenter's contractor disturbed pin #2 which is close to a catch basin he installed.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to pay up to $415.00 to replace the survey pins on the property of Kenneth Carpenter, located on Websterville Road (lot next to the School) and on subdivision Lot #2 located on Carpenter Lane citing there is no clear evidence as to why/when the pins were removed, to prevent future boundary issues, and this would be a good will gesture. LaClair was not present for the vote.

EARTH WASTE REQUEST FOR COMPACTOR AMENDMENT

Background: Recently the Selectboard gave Earth Waste permission to install a trash compactor on the existing (unused) concrete pad at the Wilson Depot. The company is now asking to use a different, larger compactor. The concrete pad is larger than either compactor. Diagrams were provided to the Board for review.
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The new compactor is 7'8” longer than the approved model. Both appear to be 4' high and about 6' wide. Earth Waste has confirmed they do not need a shed or cover with this request.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve a revision to the Consent with New England Quality Service, Inc., d/b/a Earth Waste Systems duly adopted on October 25, 2016 to allow Earth Waste Systems to use the compactor as shown on the Galbreath diagram as presented (see attachment to the minutes). LaClair was not present.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of November 29, 2016 with the request that the Formula Ford invoice be reviewed prior to releasing payment. LaClair was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Town Clerk noted that a recount had been called for the Washington County Senate race. She will be assisting in the recount and out of the office December 13-15th.

Asst. Manager Wang reported the following:

- A quote for the vactor was received. However, the price will be going up 3% after December 15th. Information will be distributed at the next meeting.
- The Solid Waste survey, completed during the General Election, has been compiled. Mr. LaClair has received the data for tomorrow night’s meeting. A full copy will be provided to the Board in their next meeting packet.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell noted the following:

- There will be a haulers meeting at the Chamber of Commerce regarding the State looking to grant exemptions to Act 148 for private haulers. He cannot attend. Asst. Wang stated she would be attending.
- He will not be attending the Selectboard meeting on December 20th as he has a Christmas date.
- Corner of Bridge Street and Route 14 (South Barre). Why are the concrete barriers there? They are hard to see at night when turning corners. It is believed the City of Barre placed them after doing their water line work. Asst. Manager Wang will check into why they are still there and if needed see that some type of reflector is placed on them.
- He was saddened to read in the newsletter that the State project on Quarry Street will be delayed and possibly the Bridge Street intersection project.
- He would like an update on the Cyr survey.
- He would like to know how the Selectboard did this year on their “To Do List.”

SNO-BEES SNOWMOBILE REQUEST FOR CROSSING TOWN LAND

Background: Tim Stone (Sno-Bees Snowmobile Club) has requested to be on the agenda for permission to cross town-owned land. This club mostly requests permission to ride in the road right-of-way. Mr. Stone noted that if there is not enough snow the crossing near Trow Hill playground will not be used.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the landowner permission form for the Sno-Bees Snowmobile Club to use town road crossings and riding in the road rights-of-way conditioned upon erecting the appropriate signage.
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PURCHASE WASHER AND DRYER FOR EMS STATION

Background: The existing washer/dryer unit in the EMS station quit working. Director Lamonda is requesting approval to buy a washer and dryer (not a combo unit). Prices were obtained and provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Last winter the EMS Director, through the budget process, had requested funding ($1,600) for this purchase. However, his request was denied. This purchase would be unbudgeted. The Manager has stated that actual revenues should be above budget and exceed the cost of this purchase estimated at $1,478.00.

The Board discussed the need to purchase locally, servicing of appliances, and other brands which may be as reliable as Samsung but less costly.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the purchase of a new washer, dryer, and mounting brackets for the EMS Station not to exceed $1,600.00 with the intent to buy locally. LaClair was not present for the vote.

DISPATCH SERVICE AND CONTRACT

Background: This item is a follow-up to a discussion on a multi-year dispatch service contract with Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department and possibly releasing a RFP before signing a multi-year agreement.

The three public safety department heads were present. Each expressed their satisfaction with the above and beyond dispatch service provided by Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department. Key discussion points were: advantage of having a PSAP center dispatching, each department having their own radio frequency, forward thinking with regards to technology, their professionalism, and ability to quickly resolve issues.

The Selectboard stated that before entering into a multi-year agreement they may want to consider doing a RFP for service just as a matter of due diligence.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard found that premature general knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage with regards to labor contract and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:47 p.m. for labor contract and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 8:57 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk        Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard
Attachment #1
Earth Waste Galbreath Compactor

GENERAL DIMENSIONS ILLUSTRATION