BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
March 22, 2016

P.I.O.T. - Budget Committee - Final Review & wrap up  
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. Consider approving March 15, 2016 meeting minutes.  
5. Announcements  
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
7. Public Hearing for proposed ordinance lowering the speed limit (40 to 35 mph) on a section of Osborne Road.  
8. Consider appointing town representative and alternate to C.V. Regional Planning Commission.  
9. Consider approving repair to ambulance.  
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
11. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.  
12. “Round the table”  

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
March 22, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 8, 2016 was scheduled to be held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeff Blow, Rob LaClair, and Rolland Tessier and Tom White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty and Paul White.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as amended: Item #11 adds the approval of a 2016 Second Class Liquor License for Morgan's East Barre Market and Outside Consumption Permit Renewal for the Canadian Club Inc. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of March 15, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Girls and boys age 3 - 10 are invited to the 29th Annual Egg Hunt sponsored by the Barre City and Barre Town Recreation Departments. The Egg Hunt is on Saturday, March 26, at Barre City’s Rotary Park, which is next to the Barre City Middle and Elementary School. The hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Bring a bag, bucket or basket for the eggs. There is no fee, but the Recreation Departments ask that each family bring a non-perishable food item to be given to the Vermont Foodbank.
2. There are five (5) summer season job opportunities with the town. The positions are for 40 hours per week, mid-May to the end of August. Four (4) of the positions are with the public works department. The helpers work with the public works crew on a wide variety of tasks most of which are associated with town roads. Hours are Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Starting pay rate is $10.35 per hour with an end-of-summer bonus for good attendance possible. Another helper is needed to work on a special project with the Town Engineer. Hours would be the same but the rate of pay is $12.00/hour. Application review will begin April 11, 2016. Request an application from the Town Manager's office by phone (802)-479-9331 or email (offices@barretown.org) or print one from the town website (www.barretown.org).

3. The tennis court nets are in place. The tennis courts in the Town Recreation area for ready for use.

4. It won’t be long before the lawn waste site opens. Volunteers monitor the site during the week. If you appreciate the service of having a place to dispose of branches, leaves, and grass, consider volunteering to open and watch the site for 3 hours during the week. The volunteer is not there to unload users' cars and trucks - unless they want to. The volunteer is there to open and close the two (2) gates and to watch that the site is used as intended. To volunteer or for more information contact the Town Manager's office at (802) 479-9331.

GUESTS - None

PUBLIC HEARING - OSBORNE ROAD SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Background: This is the second reading of the proposed ordinance amendment to reduce the speed limit on Osborne Road (from Balsam Drive up to Phelps Road). The Town Engineer provided a memo outlining the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee's (TSAC) reasons for the amendment.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-61 (Speed Limits) of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances." Mitchell was not present for the vote.

Paul White (TSAC board member) was present. He noted that a speed study had been conducted in the area which does indicate the 40 mph speed limit is adequate. However, when you factor in the number of curves, hills, grade changes, no shoulder, number of driveways, equestrian use, and the existing speed change (25mph to 40 mph to 35 mph) the TSAC determined the safer alternative would be to change the 40 mph to 35 mph speed limit on Osborne Road. It was also noted that the 40 mph speed is not comparable to other side streets in the area.

Blow stated he does not agree with the TSAC experts. With that section of road being paved it would be extremely hard to stay at 35 mph. Further discussion on increasing the 25 mph or 35 mph speed limit might make more sense.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to close the public hearing at 8:17 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to send this proposed ordinance amendment back to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee for additional review based on the comments made during this public hearing. Mitchell was not present for the vote.
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CV REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES

Background: Annually the Town must appoint a representative and alternate to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC). Byron Atwood is our current representative and Mark Nicholson is the alternate; both are willing to serve again.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to appoint Byron Atwood as the representative and Mark Nicholson as the alternate to the CV Regional Planning Commission. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

AMBULANCE REPAIR REQUEST

Background: Ambulance #1 had a bad noise in the rear end. It was taken to Buzzi’s garage last Thursday. The vehicle has 114,000 miles on the odometer and is beyond warranty. The Shop Foreman says these (2011 Sprinter) ambulances have non-serviceable rear-ends; meaning bad parts are not removed and replaced. The entire rear-end needs to be replaced. The estimate presented to the Board was estimated at $5,048.97.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the repair to Ambulance #1 (2011 Sprinter) and authorize Buzzi’s Garage to do the work based on their estimate of $5,048.97 dated March 21, 2016. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of March 22, 2016. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the signing of:
1. 2016 Second Class Liquor License for Lyle Morgan, dba Morgan’s East Barre Market,
2. 2016 First class Liquor License for the Canadian Club; and
3. 2016 Liquor Renewal License – Outdoor Consumption Permit for the Canadian Club. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

LaClair informed the Board the Legislature will be taking up the fee bill this week which would include about $48,000,000 in fees and taxes.

RECESS/RECONVENE

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to recess at 8:27 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to reconvene the Selectboard meeting at 10:40 p.m.

BARRE GRANITE MUSEUM

Chair Blow stated he received a telephone call from the Mayor today stating the Museum has finally raised the money needed to pour their concrete floor. However, it was recognized at the last minute that the Museum did not obtain the required City permit ($1250) for work to proceed. The City Council is willing to waive $1,000 of the permit fee if the Town would kick in the $250.
Selectboard Minutes of March 22, 2016 continued:

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to pay the City of Barre $250.00 toward the permit fee for the Barre Granite Museum for the pouring of the concrete floor. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 10:42 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard