BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
February 21, 2017  

1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. Consider approving February 14, 2017 meeting minutes.  
5. Announcements.  
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
7. Complete CVRPC’s municipal energy survey.  
8. Discuss police chief’s job description.  
10. Discuss Wilson Industrial Park protection covenants.  
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
12. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any  
13. Round the table”  
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
February 21, 2017  

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of February 21, 2017 was scheduled and held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:10 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Paul White. The following member was absent: Paul White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at slightly past 8:00 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA  

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda with the following amendments:  
Item 14 - Executive session add an item for personnel.  
Move item #7 to after item 10.  
Paul White was not present for the vote.

MINUTES  

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 14, 2017 with minor grammar and spelling changes. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  

1. The Barre Town Fire Department will be hosting their annual rabies clinic for dogs and cats on March 11, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station. The cost per animal is $15.00. All proceeds benefit the Barre Town Fire Department. Pets from outside Barre Town are welcome. For the convenience of Barre Town residents, the Barre Town Clerk will be on hand to license dogs that reside in Barre Town.
2. Did you know that Barre Town holds a Non-Partisan Caucus to select and nominate a candidate for an elected office such as Selectboard member, Moderator, or Town Clerk? Barre Town holds a Non-Partisan Town Caucus where the political parties hold their meetings together, not separately, to ensure there are enough candidates for all the elected positions. Residents are invited to attend the meeting which will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Municipal Building.

3. Are you interested in having your own beehives in your backyard come spring? Come to the free Beekeeping 101 Workshop on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Barre Town offices to learn about the components of a beehive and basic beekeeping. You will be able to place orders, too. Brought to you by Vermont Beekeeping Supply and the Barre Town Recreation Department.

4. Do you want to compost in your backyard as a cheap and environmentally-friendly way to dispose of your food scraps, but have questions or concerns about what to compost, and if there will be odors or attracting animals? Come to the Backyard Composting Workshop on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Barre Town offices to learn how to compost right to address these concerns and more. Brought to you by the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District and Barre Town. The presenter will also demonstrate how to build easy bins out of affordable materials. There is no cost to attend and no need to register. However, for your convenience, ready-made backyard composting equipment will be available at the workshop for purchase at-cost. If you think you will purchase, call Cassandra at the solid waste district in advance at 802-229-9383, x 102.

5. Update on political sign information: Last week a guest appeared before the Board regarding political sign placement. The resident distributed materials which included guidelines from the Secretary of State's Office. These guidelines state you need property owners permission. The Town Manager was contacted and denied the request based on the Selectboard practice and policy of not allowing signs on town owned land. Rogers believes the article was a bit misleading.

GUESTS - None

POLICE CHIEF’S JOB DESCRIPTION

Background: The Manager provided Board members with a draft police chief job description. The VLCT did not have a sample but the Manager has reached out to other Towns/Cities. Copies of job descriptions from Colchester and Williston were distributed during the meeting.

The Manager informed the Board he did not speak with the Colchester Manager to obtain details on their selection process. Williston is also going to be going through this as well. He spoke with the Williston Manager and uses an elaborate process for selecting a new Chief.

White stated he wants to ensure there is something in our job description to address the need to be able to operate the various software packages in use. The consensus of the Board is to allow time to digest all the materials.

2017-2018 OVERWEIGHT TRUCK PERMITS

Background: Standard weight limit on town roads is 24,000 pounds. Towns have the authority to designate roads as LASH (Legal Limit Same As State Highways). Barre Town
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has its primary truck routes – quarry hill Road, Graniteville Road (to #773), Websterville Road, Pitman Road, parker Road, and Sterling Hill Road (from Quarry Hill to #169) as designated LASH roads. The Town can issue overweight permits for the designated roads. Annually, the Selectboard approves the list of roads on the permit application. There are no changes to the list of roads this year.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2017-2018 Overweight Truck Permits (one for fleets and one for a single vehicle) as presented. Paul White was not present for the vote.

During discussion, it was noted that if the Town wanted to add or remove roads from the small block of allowed roads this could be done through Selectboard action. The Selectboard can authorize a road for less than 24,000 lbs. but must contact the State.

WILSON INDUSTRIAL PARK PROTECTION CONVENANTS

Background: The Board was provided Covenants for the original section of the Wilson Industrial Park to review prior to the meeting. During the last Selectboard meeting there was mention of a business sharing space with Northern Power (a business in the Industrial Park) and if this business could possibly be violating some of the protective covenants. The Board will discuss options for ensuring the covenants are adhered to.

The covenants concerns noted were:
- that all lessees shall submit to the Grantor a preliminary plan showing general design of property location on proposed site, landscaping, etc.,
- the storage of product on the outside of the building.

Consensus is the Town Manager should reach out to Tenco, Mr. Milone, and the new distillery to find out their intentions and ensure they are aware of the covenants.

CVRPC MUNICIPAL ENERGY SURVEY

Background: The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) requests the Selectboard and Planning Commission to complete the Municipal Energy Survey. This survey is one step the CVRPC is taking before drafting a comprehensive regional energy plan. The Planning Commission has not completed their survey.

The Board discussed and answered questions based on the review of several maps which contain information on elevations, power/transmission lines, major roads, town protected lands, agricultural land, floodways and ways to reach out to the public regarding energy related planning.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of February 21, 2017. Paul White was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier - any more movement on the Semprebon bike path - none at this time.

LaClair - Recount at legislature to start tomorrow for Orange-1 seat; green burial (no casket - not buried as deep to allow decomposition); and appointing of Clerks-Treasurers. Rogers stated the VLCT is asking Towns to contact their legislators and ask them to vote no on H. 50 (PSB jurisdiction over telecommunication facility siting permanent) which is on the calendar for tomorrow.
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White inquired if the Town would be trying to sell the ambulances through the same site as the hummer? Rogers stated that is correct and staff is working on the preparations.

White inquired about drainage on Sierra Lavin. Rogers stated there was a cap put on a line under the road. The resident did not realize this was done but wants more remediation. Rogers agreed to put a cap on the other side of the road. There is nothing anyone can do why the snow is on the ground.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard found that premature general knowledge would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to personnel and contracts. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session. Paul White was not present for the vote.

CONTRACT

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve a two-year proposal for ambulance service with the Town of Brookfield (FY 2017/2018 - 2018/2019). Paul White was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn. Paul White 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