BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
February 28, 2017

1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. Consider approving February 21, 2017 meeting minutes.  
5. Announcements.  
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
7. Consider appointment to C.V. Solid Waste Management District.  
9. Consider appointment to Recreation Board.  
10. Discuss suggested Town Charter amendments.  
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
12. Miscellaneous, including VFW liquor license and permits, if any  
13. Round the table”  

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
February 28, 2017

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of February 28, 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: W. John “Jack” Mitchell, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Paul White. The following member was absent: Rob LaClair.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, and Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at slightly past 8:17 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 21, 2017 with minor grammar and spelling changes. LaClair was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The March 7 election, known statewide as Town Meeting Day, will be for school issues only. Polling hours are 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town School gym. To request an early ballot, contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 479-9391. Municipal issues will be voted on in May.

2. Do you have a dog or cat that has NOT had a rabies shot in the last 3 years? Bring your pet to the Barre Town Fire Department’s 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.

3. Anyone of any political party, or unaffiliated with any political party, is invited to participate in Barre Town's Non-Partisan Town Caucus, which will be held on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Municipal Building. You can help determine the candidates for Barre Town Selectboard and our other elected positions.

4. Barre town is seeking summer help. Four seasonal Department of Public Works workers are needed to help maintain and improve Barre Town's roads and utilities. Required training will be provided. One Recreation and Cemetery worker is needed to help maintain landscaping and buildings. The application for these positions can be picked up at the town offices, or downloaded from the town's homepage (www.barretown.org). Submit by email to offices@barretown.org or by mail to PO Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678. Pay begins at $10.75 an hour with possible attendance bonuses. We're especially interested in candidates that will return for several summer seasons in a row. The deadline to apply for any of these seasonal positions is March 20.

5. Barre Town is organizing two free workshops this 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. The second one is 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.

GUESTS - None

CVSWMD BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Background: Annually, the Selectboard appoints a representative and alternate to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board (CVSWMD). Our current representative, Fred Thumm and alternate, Jack Mitchell are willing to serve again.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to re-appoint Fred Thumm as delegate and W. John "Jack" Mitchell as alternate delegate to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors. LaClair was not present for the vote.

EMS CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF ORANGE

Background: The Town Manager is presenting an EMS service contract with the Town of Orange for Board consideration. The contract would cover the period of January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign an EMS contract with the Town of Orange for the period January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019. LaClair was not present for the vote.
APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION BOARD

Background: Recent advertising of the Recreation Board vacancy resulted in two (2) letters of interest. Copies of their responses were given to the Selectboard for review.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to appoint Craig Locarno to the Recreation Board for the remainder of Angelo Arnold’s term which is to expire May 31, 2018. LaClair was not present for the vote.

Mitchell asked that the applicant be informed there may be other board vacancies this may and hopes she might apply for one.

PROPOSED TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Background: Now that Vermont has same day voter registration the Town Charter conflicts with State law. To resolve the issue, Town Attorney, Mike Monte, has drafted revision language to address the conflicts which are in Sections 6 (b) and 6 (e) and pertain to the Board of Civil Authority duties. The Selectboard is being asked if they are ready to proceed with the advertising of the two (2) required public hearings.

Consensus of the Board is the language rewrite is acceptable and the Manager will proceed with scheduling the two public hearings (March 21st and 28th). The question will be on the Annual Town Meeting Ballot (May 9, 2017).

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of February 28, 2017. LaClair was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve a 2017 Outdoor Consumption Permit License for the VFW Post 790. LaClair was not present for the vote.

ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier noted the Barre Town Fire Department has unfortunately been very busy lately. He would like to give them a big thank you for all they have done the past couple of days.

White stated he was sorry to have missed the last 2 meetings and inquired as to when the Police Chief job description would be complete as there are things he would like to see changed. Rogers stated it will be on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Mitchell stated he may not be able to make the meeting next Tuesday.

Mitchell inquired as to where things stand with the Websterville Fire District merger since the Fire District vote was successful. Rogers stated the Fire District legal counsel will be preparing all the necessary paperwork for Legislative approval. He further noted that the “actual merger” may not happen before next January as the Fire District needs to complete their water line project.

Mitchell inquired on the subdivision for the Recreational Facility. Rogers stated the School wants the Town to take over the recreational field area. The Town is proceedings as scheduled.
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ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. LaClair was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard