BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
March 16, 2017

1. Call to order  
8:00 p.m.  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. Consider approving March 7, 2017 meeting minutes.  
5. Announcements.  
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
7. Consider approving Better Roads grant application.  
8. Consider awarding contract for electric conduit and supplies.  
9. Consider authorizing sale of two used ambulances.  
10. Executive session - labor contract - action expected.  
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
12. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any  

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
March 16, 2017

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 16, 2017 was scheduled and held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:12 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: W. John “Jack” Mitchell, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Rob LaClair. Paul White was not present.

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 8:12 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to amend the agenda: Item 12, add the request for a 2017 Second Class Liquor License for Dollar General. 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 March 7, 2017 as presented. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Looking for a summer job that’s outdoors? Barre Town needs four seasonal workers for the Department of Public Works and one for Recreation and Cemetery work. 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. The deadline to apply for any of these seasonal positions is March 20.

2. The Selectboard will hold public hearings on proposed changes to the Town Charter on March 21st and March 28th. You can review the proposed changes, relating to the Board of civil Authority, on the Barre Town website. From barretown.org just click on the public notices link or call the Town manager’s office (479-9391) to receive a hard copy.
3. The Beekeeping 101 workshop will be on Wednesday, march 22nd at 6:30 p.m. and the Backyard Composting Workshop will be on Wednesday, April 5th from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. Both workshops are free and will be held at the Barre Town Offices. No need to register for either workshop.

4. The deadline to license your dog is April 1st. Any questions contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 479-9391.

5. If you own the home in Vermont which is your primary residence you must file the Homestead Declaration Form with the Vermont Department of Taxes by April 18th so that you are charged the correct, lower “educational property tax rate in the upcoming fiscal year. See the Barre Town homepage (www.barretown.org) announcements section for help on how to file the Homestead Declaration Form. If you have questions, call Joyce in the Assessor’s Office at 802-479-2595.

GUESTS - None

BETTER ROADS GRANT APPLICATION

Background: VTrans now administers the Better Roads Grant program. A 20% local match is required. Our DPWs labor and equipment time count toward the local match. The Town Engineer and DPW Superintendent recommended 4 projects (Cummings Road, Holden Road, Maplecrest Road, and Jalbert Road). Costs were provided to the Selectboard for review prior to the meeting. None of the projects are very large. The Maplecrest Road is the largest amount due to the stone material needed and the long hauling distance to reach this site.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard authorized submitting all four Better Roads grant applications (Cummings Road – culvert header, Holden Road – retaining wall, Maplecrest Road ditch-lining, and Jalbert Road – bank stabilization). Paul White was not present for the vote.

PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC CONDUIT AND SUPPLIES

Background: Projects this year are to install conduit and fittings for the new electric line running from the Truck garage to the Millstone water tank and for the softball field lights. Bids were sought for the purchase of the conduit and supplies. Part of the bid included answering “yes” to holding their prices for items 1-3 (Millstone water tank) until July (new fiscal year) when the Town would need the materials for the second half of the project.

In the Water Fund FY 16-17 budget there is a project cost of $7,500 for one-half of the project. In the Recreation budget (FY 16-17) $4,000 was budgeted for conduit and wire. Labor is $6,000.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to award the conduit and supplies contract to Needham Electric Supply based on their unit bid price. Paul White was not present for the vote.

SALE OF TWO USED AMBULANCES

Background: The Town listed the two used ambulance on the govdeals.com bidding website. Bidding ended on Wednesday March 15, 2017 at 10:00 p.m. We received bids above our baseline price and are seeking Board approval for the sale.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Manager to sell the two used ambulances (A-6 for $12,550 and A-2 for $12,700) to
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the two different winning bidders on the govdeals.com website. Paul White was not present for the vote.

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 labor 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 labor contract matters at 8:25 p.m. 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 at 8:28 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

EMS SCHEDULE CHANGE

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to start the new EMS Work schedule, as outlined in their contract, on May 1, 2017. Paul White was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of March 14, 2017. Paul White was not present for the vote and Tessier abstained due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign a 2017 Second Class Liquor License for Dollar General Store #14217. Paul White was not present and Tessier abstained as the company is a competitor.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell inquired if any of the staff/board members should attend the VLCT Economic Development training. The Manager stated no.

LaClair noted that Legislative crossover is fast approaching. A current bill generating discussion is to provide first responders with worker’s compensation benefits for mental duress. The Board noted: employees can use EAP services, why limit the benefit to first responders, insurance rate increases will be needed to cover cost of services, and the bill may be well intended but can we afford it?

Rogers provided the Board with information on road salt consumption for the recent storm. The new computer system reports were reviewed.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer    Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard