BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
April 11, 2017

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 4, 2017 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discussion with Joel Schwartz, Barre Area Development.
8. Discussion with Fred Thumm, C.V. solid Waste Management District.
9. Consider awarding contracts: a) zero-turn mower; b) dust control.
10. Consider selecting realtor for selling 22 Buick Street.
11. Consider authorization to sell used police car.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any
14. Round the table
15. Executive session (real estate)

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 11, 2017

The duly warned meeting for the Barre Town Selectboard, April 11, 2017 was scheduled and held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, W. John “Jack” Mitchell, and Paul White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Assistant Town Manger Elaine Wang, Barre Area Development Director Joel Schwartz, Town Attorney Michael Monte (arrived at 6:42 p.m.), CVSWMD representatives Fred Thumm & Bruce Westcott, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

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 Paul White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

A. Item 13 - Miscellaneous - add 2017 Second Class Liquor License for Rickie’s Shell & Deli Inc, dba Great Energy Store;
B. Item 13 - Miscellaneous - add request for approval of Thunder Road Police Service contract and authorization for Town Clerk to issue a Special Events Permit #17-1;
C. Item 15 - Add personnel to Executive Session.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 4, 2017 with the grammatical changes already made by the Town Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Selectboard Minutes of April 11, 2017continued:

1. Do you have containers of leftover household cleaners, petroleum products, or anything with the words "Danger," "Poison," or "Caution/Warning" on the label? Your next chance to dispose of them responsibly is at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, April 29, 2017 organized by the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District at the Barre Town yard, 129 Websterville Road. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the fee is $20 per car load. For more information visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) and look at the Timely Announcements section on that page.

2. The Town is seeking volunteers to monitor the lawn waste site for about 3 hours during the week. Volunteers are needed to open and close the two gates and to watch that the site is used as intended. They are not required to unload vehicles. To volunteer or for more information contact the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.

3. Do you have home improvement projects you would like to do but need funds? Barre Town support housing rehabilitation and energy efficiency via a low interest loan program administered by Downstreet Housing & Community Development. To find out if you qualify and for more information call Patty Dupuis at Downstreet, 802-477-1343.

4. Green Up Day will be Saturday, May 6th this year. Did you know that over 120 Barre Towners picked up trash along Town roadsides last year during Green Up? Join in the beautifying satisfaction this year. To avoid duplication of efforts, please call the Town Manager's office to sign up for the street or length of street you would like to do. The number is 802-479-9331.

5. Town meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m., Selectboard meeting room. Australian ballot voting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., at the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School gymnasium. Items on the ballot will include municipal budget, election of officers, and as well as a special Spaulding High School budget vote. For early ballots contact the Town Clerk's office (802-479-9391) or email dkelty@barretown.org.

6. Millstone Trails Association is looking for volunteers to help with their annual trail cleanup. The event will be held on April 23, 2017, beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information visit their website ([www.millstonetrails.com](http://www.millstonetrails.com)).

7. Chair White informed the viewing audience that after the camera stopped rolling at the Selectboard entered executive session. After coming out of executive session he Board authorized per capita fees for Barre town's EMS Service Contract to the Town of Brookfield (year 1 - $42.70 and year 2 - $45.69).

**GUESTS - None**

**BARRE AREA DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Background: Barre Area Development (BAD) Director Joel Schwartz will be giving the Selectboard his bi-monthly report.

Mr. Schwartz stated he has been working on a BADC Economic Development Strategy Workplan. An outline of the plan was distributed to the Board. His goal is to have the plan completed by mid-summer. A request was made to have a Barre Town Selectboard member and staff person as part of the work committee. Meetings will be approximately once a month.
The consensus of the Board is to participate in this project and will notify Mr. Schwartz when members are selected.

C.V. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT DISCUSSION

Background: Board member and House Representative Rob LaClair asked to have our Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) representative, Fred Thumm, attend this meeting. Legislature is currently reviewing the CVSWMD Charter change and there are questions.

Fred Thumm and Bruce Westcott were present. LaClair stated there was much discussion and concern over some of the proposed charter changes and he wanted the Selectboard to be informed of possible issues. The Bill is H.241 and the items discussed were eminent domain (page 4), sovereign immunity (page 5) - should it be at state or local level; and franchising services (page 5) - the impact to small local haulers.

At the end of the discussion, Chair White gave a shout-out for the CVSWMD Household Hazardous Waste Collection noted in Announcement #1 above.

SELECT REALTOR – 22 BUICK STREET

Background: The Assistant Town Manager prepared a realtor comparison (Coldwell Banker and William Raveis). Each have a 10% commission and there is a slight difference in their advertising venues. Fecteau Residential stated the tax sale status would raise financing issues for prospective clientele.

Based upon information provided last week by Attorney Monte:
1. The tax sale was held on October 15, 2015.
2. The redemption period ended October 15, 2016. A buyer financing at this point would probably not be able to get a bank loan, but a cash purchaser would have no issue.
3. A cash buyer might have difficulty flipping the property.
4. The statute of limitation would end October 15, 2019.

The Selectboard, at their last meeting, opted to sell/market the property. LaClair stated he had spoken with a First American Title Insurance Co. representative who confirmed the reluctance of companies to issue title insurance unless ownership was transferred through a judicial process. A question arose if other States have the same issue with tax sales. It is unknown at this time.

Town Attorney, Michael Monte stated the Board should not live in fear of a law suit. In his opinion this case does not pose significant risk. During discussion it was also stated that retaining ownership of the unneeded lot means loss of tax revenue for the Town.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Manager to enter a contract with Coldwell Banker to market the sale of 22 Buick Street, Tax Map 028 Lot 040 acquired through tax sale on October 15, 2015. Mitchell abstained from the vote as he is still not comfortable selling at this time.

CONTRACTS: ZERO-TURN MOWER AND DUST CONTROL

Background: For the current fiscal year $8,000 has been budgeted to purchase a new zero-turn mower for the recreation department. The recreation and cemetery departments currently have John Deere mowers and asked to seek bids only for John Deere equipment. The Selectboard agreed with the understanding bids might be rejected if an adequate number was not received. Only two (2) bids were received and did not meet the stated specifications which cited a particular John Deere model and a minimum engine
The two bids were rejected and new bid requests were sent to all manufacturers with a comparable mower.

The low bidder, after trade-in, is Harvest Equipment (John Deere dealer). They are local and offer a 3-year standard warranty. The Shop Foreman (Mike Martel) recommends buying the John Deere Z950M, the mower the department(s) originally wanted. The price is almost $600 lower than the first bidding.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to purchase a John Deere Z950M, zero-turn mower from Harvest Equipment at the price of $8,100 less trade-in of $1,500 for the town's 2009 John Deer mower resulting in a net price of $6,600.00.

**Dust Control:** The contract is for the application of liquid calcium chloride on gravel roads. The chemical would ideally be spread in early June. This year the same two companies bid, Gorman Brothers and All States Asphalt. Their bid prices were $1.01 and $1.03 per gallon respectively. Both companies have provided their service satisfactorily.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to award the 2017 dust control contract to Gorman Brothers at their bid price of $1.01 per gallon.

**SELL USED POLICE CAR**

**Background:** A used police car was placed for sale through GovDeals.com website. Bidding closed Wednesday night. The high bid was $4,151 (about half of the reserve price set by the Board). The Selectboard can accept this bid if the bidder is still interested.

Customarily, the Town sells surplus police cars at the state auction in the spring. Our sale prices over the years come close to the high bid on GovDeals. The Manager provided the State auction bid pricing for the past several years. The State does charge a commission. It was also noted the vehicle is an Explorer (not a police edition) and the resale value of used police vehicles tends to be lower due to idle time which is hard on an engine. The GovDeals bid is the vicinity of what we would receive through State auction.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to accept the GovDeals offer of $4,157.00 if the party is still interested and if not to authorize the sale at State auction, time permitting.

**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 April 11, 2017. Tessier abstained from the vote due to an employer conflict.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign the following 2017 Second Class Liquor Licenses:
1. Quarry Hill Quick Stop; and

**THUNDER ROAD POLICE SERVICE CONTRACT**

Manager Rogers stated Thunder Road signed the Police Service contract for the 2017 racing season. Wages will remain the same. One additional item was a statement regarding the contract term. Thunder Road has provided all the necessary documentation (to include Certificates of Compliance from the Fire and Police Departments) and payment of the racing permit fee.
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On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign the 2017 Thunder Road Police Service Contract for the period April 29, 2017 - October 31, 2017.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Clerk-Treasurer to issue a Special Events Permit #17-1 for the 2017 Thunder Road racing season.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell stated the Budget Committee had a list of items they requested the Selectboard review prior to the next budget cycle. He would like an update on how the Selectboard did on their current to-do list.

In reviewing the VLCT Weekly Legislative newsletter Mitchell stated he was not happy with Senate Bill 8 regarding conflicts of interest and ethics. He feels this would just be another mandate and is concerned for small communities who do not have the manpower and resources to comply. Most communities do a good job with ethics and conflicts - everyone needs to take some personal responsibility. LaClair gave a brief overview of the bill provisions currently under review.

LaClair informed the Board and viewing audience the next big bill pertains to Notary Publics. Some of the issues are the lack of training, all commissions expiring at one time, and placing the jurisdiction within the duties of the Secretary of State’s office. On another note LaClair stated it does not appear as though the consolidation of the Lottery Agency and Liquor Control will take place.

Chair White inquired on the printing status of the Town Report. Manager Rogers stated there are just a few more audit items to be finalized. He is unsure of the time needed to complete the tasks.

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 real estate and personnel.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel at 8:32 p.m.

Asst. Manager Wang and Town Clerk-Treasurer Kelty were excused from executive session at 9:20 p.m.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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