BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
May 2, 2017

1. Call to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 25, 2017 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Presentation of donations for Travis Mercy Skatepark.
8. Consider approving new cemetery lot prices.
9. Consider adopting Resolution No. 3-17 awarding the 2017 Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship and Public Service Award.
10. Consider approving May 2nd weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous: including licenses and permits, if any.
12. Round the table
13. Executive session (real estate).

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
May 2, 2017

The duly warned meeting for the Barre Town Selectboard, May 2, 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 (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), Rolland Tessier, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Paul White, and Tom White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Sargent William Dodge, Police Chief Michael Stevens, Z&P/Fire Chief Chris Violette, Nicole Poulin, Sgt. Paul Thayer, Police Officers Paula Russell, Damian Hook, Ben Hammond, Kyle Laughlin, Jacob Frey, Montpelier Officer Kevin Moulton, Jeff Blow, and Times Argus reporter Eric Blaisdell.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda with the following amendment:

1. Delete Item 7, Travis Mercy Skatepark presentation.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 25, 2017 with the grammatical changes already made by the Town Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Property taxes are due Monday, May 15, 2017. The Town Clerk’s Office will have special office hours on Friday, May 12th and Monday, May 15th, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2. Sterling Hill Road (gravel section) is now open. Remember this is for downhill traffic only.
3. The lawn waste site is now three days a week. The hours will be as they have in the past, namely Wednesday afternoons (3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Thursday mornings (9:00 a.m. - Noon), and Saturdays morning 8:00 a.m. to Noon. If you would like it to be open more days help us find another volunteer! Potential volunteers should call the Town Manager’s Office at 479-9331.

4. The Spring Bulk Trash collection is on Saturday, May 13th, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the Barre Town Public Works Yard. See the Barre Town newsletter, solid waste insert, for more information. Board Member Mitchell did read the list of what is not being accepted and reminded the audience the ARC is not open on Saturday to accept electronics.

5. As last week’s Volunteer Appreciation Night demonstrated, Barre Town is a better place in part thanks to dozens of residents who serve on the Town’s Boards, Commissions and Committees. If you would like to be considered for appointment to one of these bodies that oversee the management of our cemeteries, review development applications, improve the safety of our roads, and more, please prepare a brief letter of interest, or fill out the application in your April Barre Town Newsletter, and mail to the Town Manager’s Office, PO Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678, or drop of at the Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road. The deadline for applications and letters of interest is Friday, May 26th by noon.

6. Chair White informed residents the Aldrich Library is hosting a “Garden Raffle.” The drawing will be held on May 15, 2017 and tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. Contact the Library for more information or tickets.

**APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF**

Chair White announced that after last week’s executive session the Board made a motion by Tessier, and seconded by LaClair, to appoint Sergeant William Dodge as the Barre Town Police Chief, effective July 1, 2017, with the compensation package as recommended.

Sergeant Dodge, fellow Police Officers, his family and friends were present for the announcement. A brief biography was read and all gave congratulations with a standing ovation.

**GUESTS**

Resident Jeff Blow recognized this was the last Selectboard meeting for Rob LaClair (as he is not seeking re-election). He thanked him for his service and dedication to Barre Town.

**DONATIONS FOR TRAVIS MERCY SKATEPARK** – Deleted from agenda.

**AMEND CEMETERY LOT PRICING**

Background: At the April Cemetery Commission meeting, Sexton Dwight Coffrin proposed increases in some cemetery services and for lots. Recommendations were a result of the survey he did last year showing Barre Town prices were much lower than comparable cemeteries. The Commission voted to approve the new service pricing effective July 1, 2017. However, the Selectboard approves the lot pricing which would also be effective July 1, 2017.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the cemetery lot prices recommended by the Cemetery Commission at their April 26, 2017
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meeting, which includes the proposed prices for the columbarium niches to become effective July 1, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-17
2017 Pelkey Citizenship & Public Service Award

Background: Annually the Selectboard will award the Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship Award to a resident who has demonstrated an on-going commitment to the Town of Barre. The recipient will be announced and the award presented at the Open Town Meeting being held on May 3, 2017, 7:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Municipal Building.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adopt Resolution #3-17, "A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont Presenting the 2017 Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship and Public Service Award to……“

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 May 2, 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier stated it has been a pleasure to serve the past three years with Mr. LaClair who always made decisions based on what was best for the Town. Paul White, being the newest member of the Board, echoed the sentiments stating he has also enjoyed the "banter" which makes doing this job much easier. Mitchell stated he did not know LaClair prior to his being elected. He has to admit he was impressed when LaClair sought him out when running to introduce himself and speak to the issues. There have been "a few times" when they were on opposing sides of an issue. Having these differences voiced makes the Board more functional and effective. Chair White stated he learned a lot about contracts from LaClair and loves the fact that he is "passionate about issues and always votes in what he believes to be the best interest of Barre Town.

LaClair thanked his colleagues and stated "it is an honor to sit in this chair as a Selectman." He noted that Barre Town is very well respected around the State and that is due to the Management (Manager Rogers and Asst. Manager Wang). He feels this Board is democracy at its best. Upon leaving this meeting he will be heading to Montpelier for another legislative hearing. His plan is to come to the Board at least once a month and keep the Town informed on the Montpelier happenings.

On a lighter note and for the record Mitchell stated “he has been on this Board for a long time and believes that LaClair is the only Board member ever to take a junket for Town business.” Following the laughs everyone was reminded the “excursion” was at no cost to the Town/taxpayers.

Mitchell noted there are some road pavement problems from Teja Road to the Websterville Road/Mill Street intersections - deep wheel ruts. Manager Rogers stated they are aware of the issues, but the fix involves more than just repairing the pavement. The real problem is drainage which is being researched.

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.
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On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss real estate.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 7:17 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard