BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
November 7, 2017

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guest (for non-agenda items).
7. Discussion with state representatives.
8. Consider request from Sno Bees Snowmobile Club to have trails along town roads.
9. Consider appointments to the CV Regional Planning Commission’s Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
10. Discussion about emergency power generator at town school.
12. Miscellaneous: including licenses and permits, if any.
13. ‘Round the table.
14. Executive session (contracts).
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 7, 2017

The duly warned meeting of November 7, 2017 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna Kelty, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Fire Chief Chris Violette, House Representative Rob LaClair, Tim Stone, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of October 31, 2017 with the minor grammatical and spelling changes and to delete the last bullet under Round The Table, Tessier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Town Offices will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran’s Day.
- There’s still time to pick up your free radon test kit from the Town Clerk’s Office, from the Central Vermont Medical Center, or, if you are a parent of a Barre Town School student, from the Barre Town School office. They are available at these locations until November 17th. For more information see the town website, www.barretown.org.
Selectboard Minutes of November 7, 2017 continued:

- Next quarterly property taxes are due November 15th. Remember you can pay in person, online, from your mobile device via and app, or sign up for automatic debit. Instructions are on the town website.

- The days are very short now and more people are walking in the dark. Walkers, runners, and bicyclists, wear a reflective vest or at least light-colored clothing, and use a light. Pedestrians, use the left side of the road. Drivers, keep an eye out for people using the side of the road.

- The winter on-street parking ban began November 1st. No more parking between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. until April 1, 2018. Doing so is a ticketable offense. This ban is in effect regardless of weather.

- The Barre Congregational Church will hold its annual 5K Gobble Wobble Walk/Run on Thanksgiving morning. Registration is 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the Municipal Building. The race starts at 9:30 a.m. If you will be driving on Thanksgiving morning you may want to avoid the race activity in Lower Websterville. More information can be found at the Church website (www.barrecongregational.org).

**GUESTS - None**

**DISCUSSION WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Background:** Last week our state representatives met with the Board. Representation LaClair asked to be put on the agenda again this week to provide and receive a little more information about fireworks House Bill 300 as introduced in 2017. This topic is for discussion purposes only.

LaClair informed the Board the bill H300 is in the Judicial Committee. Currently there does not appear to be any pushback and addresses the Town’s timeline issue with selling property. He was given a copy of Attorney Monte’s letter and look at the notices (certified mail) and bankruptcies.

As for fireworks LaClair spoke to Mike Derochers in Fire Safety. He stated the 15 days was to give Towns ample opportunity to deal with the request and there is no liability to the Town. This Department feels it is up to the Town to determine the timeline for accepting applications. Their feeling is that possession is a local issue and what the Town has in place is working well. Chair White stated if the Towns can determine then the law needs to be removed from the books!

Fire Chief Violette was present and agrees Barre Town has a good process. There was discussion if the Town should draft an ordinance which could cover enforcement issues lacking in state law.

**SNO-BEES SNOWMOBILE CLUB REQUEST TO USE TOWN ROAD**

**Background:** In the past the Sno-Bees Snowmobile Club have maintained trails north of Route 302. Tim Stone (representing the Club) said they are not going to request permission to cross the Trow Hill Playground. So, it appears the Club is not requesting to cross town owned land. It is noted that permission is not required to cross a Town Road at a 90º angle. However, they do need permission to cross roads at less than a right angle and to ride along any town road. Mr. Stone said his request for this year is the same as last. He provided a list of roads to the Manager. There is no local trail map.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Sno-Bees Snowmobile Club request to use Phelps, Curtis, Belding Roads, provided the Club post the road segments as being open to snowmobile travel and provided the permission is for riding to the side of the road and on snow banks.
CV REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION’S (CVRPC) TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Background: The CVRPC has a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The Town’s delegate to the TAC is Harry Hinrichsen and the alternate is Jeff Tucker. Mr. Hinrichsen has not been attending regularly and the alternate stated he willing to accept the main position. The Manager is recommending the Selectboard make a motion to appoint Mr. Tucker as the delegate and Mr. Hinrichsen as the alternate.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to appoint Jeff Tucker as the Town’s delegate to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory and to appoint Harry Hinrichsen as the Town’s alternate delegate to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee until May 31, 2018.

EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR AT TOWN SCHOOL

Background: The Town Manager will be reporting on a recent meeting with school maintenance staff and information gathered. In notes to the Selectboard the Manager did note that a Tier 2 generator, a stand by or emergency power generator, could cost $225,000 fully installed (based on a 2015 consultant report estimate). The school gym could potentially house 240 people. The American Red Cross (ARC) has worked with a retired school official on getting the school designated an ARC shelter.

Rogers stated an agreement was signed with the ARC, but it is still unclear if there was School Board approval. There are still items in contact which need clarification. Since the Town would be using the ARC shelter it is deemed the Town should share in the generator cost; and the generator would last 20+ years; and there may be an opportunity for grant funding. Stay tuned for more information.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant for November 7, 2017.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve and authorize the Manager to sign the VTrans TA65 close out agreement for the West Road Paving Grant.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to amend the Municipal Highway Grant Application for the Peloquin Road Culvert project and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the necessary document(s).

ROUND THE TABLE

Paul White: He was able to attend part of the Senate Bill 27 public hearing and provided the Board with material (comments to date) to review.

Mitchell stated last week Tessier had given a "high five" to the Fire Department for their work during the wind event. He would also like to send a big thank you to Ben Dexter, Dexter Electric for his assistance to the Town during this event.

Mitchell noted a catch basin covered with material on Quarry Hill just above the Teamsters building and would the Town to check it out before we have another storm.
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.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss contracts.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 7:48 p.m.

CANCELLATION OF MEETING

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard decided unanimously to reconsider the topic of canceling the meeting for November 14, 2017.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to cancel the regular Selectboard meeting for November 14, 2017 due to possible quorum conflicts.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

______________________________  ______________________________
Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer       Selectboard Chair

______________________________  ______________________________

______________________________  ______________________________

Barre Town Selectboard