BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
December 30, 2019

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider adopting Resolution #10-19 supporting municipal authority in Vermont’s proposed commercial cannabis system.
8. Consider approving purchase of five cardiac monitors.
11. Miscellaneous, including licenses or permits, if any.
12. ‘Round the table.
13. Executive session: personnel (action possible).
14. Adjourn

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
December 30, 2019

The duly warned meeting of December 30, 2019 was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting: Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and EMS Director Chris Lamonda.

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the minutes of December 17, 2019 with minor spelling and grammatical changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✓ If you have a Christmas tree you do not know what to do with, Barre Town’s Department of Public Works collects them to be chipped into mulch at the Town Lawn Waste Site. To make use of this free service, first remove ALL decorations from the tree, then place it by the road. Residents are not required to use this service, but do not burn the tree, send it to a landfill, or put it in a waterway or drainage way. Weather and road maintenance schedule permitting, trees will be picked up from the roadsides that are north of Route 302 between January 6th and 10th and south of Route 302 between January 13th and 17th.

✓ A reminder that the Recreation Board is hosting open Pickleball play on Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to Noon through March 15, 2020 at the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School gymnasium.

✓ When clearing snow from your property, remember that no snow is to be pushed across or into a Town road, highway, or public sidewalk, or stored in the Town right-of-way. Doing so could result in fines of $60 to $210 per offense.

GUESTS - None

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VERMONT’S PROPOSED COMMERCIAL CANNABIS SYSTEM

Background: During the December 17, 2019 meeting the Selectboard discussed the VLCT’s request to adopt a resolution similar to its sample that emphasized municipal authority in regulating, taxing and revenue-sharing of the State’s proposed commercial cannabis market system. The Board recommended a couple of revisions and the revised resolution is being considered for adoption.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt “Resolution #10-19, A Resolution Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Supporting Municipal Authority In Vermont’s Proposed Commercial Cannabis System.”
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EMS – CARDIAC MONITORS

Background: EMS Director Chris Lamonda informed the Selectboard at the last meeting that the Town has, and should have, a cardiac monitor in each of its five ambulances. The Town had been planning to make the purchase of new monitors during Fiscal Year 2020-2021. hen doing research the Director learned Zoll would sell us the monitors now, finance the purchase with a 0% interest rate, and accept the first payment in July 2020 (start of the new fiscal year). During discussion the Selectboard was concerned that purchase approval was not a warned as an actionable item and asked that it be placed on this meeting agenda.

The EMS Director confirmed with Zoll they will extend the deadline to December 30, 2019. The cost of the monitors (less trade in) would be a net price of $139,625. Financing over five years would be an annual payment of $27,925. It was also learned that Zoll would give the Town two (2) free refurbished AEDs if we make the purchase prior to January 1, 2020.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the purchase of 4 Zoll ALS monitors and 1 Zoll SCT monitor for the total price of up to $139,625, less a $20,000 trade-in for our 5 monitors for a net purchase price of up to $139,625.

2019 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS LIST #1

Background: Annually the Assessor will provide a list of properties whose property (including personal) valuation needs to be corrected after the lodging of the Grand List for the fiscal year. The deadline to correct these valuations is December 31st but they must be approved by the legislative body.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Assessor’s 2019 Grand List Errors and Omissions List as presented.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant dated December 30, 2019.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assistant Manager Wang informed the Board she needed their “available” dates to schedule the ICS 402 training.

‘ROUND TABLE

Bob Nelson wished everyone a healthy, happy, and successful 2020. The Board echoed the comment.

Paul White inquired how Department Heads are fairing with the AccuFund conversion and the budgeting process. It was noted during discussion there may need to be some additional Budget Committee meetings this year.

Tom White noted the ongoing issue with GPS mapping systems and the truck use on Sterling Hill Road. Paul White stated the TSAC has reached out to the various entities without much success.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss personnel, contracts, and real estate.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:13 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve an EMS personnel salary agreement as discussed.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair