



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Consider approving agenda.
3. Consider approving February 22, 2022 meeting minutes.
4. Acknowledge guests.
5. Questions about material received and reviewed to date.
6. Presentations by and discussion with Barre Partnership and Barre Area Development.
7. Review Ambulance Fund budget
8. Public comment, if any.....7:45 p.m.
9. Adjourn.....7:50 p.m.

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Budget Review Committee for the proposed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room, Websterville, VT.

Budget Committee Members Present: Norma Malone, Bob Nelson, Paul White, Justin Bolduc, W. John “Jack” Mitchell, Alan Garceau, Tony Amaral, Mike Gilbar, Chris Neddo, and Phil Cecchini.

Budget Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Jennifer Bushway, Finance Director Katelyn Kran, Zoning and Planning Administrator Chris Violette, and EMS Director Chris LaMonda.

Others Present: Cody Morrison, Tracey Lewis, and Bob Lord. Those present virtually: Jeff Blow, Kristen Martin, David Sichel, and Amanda H.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Budget Committee voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add 3 a.: Remote access protocols

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Budget Committee voted unanimously to approve the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical correction.

REMOTE ACCESS PROTOCOLS:

With the new audio-visual system there is now a remote access option for Budget meetings. A brief discussion took place to establish a moderator until a policy has been put in place. Chris Violette will serve as the Budget Committee Moderator for the March 1, 2022 meeting. Remote viewers were asked to raise their hand if they would like to speak.

QUESTIONS ON MATERIAL: None.

PRESENTATIONS FROM NON-FOR-PROFITS IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

Barre Partnership:

Executive Director Tracie Lewis was present. Mrs. Lewis shared an electronic version of her presentation with all Committee members.

Mrs. Lewis highlighted her work with Barre Partnership. The Barre Partnership Board has a total of 12 members with six being Barre Town residents, including work base learning students.

The following events take place to help promote Barre Partnership:

- Concerts in the park
- House decorating contest
- Animal fund
- Fall festival
- Heritage Fest

The Barre Partnership is requesting \$7,500 in FY23 compared to \$5,000 contribution for FY22.

Mrs. Lewis shared businesses can become members with a \$250.00 fee. Currently there are 84 members.

Barre Area Development Corporation (BADC):

Executive Director Cody Morrison was present. Mr. Morrison shared a presentation with Committee members prior to the meeting.

Mr. Morrison shared that BADC helps promote the community and grow the local economy.

Recent involvements include:

- Wilson Industrial Park
- Barre Town Forest
- Mills Buildings
- Montessori School

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- Knights of Columbus Building

Mr. Morrison highlighted the new businesses that BADC has been working with to help expand their businesses.

Mr. Morrison shared the BADC's budget is a 2% increase over last year.

Many comments were shared regarding the appreciation and collaboration of the 15-member BADC Board.

Barre Area Development (BADC) is requesting \$52,778.88 for FY23 compared to \$51,744 contribution for FY22.

AMBULANCE FUND:

Mr. Rogers began by giving an introduction of the EMS Department. Chris LaMonda is the EMS Director. There are currently 13 full-time employees and 12 full-time providers. The department works out of two stations that are staffed 24 hours and 365 days a year. The department has five ambulances. During the past two years covid has had a significant impact on the EMS department. Staff has been involved with testing and vaccination work. Many covid related expense that have been reimbursed by the various grants received.

The Ambulance Fund proposed budget is increasing 3.20%. (\$78,950). Mr. Rogers noted this is a typical increase over the last five years budgets.

Highlights:

- 6 lockers at Berlin's station
- Part-time administrative assistant
- Increase in wages and salaries
- Increase for billing service
- Increase in workers comp and health insurance

Revenues: Subsidies from towns, private insurances, self-pay, public insurance, paramedic intercepts, interest earnings, state grants.

Expenses: Wages, salaries, equipment (radio charges, pagers, copier, printer lease) supplies, small equipment purchase (scoop stretchers, BP cuff for Zoll, equipment storage), large equipment purchase (glide scope parts, laryngoscope, Zoll X-series monitor), building/grounds (ambulance phones, building maintenance), training (new hire orientation and Annual POT training), contracted/professional services, insurances, employee benefits, state tax.

Mr. Rogers shared there was a request for a generator circuit in the front office of the East Barre ambulance building. Mr. Rogers noted he did not add this to the budget. Mr. LaMonda explained the concerns and why there was a request for this item. Mr. Rogers noted the Town will need to consider replacing the generator in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Budget Committee Meeting of March 1, 2022 Continued:

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Budget Committee

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST: _____, Barre Town Clerk.