



Town of Barre VERMONT

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Consider approving agenda.
3. Consider approving March 15, 2022 meeting minutes.
4. Acknowledge guests.
5. Questions about material received and reviewed to date.
6. Continue review of General Fund budget.
7. Consider decision about fund budgets.
8. Public comment, if any.....7:45 p.m.
9. Adjourn.....7:55 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 22, 2022 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room, Websterville, VT.

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

Budget Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, and Finance Director Katelyn Kran.

Others Present: Recreation Board Vice Chair David Rouleau. Those attending virtually: Carol Hebert and Jeff Blow.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Malone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Alan Garceau, the Budget Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Mike Gilbar, seconded by Paul White, the Budget Committee voted unanimously to approve the March 15, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.

QUESTIONS ON MATERIAL:

Chair Malone inquired about the Records Restoration Fund. Finance Director Katelyn Kran gave a brief explanation on how the funds are being distributed.

Additionally, Chair Malone inquired about the General Government wages and added by import revenue funds in the General Fund.

CONTINUATION OF GENERAL FUND:

Review began with the continuation of the General Fund.

Culture (461): There is one account in this fund which is the contribution to The Aldrich Public Library.

Town Manager Carl Rogers distributed four documents to Committee members, which included financial information from the library audit report and answers to specific questions the Committee had in response to the library's presentation.

The library has requested a 4% increase. The Manager has budgeted for an 3% increase. Mr. Rogers asked the Committee what their thoughts where around the increase.

Mr. Gilbar expressed that based on the information and statistics the Committee received a few weeks ago he was waiting on information from the library to analyze their presentation before he was able to make a decision.

Mrs. Malone shared her concerns, noting the expectations the library has been asked of over the years.

Recreation (462): Recreation Board Vice Chair David Rouleau and member Carol Hebert were present.

Highlights of the Recreation Fund include:

- Full-time Recreation Director
- Repairs for improvements for skatepark features
- Replacement of baseball field light poles
- Restroom light retrofit
- Baseball field dugout roofs
- Survey to acquire East Barre bike path
- Tree removal along Millstone Hill West bike path and at playgrounds

Town Manager Carl Rogers gave an overview of the items that are not included in the FY 22-23 budget. Mr. Rogers noted the significant changes which include, wood chip supply and port-a-let service fees.

Expenses: wages/salaries, overtime (service to rec area), town equipment charges (mowers, skid steer, truck, DPW equipment), small equipment purchases (pressure washer, string trimmer), other supplies (wood chips, fertilizer, grass seed, soccer nets), program expenses (Egg Hunt, Tennis, Winter trail grooming, festivals), capital improvements (skate-park improvements, baseball pole replacement), other building supplies (Mutt mitts, light bulbs for restrooms), electrical work (restroom light upgrade), landscaping and

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grass cutting (8 sites contracted out), portalets, engineering (survey of East Barre bike path), miscellaneous contract work (energy audit at 22 Wilson Street, basketball court work).

Mr. Rouleau commented he is very happy on how the budget was presented. He expressed that he is hopeful the Recreation Director position will be considered as he believes this position will benefit the Town.

The Committee discussed the use of ARPA funds for replacing the recreation field poles. Currently there are five baseball field poles that are in the FY 22-23 budget to be replaced (\$75,000). Conversation focused on the use of ARPA funds to complete the entire project. Board members suggested checking with GMP on their source of replacing poles.

Insurances (481): police and fire liability, public officials’ liability, employment practices, commercial blanket bond (theft of money or property by Town employees or officials).

Benefits (486): workers compensation, unemployment, retirement, health insurance premium, health insurance buyout, health savings account, social security, disability, and life insurance.

Mr. Rogers gave a brief overview of some of the smaller budgets.

WHITE BOARD ITEMS:

Committee members reviewed white board items for points of discussion.

011.421.281/ 1 spare pistol \$750.00: Consensus is to add an additional \$750.00 to this line item.

Committee consensus is to meet next week for one hour and fifteen minutes to review the white board items and final approval of the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Mike Gilbar, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Budget Committee meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.