

Town of Barre
Budget Committee
February 14, 2017
Meeting Minutes

The Barre Town Budget Committee held a public meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Committee members present were: Tom White, Rolland Tessier, Jack Mitchell, Bob Nelson, Jerry Parrot, Justin Bolduc, Norma Malone and Rob LaClair. Others present were: Donna Kelty, Carl Rogers, Elaine Wang, Harry Hinrichsen, and Richard Tetreault.

Chairman Tom White called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

On a motion by Rolland Tessier, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

Following a motion by Tessier, seconded by Nelson, to approve the February 7, 2017 meeting minutes, Jerry Parrot noted his name is not Gerry. With that correction, the Committee voted all in favor of approving the February 7 meeting minutes.

Rogers shared information about the tire pressure scan tool. He relayed information from shop foreman Mike Martel. Martel wrote that after collecting more information he doesn't think buying the scan tool is worth it. That item was removed from the board of future discussion items.

Rogers advised the Committee of the plans for the Library and Barre Partnership to make their presentations. The proposed Highway Fund budget was handed out.

The Committee reviewed budgets for the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, Sewer Fund and highlights of the Water Fund budget. There were questions about how the SCIF money was invested, why Sewer Fund revenues exceed expenses, the impact of wastewater volume on treatment cost and what the Town was doing to find infiltration and inflow, and the difference between actual expense and amount budgeted. The Committee asked staff to look into what would be needed to study wastewater flow at key manhole junctions. How much would engineering, equipment, and staff time cost?

The Committee discussed scheduling. The Committee picked February 28 for a double session (meet before and after the selectboard meeting). They scratched March 8 as a possible extra meeting night and selected March 16 and 20 as possible extra meeting nights.

The next meeting will start with review of the Water Fund revenues. At 8:00 pm on a motion by Nelson, seconded by Parrot, the Committee voted 8-0 to recess the meeting until February 21.

Budget Committee Members

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