

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 13, 2018

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of February 6, 2018.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guest (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider approving the 2018 Highway mileage certificate.
8. Consider approving Finance and Maintenance Agreement with VTrans for High Risk Rural Roads sign work on Middle Road.
9. Consider approving list of roads approved for travel by loads not to exceed state highway weight limits.
10. Consider adopting Resolution No. 1-18 approving financing for a 10-wheeled dump truck.
11. Consider approving documents for financing a 10-wheeled dump truck.
12. Consider approving new price for selling 22 Buick Street.
13. Consider approving acquisition of easements from the owners of 133 Mill Street (for the East Barre sidewalk project).
14. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for February 13.
15. Miscellaneous - including Dollar General's second class liquor license, and others if any.
16. Round the table.
17. Executive session: contract, labor relations.
18. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 13, 2018

The duly warned meeting of February 13, 2018 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Tom White, W. John "Jack" Mitchell (arrived at 8:10 p.m.), Bob Nelson, and Rolland Tessier. Paul White was not present.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, and Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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 accept the meeting agenda as presented. Paul White and Mitchell were not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 6, 2018 with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Paul White and Mitchell were not present for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The February newsletter is in the mail. Read about School and Town elections in March and May, town energy planning and efficiency, and the Town's new EMS service for the

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northern portion of Brookfield. If you would prefer to receive the Newsletter by email, contact the Town Manager's office at 802-479-9331 or offices @barretown.org. If you rent your home in Barre Town, you can receive the newsletter by email or pick up a copy at the Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road.

- We hope to see you at the Travis Mercy Skatepark Fundraiser pulled pork and chicken dinner and silent auction on Saturday, February 17th, 12:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School Gym.
- The Town of Barre Community Dog Park, organized by volunteers, is now ready for use. Remember to: keep your dog leashed from the Recreation area gate until the outer gate of the dog park is latched behind you and your dog; bring baggies; and pick up after your dog. A trash can is onsite for dog waste disposal. Please do not walk your dog in the school's playground. Note, even though the park is open, funding needs remain. See the Town website (www.barretown.org) for more details.
- Barre Town homeowners! This announcement applies to every single one of you. Every homeowner must file the Homestead Declaration Form (HS-122) even if you do not have to file a State income tax return? Why? If you do no you will pay the higher, non-residential school tax rate! Why pay higher taxes than you need to! Note that it is best to file early so your property tax bills for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018 are correct and adjustments are no required. The deadline to file is by April 17th - you do not want a late filing penalty of \$15.00. If you do file late, Homestead Declarations are accepted by the State until October 15th. After that you will have to pay the higher non-resident education tax rate regardless. See the Town website for a link to the form. For questions contact Joyce in the Assessor's Office who will be happy to help you. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and the phone number is 802-479-2595.
- If you want a better understanding of how your tax dollars are spent, the Town Budget Committee welcomes you to any of their meetings, each Tuesday evening, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. through March; and to tour town departments with them on the evening of Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Your EMS and Fire services will be highlighted, as well as the Public Works large equipment maintenance operations. Pizza will be served at the East Barre Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. You can join the tour bus at the Municipal Building at 5:30 p.m. or drive yourself to just those stops that most interest you. The tour schedule is posted on the Town website.

GUESTS - None

2018 HIGHWAY MILEAGE CERTIFICATE

Background: Annually municipalities in Vermont must submit their Highway Mileage Certificate to the Agency of Transportation. The Selectboard by signing the document verifies the number of miles of various types roads (local and state owned). The Town Engineer noted there are no changes (acceptances or discontinuances) of roadways during 2017. This certificate will be used to calculate our State Aid to Highways grant funding.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign the "Certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2018."

VTRANS HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS SIGN WORK - MIDDLE ROAD

Background: The Regional Planning Commission suggested Middle Road for a High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) evaluation. In 2016, the Selectboard approved the AOT sign changes, except for adding a stop sign on Meadowood. The Finance and Maintenance Agreement for this sign project was received a few weeks ago. Upon review by the Town Attorney noted some language concerns in a couple sections.

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Mitchell arrived at 8:10 p.m.

After discussion, consensus of the Board is to have the Manager obtain some clarifications within the "maintenance" section: a) can a clause be added to clarify the Town could change a speed limit sign when/if speed is altered; and b) if some signs are erected and deemed to be an impairment to drivers (such as delineators) can they be removed.

2018 OVERWEIGHT ROAD PERMIT

Background: Standard weight limit on town roads is 24,000 pounds. Towns have the authority to designate roads as LASH (Legal Limit Same As State Highways). Barre Town has its primary truck routes - Quarry Hill Road, Graniteville Road (to #773), Websterville Road, Pitman Road, Parker Road, and Sterling Hill Road (from Quarry Hill to #169) as designated LASH roads. There are no changes from the 2017 form except for the year.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to re-approve the 2017 permitted truck routes for 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

RESOLUTION #1-18 AND APPROVING DOCUMENTS FOR FINANCING

Background: The Manager provided the Board with copies of the financing documents (Municipal Leasing Consultants) for the new 10-wheel dump truck prior to the meeting.

During Board discussion the Manager noted that after our Town Attorney reviewed the documents he advised a few minor revisions which must be approved by MLC.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adopt the Town of Barre, Vermont Resolution #1-18 (lease purchasing) and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the accompanying lease financing documents with Municipal Leasing Consultants if the escrow agreement is amended as outlined by the Town Attorney in his email dated February 13, 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

SELLING PRICE FOR 22 BUICK STREET PROPERTY

Background: The Selectboard is being asked to reaffirm their decision regarding the selling price for the property known as 22 Buick Street (obtained through tax sale).

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to set the selling price for the town owned parcel known as 22 Buick Street at \$32,500. Paul White was not present for the vote.

EASEMENT ACQUISITION FOR EAST BARRE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Background: The Selectboard is being asked to approve payment to the owners of 133 Mill Street for two temporary construction easements and one permanent easement for drainage in conjunction with the East Barre sidewalk project.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize payment of \$4,360 to the owners of 133 Mill Street, Robert and Terry Somaini, for two (2) temporary construction easements and one (1) permanent easement (for drainage) as part of the East Barre sidewalk project.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant for February 6th. Paul White was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign the renewal applications for the 2018 Second Class Liquor License for DG Retail, LLC, dba Dollar General Store #14217. Paul White was not present for the vote.

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Wang stated the East Barre sidewalk easement deed has been signed, recorded and submitted to the State.

Mitchell stated he is working with Representative Rob LaClair on gathering the necessary documents regarding the Barre Town Websterville Fire District #3 water system merger. The issue to ensure the Fire District was formed correctly.

Mitchell also noted the tiles in the Fire Station need replacing. The Manager noted it is the proposed budget.

Nelson presented Mr. Mitchell with a beautifully bound leather 2018 pocket calendar which included a notepad (also known as a "Jackberry" for our beloved non-techie). Mitchell was very grateful and loved the notepad.

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 with regards to the discussion of contract and labor relations. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 8:35 p.m. for contract and labor relations. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:42 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard