

# BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 27, 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 20, 2018.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guest (for non-agenda items).
7. Discuss possible Town Charter amendments (elected auditors).
8. Consider approving Finance and Maintenance Agreement for High Risk Rural Road sign work on Middle Road.
9. Consider re-appointing delegate and alternate to C.V. Solid Waste Management District.
10. Consider approving CVSWMD's request to use the Public Works yard for a household hazardous waste collection.
11. Consider authorizing signing of ambulance service contract with Brookfield.
12. Consider plans for March 13, 2018 meeting.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for February 27, 2018.
14. Miscellaneous - second class liquor license for Coco Mart Inc. and others, if any.
15. Round the table.
16. Executive session: personnel (action expected).
17. Adjourn.

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 27, 2018

The duly warned meeting of February 27, 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, Paul White, and W. John "Jack" Mitchell. Bob Nelson and Rolland Tessier were absent.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m.

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

### APPROVE THE AGENDA

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to accept the meeting agenda as presented. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

### MINUTES

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 13, 2018 with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Tuesday is Vermont's traditional Town Meeting Day. In Barre Town that means voting on the school budgets and electing school board members. Voting on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 is conducted in the Barre Town School gym from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. it

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is too late now, assuming you are watching this on Friday night or Saturday morning, to request an early voting ballot be mailed to you. However, on Monday, March 5, 2018 residents can vote in the Town Clerk's office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. A sample ballot is posted on the Town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)).

- The 2016-2017 Town Report is at the printers. Look for it at neighborhood stores and town offices soon.
- You are invited to the budget Committee's Town Department Tour and Open House the evening of Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Join the tour 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 ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)) and at grocery stores around town.
- Do you have a dog or cat that is due for a rabies shot? The Barre Town Fire Department's rabies clinic will be held Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station. The fee is \$15 per pet. If you and your dog live in Barre Town, you may license your dog at the same time.

**GUESTS - None**

**POSSIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENT - ELECTED AUDITORS**

Background: The Selectboard had requested information on the possibility of eliminating the position of elected auditor. Their current duties deal primarily with the Annual Town Report (proofing, preparing the delinquent taxpayer report, and the dedication). All fiscal duties are done by the Bookkeeping Department and outside CPA firm which audits annually.

Attorney Monte informed the Board this is a two-part process. Item one is to amend the Town Charter and provide language (mirroring state law) to allow the positions of elected auditors to be abolished and the second item would be to put a ballot question before the voters. The Charter amendment could be placed on the May 2018 Town Meeting ballot. Selectboard members agreed this should be placed on the next meeting agenda for a decision. Should the Board choose to proceed an ad will be placed in the paper on March 20, 2018. Then there would be two public hearings during April, followed with the charter amendment articles being placed on the May 2018 Town Meeting ballot.

**HIGH RISK RURAL ROAD SIGN WORK - MIDDLE ROAD**

Background: The Selectboard previously approved the Middle Road sign work in 2016. When the Finance and Maintenance Agreement came this winter, Section 6 language raised red flags. The Town was seeking clarification regarding changing of speed limits/signs in the future and the fact there was no termination date on the responsibility to maintain the signs as the state installed them. If the Town were to buy these signs the cost would be about \$1,130.

Discussion included:

- Liability issues to the Town if the proposed signs as installed by the State were not maintained - the Town could be held liable for damages.
- The likelihood of the State denying a speed limit change is small.
- The Town has already approved and installed HRRR signs on East Cobble Hill and Cutler Corner Road.
- Bringing some of the signs up to current MUTCD standards is always good.

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to table making a decision on the Middle Road High Risk Rural Road sign work until the next meeting (March 6, 2016). Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

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Attorney Monte left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

### **DELEGATES FOR CVSWMD**

Background: The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) is looking for reappointments/appointments to its Board of Supervisors. Our current representatives are Fred Thumm (delegate) and Jack Mitchell (alternate). Both are willing to serve again.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Tom White, the Selectboard voted to appoint Fred Thumm as delegate and W. John "Jack" Mitchell as alternate to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors for the period April 2018 through March 2019. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

### **USE OF DPW FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

Background: The CVSWMD has used the Barre Town DPW yard for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection events for many years with no issue. They are once again requesting use of the DPW yard, 129 Websterville Road to hold an event on May 5, 2018.

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's use of the Barre Town DPW yard (129 Websterville Road) for a household hazardous waste collection on May 5, 2018 and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the approval letter. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

### **AMBULANCE CONTRACT WITH BROOKFIELD**

Background: The Town has agreed to provide ambulance service to the northern section of Brookfield. The contract was prepared and signed by the Brookfield Selectboard. It is now time for the Town to sign.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign an EMS Contract with the Town of Brookfield for the period of January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

### **PLAN FOR MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> SELECTBOARD MEETING**

Background: The Budget Tour will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This means the regular meeting cannot begin at 8:00 p.m. The Manager is asking the Board if they want to hold a brief meeting following the tour or cancel.

Consensus of the Board is to hold a brief meeting at 8:40 p.m. to sign warrants.

### **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 27, 2018. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign a 2018 Second Class Liquor License for CoCo Mart Inc. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

**'ROUND THE TABLE**

Mitchell inquired about the muddy road situation. There was a brief discussion. Tom White read an email from Bob Nelson (absent due to illness) thanking the DPW for how they handled the "muddy road event" in his area last week.

Mitchell expressed his frustration with the criminal justice system and how it is not working.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard found that premature general knowledge would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to the discussion of personnel. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for personnel. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard approved buying out 40 hours of annual leave time from Lynn Doney. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Nelson and Tessier were not present for the vote.*

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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