

# BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 11, 2018

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of August 28, 2018.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Recognition for Police Officer Ben Hammond.
8. Consider Lafaille's request for sharing cost of water line extension.
9. Consider Barre City's request to use lawn waste site during October.
10. Consider designating a voting delegate to the VLCT Annual Business meeting.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for September 4 and 11.
12. Miscellaneous: a) catering permit for Thunder Road rodeo; b) other licenses and permits, if any.
13. Round Table.
14. Executive session: personnel (action possible), contracts and labor negotiations.
15. Adjourn.

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2018

The duly warned meeting of September 11, 2018 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Norma Malone, W. John "Jack" Mitchell and Paul White. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Asst. Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Police Chief William Dodge, Officer Ben Hammond, Darcy Hammond, Corbett Hammond, Nicole Poulin and numerous Barre Town Police Officers.

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

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

### APPROVE THE AGENDA

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the meeting agenda as amended: add item 10A for the sale of a used ambulance. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

### MINUTES

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the meeting minutes of August 28, 2018 with minor grammatical and spelling corrections. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Save the date for the Barre Town Recreation Board's free family fun Fall Festival on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Recreation Area picnic shelter. Come for the hay bale maze which will be twice as big as last year's, story time, pumpkin bowling, and more.

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- Fall Bulk Trash Collection is Saturday, September 15, 2018. Board member Mitchell informed the viewing audience and those present that changes will be coming for the Spring 2019 collection. As a reminder for those planning to dispose of items this Saturday we ask that you help us make the lines move faster by doing the following:
  1. Place all loose debris (shingles, plaster, small pieces of lumber, etc.) in containers. Make sure lumber is in easily handled lengths. Those not packing materials accordingly may be placed off to the side for later unloading.
  2. WE DO NOT TAKE METAL ITEMS such as appliances, gas grills, bicycles, metal fencing. Other items not accepted are household trash, hazardous waste, or electronics. These items can be delivered to the Recycling Depot. Yard waste can be deposited at the Holden Road Lawn Waste Site.
- As we enter leaf-raking season, a reminder that the Town lawn waste site is available to accept your leaves and other lawn waste 4 days a week: Mondays, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon, and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to Noon. There will also be additional hours of service in October. Check the newsletter or website for those. The lawn waste site is on Holden Road near the top of the hill and the Rock of Ages Visitor's Center.
- If you do not have a house number posted so that it is clear to someone on the main road and if you were to need emergency services at your home, emergency personnel might not be able to find you as quickly. The Town makes it easy by selling house number signs for \$10 that you can post at the start of your driveway, on your house, or other clearly visible location. To order your sign contact the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.
- VT-Alert is a public safety notification system that the State uses to generate alerts to the public. Barre Town is also allowed to use the system to send alerts regarding public safety emergencies, weather hazards, road closures, public health, and the like. To receive these types of alerts, go to [VTAlert.gov](http://VTAlert.gov) and sign up. For more information see your August newsletter or visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org).

**GUESTS - None**

**RECOGNITION OF BARRE TOWN POLICE OFFICER**

Background: Police Officer Ben Hammond has recently returned from a 5 to 6 month tour of duty in Afghanistan. The Police Chief would like to recognize Ben for his service to country.

Police Chief Dodge introduced Officer Ben Hammond and his family (wife Darcy and son Corbett). A brief history of Hammond's military career was noted. The latest overseas tour was his third.

Chief Dodge, a huge supporter of the military, wanted to extend a big thank you to Officer Hammond and his family for the sacrifices they have made to country.

Officer Hammond has been and will continue to be an asset to the Barre Town Police Department. Since 2011 he has taken on numerous extra roles in addition to his patrol officer duties. His most recent accomplishments include becoming a Field Training Officer, completing an evidence education course which included a rewrite of the Department Evidence Policy, providing cost savings to the department with regards to the management/storage of body camera videos, and is also in charge of the drug take-back program. The Police Department does have a vacant Corporal position. There were two candidates (one was Officer Hammond) and each was given the opportunity to serve as interim Corporal for a short period of time. Chief Dodge stated that Office Hammond performed his duties as acting Corporal nearly flawlessly.

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The Chief stated tonight will be "Officer" Hammond's last appearance with that title as he is being promoted to the position of "Corporal." Needless to say, Hammond was surprised but his family and fellow department staff were not. Corbett Hammond presented his father with his promotion pin. Photos and congratulatory comments were given by those present.

**REQUEST FOR SHARING COST OF WATER LINE EXTENSION**

Background: Mike and Nicole Lafaille have finished the water line extension and service to their house. The road patching is complete. However, there may still be a need for restoration work. The Board asked Mr. Lafaille for the project cost (to be presented at this meeting). DPW Superintendent Tetreault provided the Board with an estimate had the Town done the work (\$4,650). Mr. and Ms. Lafaille are asking to be reimbursed some part of his expense for laying the 2" water line along East Cobble Hill because the 2" line extension could be part of the Town water distribution system. The Town does not have a policy regarding this type of request.

Mr. Lafaille was not present. The Manager stated he believed Mr. Lafaille had received his bill but was waiting for a breakout from the contractor. The item was passed over to allow the Manager to obtain more information.

**BARRE CITY'S REQUEST TO USE LAWN WASTE SITE**

Background: Twice a year (May spring cleanup and October primarily for leaf disposal) Barre City asks permission for its residents to use the Holden Road Lawn Waste site. City residents' use of the site has not led to any problems. The Town is reimbursed 50% of our labor and equipment expenses on days City residents can go there. The dates are determined by the Town Manager.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve Barre City residents' use of the lawn waste site from October 13 to October 28, 2018 during the days and times the site is usually open and to bill the City of Barre 50% of the Town's labor and equipment expenses on those days. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

**VOTING DELEGATE TO THE VLCT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Background: The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) annual business meeting is on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 in South Burlington. The Manager has served as a delegate in the past. However, there is also a PACIF annual meeting occurring at the same time so he is not available to be the delegate for the VLCT meeting.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to appoint Elaine Wang as the Barre Town Voting Delegate to the VLCT Annual Business meeting on October 3, 2018 and to authorize the Vice-Chair to sign. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT (1)**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrants for September 11, 2018. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spiritous Liquors for JDW Corporation*

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*(dba as Gusto's) for an event to be held at the Thunder Road Rodeo event on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

### **'ROUND THE TABLE**

Manager Rogers stated he hopes to complete the East Barre Fire Station roofing project before winter. It is anticipated the Selectboard will be selecting a contractor to do this work during their September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mitchell made inquiries on the DPW report: The yellow tabs do mean the center line tabs on the newly paved road. He also noted the paving this year has been very good.

Malone inquired when the Websterville Fire District audit will commence - Rogers stated some work has been done. The Town annual audit is scheduled to commence October 8 through 10<sup>th</sup>.

Malone inquired on the status of the discontinuance at Morrison and Jensen Roads. The holdup is doing the research on the Jensen section. Rogers stated should the Bond family need the Morrison side done sooner to let him know.

Paul White stated the Newport, VT ordinance on marijuana did not address the gifting or other things he had hoped for. Rogers stated he will contact the VLCT and inquire if other communities have ordinances so we can obtain the copies.

Congratulations as the Town has received another \$8,000 in Facility grant money for the Lower Graniteville playground renovation. Wang stated that while it was not the entire \$16,000 she is grateful for at least half.

The East Barre sidewalk project is underway. Concrete pouring should be completed this week and the minor paving work next week. Wang thanked the neighbors who have been great during the construction disruptions.

### **SALE OF AMBULANCE**

Manager Rogers stated the bids on GovDeals. Com for 2012 Chevy Ambulance closed and the minimum price was not met. However, after speaking with the Shop Foreman and past experience, the staff would like to recommend the Selectboard accept the high bid. It was noted this is the second time the ambulance was placed on the site for sale.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to sell the 2012 Chevy ambulance to the high bidder on GovDeals.com at their bid price of \$6,400. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

### **WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT (2)**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrants for September 4, 2018. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge would put the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss personnel, contracts, and labor contract*

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*negotiations with possible action expected. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:30 p.m. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the personnel request as presented during Executive Session. Tom White and Bob Nelson were not present for the vote.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Tom White and Bob Nelson 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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**Barre Town Selectboard**