

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**April 16, 2019**

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 9, 2019 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Department Head visits: a) Public Works Superintendent; b) Police Chief.
8. Consider introducing (first reading) of an ordinance amending restrictions on conduct of Town recreation properties.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for April 16, 2019.
10. Miscellaneous and other licenses and permits, if any.
11. 'Round the table.
12. Executive session: labor contract (action possible) and personnel.
13. Adjourn.

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**April 16, 2019**

The duly warned meeting of April 16, 2019 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, Bob Nelson, and Paul White. Tom White was not present.

Attendance for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kely, Police Chief William Dodge, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, Recreation Board members Terry Smith and Dave Rouleau, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

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

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the meeting agenda as amended: Item 9 - delete the word Wind and add Windy Wood Road; and Item 11- add approval of a 2019 Second Class Liquor License for Rickies Shell & Deli. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 9, 2019 with minor spelling and grammatical correction. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✓ A last reminder that the Annual Barre Town and Barre City Recreation Egg Hunt at Charlie's Playground in Barre City on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Your 3 to 10 year old should have their own bag or basket to collect eggs.
- ✓ Barre Town votes have 3 elections coming up. May 8<sup>th</sup> is the Town of Barre Open Meeting held at the Barre Town Offices at 149 Websterville Road, with voting from the floor to authorize some basic Town functions. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be ballot voting at the Barre Town School gym from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. On the Town ballot will be elections of officers, donations to nonprofits, elected official wages, and the Barre Town budgets. More information on the budget can be found at

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[www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) or in the April edition of the Barre Town Newsletter (which will be in your mailboxes soon). Also on the ballot will be the Barre Unified Union School District budget (which combines the three schools – Barre Town, Barre City, and Spaulding High School). There is a separate ballot question for the Central Vermont Career Center. Sample ballots are posted on the Barre Town website. The Town Clerk reminded residents the early ballots are available. You can stop by the office and vote, email ([wmoore@barretown.org](mailto:wmoore@barretown.org)) or call 802-479-9391 to request a ballot be mailed to you.

- ✓ The Town plans to open the lawn waste site for your residential yard waste on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Check the Town website for updates and other days of the week it will be open.
- ✓ Green Up Day this year is Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Supplies are now available at the Town Manager’s Office. Stop in to pick up bags and gloves, reserve the section of road you and any of your fellow volunteers plan to green up. You can also reserve by calling 802- 479-9331 to reserve.
- ✓ Also on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is the first Household Hazardous Waste Collection of the year. From 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will be at the Barre Town Public Works Yard located at 129 Websterville Road. The fee is \$20 per car load.
- ✓ The spring Bulk Trash Collection will be on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Public Works yard. Note fees have been increased for the first time in many years, and that some of the increase will subsidize a pilot mattress recycling program run by the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District and the Town.  
  
The mattress recycling program, new fee schedule, the importance of packing your vehicle appropriately were noted.
- ✓ Vice Chair Mitchell announced that last week in executive session, the Selectboard approved raises for the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager for FY '18-'19 as discussed.

**GUESTS – None**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD QUARTERLY VISIT**

Background: Quarterly the Department Heads provide reports to the Selectboard. Those reporting tonight are the Department of Public Works Superintendent and the Police Chief.

DPW Superintendent: Richard Tetreault noted this has been a long winter. The crews have been out about 20 times more this year than last. To date 2,814 tons of road salt, 5,726 yards of sand, and 17 tons of cold patch have been used. The Board gave kudos to the DPW staff for the great work they have been doing for winter road maintenance. The shared plowing of roads with the Town of Orange has worked well this year. “Knock on wood,” there have been no major equipment issues.

Police Chief: William Dodge provided the Board with a written quarterly report. He commented on the training, staffing, grants, and budget. The Department has been working hard to minimize overtime wages. To date (9 months into the fiscal year) only 44% of the budgeted overtime wages have been spent. Recruitment shortages (statewide) and job challenges were discussed.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENT (FIRST READING)**

Background: In December 2018 the Selectboard adopted an ordinance changing many of the provisions for recreation properties which included possession and consumption of alcohol. Three of the four softball leagues expressed concern over the strict prohibition on alcohol. They claimed there have been few alcohol related behavior issues. The Police Chief

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had a similar opinion. The Recreation Board voted to ask the Selectboard to amend the ordinance once again. A draft can be found on the Town website.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to ready by title only “An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Amending Conduct Provisions Relating to Town Recreation Properties.” Tom White was not present for the vote.*

Recreation Board members Dave Rouleau and Terry Smith were present for the discussion. Major concerns: the document pertains to all playgrounds and parks, not just the baseball fields at the main field; the willingness of the Leagues to educate their players on alcohol/tobacco use, and does e-cigarettes fall under tobacco use.

By consensus the Ordinance will be reworded and the Town Attorney will be consulted on the “e-cigarette” question. It will be re-introduced at another meeting.

### **PARTIAL CLOSING OF HILL STREET AND WINDY WOOD ROAD**

Background: Granite City Fitness Group proposes to have its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K on Saturday, April 27, 2019. The race would start at the New Life Assembly Church on Hill Street. The course will begin on Hill Street from the Church to Windy Wood Road; go out Windy Wood Road to turn around near Sugar Woods Road. Granite City has submitted a certificate of insurance but are requesting help from the Police Department. Two officers are requested: one on Hill Street to start the race and then would proceed to the turnaround point; and the second would be at the Windy Wood Road/Hill Street intersection. The race is a fund-raiser for Courtney’s Allies. Since this is a fund-raiser and the Police expense is low there is no fee for the officers’ time, per Selectboard policy.

For safety reasons, the west bound lane of Hill Street would be closed from the Church to the intersection. The intersection for traffic onto Windy Wood would be closed while runners and walkers pass through. The organizers expect 50 people.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to authorize the partial closing of Hill Street and the Hill Street/Windy Wood Road intersection on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from approximately 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., per Vermont Statutes, Title 23, Chapter 13, Section 1010. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated April 16, 2019. Bob Nelson recused himself from the vote. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the 2019 Second Class Liquor License for Rickies Shell and Deli. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

### **‘ROUND TABLE**

Norma Malone inquired when the EMS Director would be presenting his quarterly report. Rogers stated next week.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, 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 was not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:22 p.m. for labor contract and personnel. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

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*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:42 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Tom White was 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***