

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
April 23, 2019

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 16, 2019 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Discuss Friends of the Winooski River's proposed stormwater plans for the DPW Yard and for recreation area.
8. Department Head visit with EMS Director.
9. Discuss proposed parks and recreation conduct ordinance amendments.
10. Review Personnel Policy.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for April 23, 2019.
12. Miscellaneous and other licenses and permits, if any.
13. 'Round the table.
14. Executive session: labor contract (action possible) and personnel.
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 23, 2019

The duly warned meeting of April 23, 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, EMS Director Chris Lamonda, Michele Braun, Dana Allen, Recreation Board Chair Douglas Farnham, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the meeting agenda as amended: Delete item 14 Executive Session. Tom White was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 16, 2019 with minor spelling and grammatical correction. Tom White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Hopefully you heard that the Annual Barre Town and Barre City Recreation Egg Hunt was rescheduled due to the flood watch. It will be held at Charlie's Playground in Barre City on Saturday, April 27th starting at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Your 3 to 10 year old should have their own bag or basket to collect eggs.
- ✓ You are invited to the Town of Barre Open Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Barre Town Offices. Also please vote May 14th, at the Barre Town School gym from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Town and Union School District budgets and other business. More information on the budget can be found at www.barretown.org or in the April edition of the Barre Town Newsletter. Early ballots are available. You can

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stop by the office and vote, email (wmoore@barretown.org) or call 802-479-9391 to request a ballot be mailed to you.

- ✓ Please consider volunteering to staff the Lawn Waste Site for two to three hours a week during the week. Call 802-479-9331 for more information. Speaking of which, the Lawn Waste Site is still scheduled to open this Saturday, April 27th, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Manager Rogers also noted that Joe Coates has agreed to once again open the site on Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – Noon beginning May 2nd.
- ✓ Green Up Day this year is Saturday, May 4th. 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.
- ✓ The popular Bulk Trash Collection will be on Saturday, May 11th, 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. We are looking for volunteers. Remember those who volunteer can use the service for free and get first dibs on other's trash that you may consider treasure! Mitchell noted this event is not intended for rental properties or businesses. We recognize many of you may use a business vehicle. To prove residency be sure to bring documentation (property tax bill, newsletter with address, utility bill, etc.).
- ✓ Finally please turn out for the first trail work day of the season on Sunday, April 28th at the Barre Town Forest with Millstone Trails Association. This all-volunteer group maintains the trails for all to enjoy. More hands make light work. No experience or tools necessary, although work gloves if you have them are handy. Meet at 44 Brook Street parking area (Websterville) at 8:00 a.m. More are scheduled each month.
- ✓ On April 27, 2019, the Red Cross and Fire Departments are sponsoring a "Sound the Alarm" event. Free smoke alarms are being installed throughout the community. Volunteers are needed to help with the installation. If you would like to volunteer or to have a free smoke alarm installed contact the Red Cross at 1-800-464-6692. For more information on the event visit the website (<https://www.redcross.org/local/new-hampshire-vermont/about-us/news-and-events/events/sound-the-alarm-barre.html>).

GUESTS – None

STORMWATER PLANS FOR DPW YARD & RECREATION AREA

Background: The Friends of the Winooski River will be discussing the proposed stormwater plans for the Department of Public Works (DPW) area and a new approach for the Recreation Area. Executive Director Michele Braun and the Watershed Consulting Engineer, Dana Allen were present.

During the meeting several months ago the proposal for the DPW area included what seemed to be a very large retention pond. This concerned the Board as it could impact future building plans. Dana Allen informed the Board there has been a revision which incorporates an underground system which operates like a coffee filter. The system will slow down and filter run-off. System maintenance, grant funding, a life expectancy of 25 – 50 years with good maintenance, and it will have a HS90 load rating (meaning our heavy vehicles can travel across the surface) were noted. The cost will be more than the retention pond but will have a much smaller footprint on the property and it does not appear to impact any future building plans. Town participation and impact to grant application costs were noted as well.

More research is needed to determine if the cistern system for collecting roof runoff can be included in the grant application. It was noted the collection of this water could be used for various projects in the town (dust control on gravel/dirt roads, construction projects, etc.), thus eliminating the need to use filtered/well/quarry water.

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The Recreation Area design includes many facets to include different ownership. The Friends of the Winooski River have met and will be meeting again with the neighboring property owner (St. Sylvester Cemetery) for more discussion. More information will be forthcoming.

By consensus, the Selectboard agreed to accept the change for the DPW garage and proceed with the final design plans in preparation for a possible Fall grant application.

DEPARTMENT HEAD QUARTERLY VISIT

Background: Quarterly the Department Heads provide reports to the Selectboard. The EMS Director will be reporting tonight.

EMS Director Chris Lamonda: Highlights include: descriptions of the various rates (ALS, BLS, No Transport, and SCT), billing options to include collection services are still being explored (to include the current billing process), concern with the increase in numbers for being primary coverage of a non-contract Town/City, possibly amending future Town contracts to include payment of ambulance trips which remain unpaid, and the collecting of insurance information from patients.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT DISCUSSION PARKS & RECREATION CONDUCT

Background: As requested at the last Selectboard meeting Town Attorney Monte was contacted to weigh in on some legal questions (liability, does tobacco products include e-cigarettes, smoking in public places) with regards to the proposed ordinance amendment for Park & Recreation Conduct.

Discussion produced some clarification/interpretation needs with regards to enforcement, e-cigarettes are tobacco substitutes and now included in the amendment rewrite, and State prohibition on smoking only applies to indoor public spaces.

By Selectboard consensus, the rewrite of the proposed ordinance amendment is acceptable. The hearing process can begin with the May 7th meeting.

PERSONNEL POLICY

Background: The Assistant Manager, in the on-going review of the proposed Personnel Policy, has made some changes which were provided to the Board for review prior to the meeting.

Conversation focused on answers to previous questions, rewording of the Summer Seasonal bonus to reflect current practice, and the last Appendix.

By consensus of the Board, the Asst. Manager will contact the absent Chair for his comments. A clean draft will be provided to the Board for review to ensure all requested changes during the last several months have been incorporated. Adoption of the policy will be discussed following the Town Attorney's review of the final draft.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated April 23, 2019. Tom White was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

'ROUND TABLE

Norma Malone inquired if the Open Meeting on May 8th was going to be televised. Rogers stated it has not been in the past. CVTV will check on camera availability. Further discussion was to determine if the Selectboard meeting should be held on Wednesday, May 8th or leave it on Tuesday, May 7th. This topic will be on next weeks' agenda.

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Paul White inquired if the Board was going to receive a report from Assessor Russ Beaudin as stated in the contract. Rogers will check on the progress.

Mitchell thanked those that provided the lovely fresh air this evening. He also thanked Town staff for keeping the agenda “easy” this past couple of meetings while he served as Chair.

He reminded those present the Town Budget video will be taped on Monday April 29th, 6:00 p.m. Do not wear black/white or stripes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard