

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 8, 2019

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 30, 2019 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider first reading (introduction of an ordinance revising the conduct standards for Town recreation areas.
8. Consider awarding contracts: a) road crack sealing; b) pavement markings; and c) painting road lines.
9. Consider authorizing a Special Event Permit for Rock Fire.
10. Consider re-appointments to the CV Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for May 8, 2019.
12. Miscellaneous: a) fireworks permit for the Canadian Club; and b) other licenses and permits, if any.
13. 'Round the table.
14. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 8, 2019

The duly warned meeting of May 8, 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: Tom White, Norma Malone, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Paul White.

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

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 30, 2019 with minor spelling and grammatical correction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Last reminder to vote on May 14th at the Barre Town School gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Town and Union School District budgets and other business. You can vote early! Call the Clerk's Office at 802-479-9391, email your request (dkelty@barretown.org), or stop by the office to vote in person. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Budget booklets, to prepare you for voting, are available as of Friday, May 3, 2019 at Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Hannaford, Lawson's Store, Trow Hill Grocery, Graniteville General Store, and the Municipal Building. Also look for a "budget presentation" on the local access channel.
- ✓ The Lawn Waste Site is open Mondays 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. – Noon, and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – Noon. It will also be open Wednesday May 15th.

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One more volunteer would allow it to be open the same number of days as in recent years. Call 802-479-9331 for more information.

- ✓ Quarterly property taxes are due Wednesday, May 15, 2019.
- ✓ Do you know what a vernal pool is? It is a temporary wetland that is important to many species of animals. You might have one in your backyard. Regular viewers may recall the Selectboard approving a vernal pool monitoring project in the Barre Town Forest by the Vermont Center for Ecosystem Studies. The Center will be back on Saturday, May 25th to present a vernal pool workshop at the Barre Town Municipal Building at 10:00 a.m. They will describe how you can play a part in vernal pool conservation in Vermont. At 11:00 a.m. we will reconvene at the Barclay Quarry Road parking lot for the Town Forest and for a guided exploration of the monitored vernal pool in the Barre Town Forest. Hope to see you on May 25th.
- ✓ A final reminder for those Friday night and Saturday night viewers. The Spring Bulk Trash Collection will be held Saturday, May 11, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Be sure to read the Town newsletter or visit the website for what items WILL NOT be accepted. Also with rain on Friday, be sure to cover your mattresses if you pack early to ensure they are dry. Remember the collection at the DPW Garage on Websterville Road is for town residents only. Central Vermont Solid Waste District customers will use the Pitman Road facility to dispose of their mattresses.

GUESTS – None

FIRST READING (INTRODUCTION)

ORDINANCE REVISING THE CONDUCT FOR RECREATION AREAS

Background: The Selectboard first introduced this amendment in April 2019. However, due to revisions the process has started again. The proposed ordinance relates to the conduct in the Barre Town recreation areas.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only “An Ordinance of the Town of Barre Amending Conduct Provisions Relating to Town Recreation Properties.”

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance “An Ordinance of the Town of Barre Amending Conduct Provisions Relating to Town Recreation Properties” to a second reading on May 21, 2019.

VARIOUS CONTRACTS

Contracts include road crack sealing, pavement markings, and road lines.

Road Crack Sealing: The FY '18-'19 budget is \$21,000 for crack sealing. A couple of minor changes were made to our bid specifications which were mailed to five companies. Two bids were received. NICOM bid \$12.00 per gallon of sealer applied, Sealcoating Inc. (dba Indus) bid \$18.47 per gallon. NICOM has done the Town's sealing almost every year and does a good job.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 road crack sealing contract to NICOM Coatings Corporation at their bid price of \$12.00 per gallon.

Pavement Markings: The pavement markings contract is for painting all stop bars, yield bars, lettering, crosswalks and miscellaneous markings, except on roads to be paved later in the summer. Specification were mailed to 10 companies. Two bids were received - L&D Safety Markings Corp (\$5,740.50) and Hi-way Safety Systems Inc. (\$4,008.50). The remaining fiscal year budgeted amount is \$16,427.66. Hi-way Safety Systems has painted for the Town in the past. The contract completion deadline is June 28th.

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On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the Spring 2019 pavement markings contract to Hi-way Safety Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$4,008.50.

Road lines: The road line contract is for double yellow center lines on 15 Class 3 roads and single white edge lines on 15 roads. The State paints the yellow center lines on Class 2 roads. Specifications were mailed to eight companies and only one bid was received from Hi-way Safety Systems (\$12,419.16).

The Town paints a double yellow center lines on 19 Class 3 roads. We re-paint every spring, unless the road is being paved that summer. The Town does all the white edge line painting. The rule of thumb is the lines are re-painted every other spring, unless the road is being paved that summer.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the 2019 Spring road line painting contract to Hi-way Safety Systems in the amount of \$12,419.16.

During the motion discussion, it was noted the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee was working on a Road Line Policy. Nothing has been presented to the Selectboard. Consensus is it would be nice at minimum for TSAC to provide a list of roads stating which roads should have painted road lines.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – ROCK FIRE

Background: Rock Fire will be on two nights again this year. On Friday June 28th there will be a heritage/history walk. It will be centered at the Millstone Lodge on Littlejohn Road. There will be a concert before the walks begin at dark. An admission fee is charged, thus the requirement for a Special Event Permit. The Friday night walk features small campfires, actors re-enacting historical moments in the granite industry. The walk is almost entirely on the Couture property and crosses Littlejohn Road. In addition to seeking a special event permit he is asking to have Littlejohn Road closed (6:00 p.m. – Midnight) by Donahue Road and Sabetto Street. Mr. Couture is also asking to have a police officer be assigned to the Donahue Road end. He is also recruiting Norwich University students help for the Sabetto Road end.

On Saturday, the organizers ask that the 44 Brook Street parking area be closed, except for the Rock Fire performers (musicians). That parking area would be closed at 6:00 p.m. Once again Littlejohn Road would be closed at the same time/locations as Friday night. Another police officer is requested to help people cross Church Hill Road at Violette Street. This would begin around 9:30 p.m. The fire walk on Saturday night is mostly in the Town Forest. Parking for the event will be Pierre Couture's field across Littlejohn Road from the Lodge.

A certificate of insurance is needed. The Fire Department will help with the large fires. The firefighters' time coupled with the police officers' time puts this event in the 50% category. Rock Fire is charged 50% of the Town's expenses for firefighters and police officers. The Recreation Board has suggested the usual clean up conditions. The Selectboard has also required Rock Fire to notify the Clark family (reside on Littlejohn Road) of the event and to give the Clarks a pass that will get them through the roadblocks.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to issue a Special Event Permit for the Rock Fire event to be held on June 28 and June 29, 2019 with the following conditions: a) The organizers notify the Clarks no less than 2 week prior to the event and give the Clark family a pass or permit that will get them through the road blocks; b) sky lanterns are not permitted; c) all luminaries are to be removed before Saturday, July 6, 2019; d) all ashes, charred wood and unused firewood be removed from the campfire areas; e) the \$500 deposit be waived, and f) the organizers provide the Town a certificate of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.

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On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the 44 Brook Street parking area be closed at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019, except for the Rock Fire musicians, performers, and support staff which may use the parking area.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close Littlejohn Road between Sabetto Street and Donahue Road from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight on Friday, June 28 and Saturday June 29, 2019 per Title 23, Section 1010 of the Vermont State Statutes.

CV REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION’S TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Background: Annually the Town appoints a representative and alternate to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Current Town representatives are Shaun Corbett and the alternate is Rob White. Both would like to serve again.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to re-appoint Shaun Corbett representative and Rob White as alternate representative to the CV Regional Planning Commission’s Transportation Advisory Committee for a one-year term to expire May 31, 2020.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant dated May 8, 2019.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the fireworks permit for Canadian Club to hold a display on August 2, 2019 at 414 East Montpelier Road.

‘ROUND TABLE

Bob Nelson stated it was nice to read the Recreation Board minutes. He is going to make more of an effort to go online in the future to keep up on what is happening.

Paul White inquired if the gravel section of Sterling Hill Road is open and if the barricades at the intersection of Route 14 in South Barre would be erected. Manager Rogers stated the gravel road section is now open and yes, the barriers will be erected soon.

Paul White also inquired on the drainage issues of Sierra Lavin Road. Rogers stated this summer review of the area and work will be done on drainage. Possible drainage “fixes” were discussed as well as the pros and cons of those fixes.

Tom White reminded viewers to vote on May 14th.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard