

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

September 24, 2019

1. Preview of Barre Area Development's marketing plan
(at Barre City Hall) 6:00 p.m.
2. Call to order 7:15 p.m.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Consider approving agenda.
5. Consider approving September 17, 2019 meeting minutes.
6. Announcements
7. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
8. Consider applying for a C.V. Solid Waste Management District grant for mattress recycling.
9. Discuss changes to draft Purchasing Policy.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for September 24, 2019.
11. Miscellaneous: including licenses and permits if any.
12. 'Round the table.
13. Executive session: personnel.
14. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 24, 2019

The duly warned meeting of September 24, 2019 was held at 7:15 p.m. in the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville.

The following members were in attendance: Norma Malone, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson (arrived at 7:33 p.m.), Paul White, and Tom White.

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

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting was called to order at 7:15 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 agenda. Bob Nelson was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of September 17, 2019 with minor corrections to spelling and grammar as provided by the Town Clerk-Treasurer. Bob Nelson was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Annual flushing of the Barre Town water distribution system will be conducted September 30th through October 11th. The affected areas will be: Sterling Hill Development, Cherrywood Development, Lower and Upper Websterville, Wilson Industrial park, and East Barre. Those of us on Barre City water, their water department is also flushing water mains through October 11th. The affected areas include Trow Hill, Richardson Road, South Barre neighborhoods. The days of flushing in these areas, water may become cloudy or discolored. If this occurs simply run the tap until the water clears.
- ✓ Do you have unwanted or unused medications? Do not flush them down the toilet or throw them in the trash. A good, free, option is the Barre Town Police Department's medication collection box, located in the department's lobby at 149 Websterville Road. That office is staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., so during

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those time you can drop off the medications without calling ahead. At other times, contact Police Dispatch at 802-479-0509 and ask that an on-duty Officer contact you to arrange a drop off.

- ✓ Tom White announced Mr. Nelson would be late to the meeting tonight.
- ✓ On October 10, 2019, the Vermont Housing Conservation Board will be holding their annual conference. Our very own Manager Carl Rogers and Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang will be speakers. They will be sharing the process of acquiring the Barre Town Forest.

GUESTS – None

CV SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANT

Background: The CV Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) offers a Municipal Services Grant Program with awards up to \$5,000. Applications are due by October 11, 2019 for next Spring disbursement. There are seven different categories to select from. This past Spring the Town participated with CVSWMD in a mattress recycling program. The District has not decided to host another event but encouraged the Town to do so, noting the Town could apply for this grant which would help offset costs. Should the CVSWMD decide not to hold a mattress recycling event they would assist the Town with information (trucker, outlet for mattresses, and what is acceptable).

Board topics of conversation were: the application process and reporting are not cumbersome, preparing a budget for the service, assistance to operate the program is available through CVSWMD, costs for recycling of this type of material could change dramatically between now and next May, needs for the additional service items - volunteers and equipment, and participation would be limited to Town residents only.

Consensus of the Board is to have the Town Manager/staff prepare and submit the grant application to CVSWMD in the amount of \$5,000 given the cost uncertainties.

DISCUSS DRAFT PURCHASING POLICY

Background: During the last Selectboard meeting the Manager was asked to revise the draft Purchasing Policy to include language regarding the use of Federal Funds. A revision was provided for discussion purposes.

Consensus of the Board is to eliminate the Gifts or Gratuities section as it is in the Conflict of Interest Policy and revamp the section “Using Federal Funds.” The Manager will rework the proposed Policy and bring it back to the Board.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated September 24, 2019. Bob Nelson abstained due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND TABLE

Assistant Manager Wang invited the Selectboard to attend the Recreation Board Fall Festival being held this Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the Barre Town Recreation Field picnic shelter.

Manager Rogers provided the Board and viewing audience with information on the Fall Bulk Trash Event held last Saturday. There were 148 trips which is average for the past 10 years. He thanked all those that assisted. Bob Nelson thanked the Phoenix House volunteers as well.

Further Bulk Trash discussion focused on the weight of shingles and why we charge double, loose items as well as those not accepted, and the limited ability for the check-in folks to always see what is in a load.

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Jack Mitchell informed the Board of a recent article on the Vermont first responder crisis written by Don Turner (Milton). He was happy to read and concurred with the author’s findings on what areas need to be addressed: local/regional consolidation, recruitment benefits, and a conversation on the training/licensing credentialing.

Mr. Mitchell also stated he likes the “short” agendas.

Chair White stated the Aldrich Public Library Trustees would like to hold a joint City-Town dinner on October 21st or 28th. The purpose would be to tour the facilities and have a brief fiscal report. Due to scheduling, Board consensus is they would prefer to meet on Monday, October 21st – begin at 5:30 p.m. and then hold the regular Barre Town Selectboard meeting the same night perhaps in their meeting room. Chair White will relay the information to the Trustees.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:32 p.m. to discuss personnel.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard