

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**December 3, 2019**

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
6. Presentation on The Quarry Project (dance).
7. Consider approving School Resource Officer Contract.
8. Consider approving documents for lease-financing of the one-ton dump truck
9. Consider signing support form for Vermont Food Bank USDA grant application
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for December 3, 2019.
11. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
12. 'Round the table.
13. Executive session (personnel).
14. Adjourn

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**December 3, 2019**

The duly warned meeting of December 3, 2019 was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville.

The following members were in attendance: Norma Malone, Paul White, Tom White, W. John "Jack" Mitchell and Bob Nelson.

Attendance for the regular meeting: Assistant Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kely, BAD Director Joel Schwartz, Hannah Dennison, Ilene Gillander, and Brad Morse.

**CALL TO ORDER** – The regular 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 Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended: Item 13, Executive Session – add contracts.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✓ Please consider serving on the Barre Town Budget Committee, whose work over two months provides important oversight of municipal spending on operations. Anyone registered to vote in Barre Town is eligible. Do you have experience with municipal budgets? Do you have none at all? Have you lived here your whole life or recently moved here? All who are interest in the well-being of the Community are welcome to apply. Send your letter or email of interest to the Town Manager's Office. More information about the responsibilities of the Budget Committee is in the November Barre Town newsletter. If you have any questions, contact the Town Manager at 479-9331 or one of your Selectboard members.

**GUESTS - None**

**THE QUARRY PROJECT**

Background: Hannah Dennison is a choreographer who has developed unusual dance programs around the State. She has been working on a project for the Wells Lamson Quarry for over two years and with many stakeholders to understand and address liability, safety, traffic, and other concerns, including the property owner Polycor and the Barre Town Emergency Service Departments. She has also sought input from Town residents in order to incorporate local history into the project, and address concerns they may have. This presentation is an informational one so the Selectboard can share questions and concerns. Eventually she will be looking for a Barre Town Special Event Permit.

Ms. Dennison stated she wanted to inform the Board of the project progress and ensure she has everything needed to obtain a Special Events Permit. The Quarry Project is a dance program, regarding the history of the Quarry, performed on floating stages in the Wells Lamson Quarry. This project began in 2016. Given the production will be on water and spectators will be close by safety is and continues to be a primary focus. Liability and insurance, logistics for parking and traffic control, and water safety were discussed.

Selectboard conversation focused on Rock of Ages permission to use the site, the neighbors (Jay Southworth) support for the project to include use of his land, and the attention to detail for planning all aspects of the project. At this time, the performances will begin in August 2020 (no Mondays or Thursdays), starting time of 5:30 p.m. and ending no later than 7:30 p.m. Admission will be around \$25 to \$30 per ticket.

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The Police Chief was unable to attend but submitted an email supporting the project and commending Ms. Dennison for her commitment to public safety.

The Selectboard stated they were pleased with what they heard and are looking forward to the viewing the performance.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT**

Background: Police Chief William Dodge has been working with the Barre Town School to secure funding for a School Resource Officer. Per the draft contract (provided to the Board prior to the meeting) the School will pay actual cost,(estimated to be in the range of \$50 - \$75/hour), with an officer there approximately 10 hours per week. It is noted the Police Department is not obligated to provide an Officer on site.

Selectboard review noted there should be some minor grammatical changes, the contract should be with the Town of Barre, Barre Town Police Department, and the Independent Contractor Status section should be clarified to note the Town is supervising the Police Department. Given the School must make these changes the effective date should be upon signing.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Barre Town Police Chief to sign the School Resource Office contract with the changes noted above and will be effective when signed.*

### **LEASE-FINANCING OF ONE-TON DUMP TRUCK**

Background: The long awaited financing documents for the one-ton dump truck arrived on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> via email. Attorney Mike Monte has reviewed them. The funding/closing date is scheduled for December 6, 2019. The Manager is seeking Selectboard authorization to execute the documents.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the: 1) Amendment to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement dated February 15, 2018; 2) Lease Schedule No. 2 to Master Lease Purchase Agreement; 3) Escrow Agreement; 4) Pay Proceeds letter; 5) Tax Certificate; 6) Notice and Acknowledgement of Assignment (MLC assigning to BciCapital); 7) Insurance authorization letter (to obtain a Certificate of Insurance); and 8) IRS Form 8038-G.*

### **VERMONT FOOD BANK USDA GRANT APPLICATION**

Background: The Vermont Food Bank is applying for another grant to supplement their Vermont Community Development Grant Program, which was awarded at a lower level than they needed for their project. The Food Bank can apply for the USDA grant themselves without the Town having to be an intermediary as it was for the VCPD grant. They are requesting the Selectboard approve and sign the form to indicate community support for the application which is due December 13, 2019.

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the Vermont Food Bank's USDA Community Facilities grant application support form.*

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated December 3, 2019. Bob Nelson abstained due to a work conflict.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS - None**

### **'ROUND TABLE**

Assistant Manager Wang stated an applicant has applied for the Phoenix House Working Committee. The Selectboard agreed to interview the applicant at the next meeting.

Norma Malone inquired if the Selectboard would be discussing the VLCT Marijuana Resolution. Elaine Wang stated it was to be on the meeting agenda for December 10<sup>th</sup>. Bob Nelson stated he was not going to be present at next week's meeting due to a work conflict. Consensus is to have this discussion on the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. There was also discussion that Springfield, Vermont modified the VLCT Resolution to fit their needs. Board members stated prior to the discussion they would like the information on retails sales and how it fits into our existing Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Malone also inquired on the status of repairing the EMS gutter/exterior walls. Ms. Wang stated the Manager has it on his radar to deal with. Bob Nelson stated he would like something in place to address this repair by the end of the month.

Bob Nelson would like to attend the ICS 402 training but has a work conflict. There was a brief discussion of perhaps holding a class in Barre Town after the first of the new year or attend a training elsewhere.

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Bob Nelson publicly thanked the EMS for the wonderful care his Father recently received.

Tom White asked for an update on the Annex entrance pillar repairs. Wang stated she has been working on getting quotes. It was decided the Town should have a gutter specialist look/review all the Municipal Building, then check on the budget to determine if we have any funds available this year to complete repairs by Spring.

**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 public 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 7:12 p.m. to discuss contracts and personnel.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.*

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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