

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
December 10, 2019

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes of November 26 and December 3, 2019.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Interview applicant for Phoenix House Community Relations Working Group.
8. Consider authorizing EMS service contract for the Town of Washington.
9. Consider authorizing EMS service contract for the Town of Topsham
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for December 10, 2019.
11. Miscellaneous: a) fireworks permit for E. & P. Perreault, LittleJohn Road on December 31, 2019 at midnight, rain date of January 1, 2020; b) others, including licenses and permits.
12. 'Round the table.
13. Executive session: personnel (action possible).
14. Adjourn

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
December 10, 2019

The duly warned meeting of December 10, 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, and W. John "Jack" Mitchell. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present.

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

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 Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as amended: Item 4, add approval of the November 26, 2019 minutes and add the Town of Orange to Items #8 & 9 for approval of an EMS Contract. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the minutes of November 26, 2019, November 12, 2019, and December 3, 2019 with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ If you are not up for outdoor sports and want some fun exercise, remember the Recreation Board is again hosting open Pickleball play in the Barre Town School Gym, Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon this winter. Beginners to pros are all welcome.
- ✓ The Town is accepting applications for the Barre Town Budget Committee. Individuals must be registered to vote in Barre Town. Deadline to apply is December 26, 2019. Work will continue from the end of January through the end of March. Learn about how the Town is maintained and have a say in how it is run.
- ✓ Did you know that nationally the Holiday Season is the biggest time of the year for fires? Please be fire safe this season:
 - 1) Place Christmas trees and holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, candles, portable heaters or radiators.
 - 2) If you are using a real tree, give it plenty of water to keep it from drying out.
 - 3) Make sure holiday lights are in good condition. Never use anything with a frayed electrical cord.
 - 4) Place any lit candles and menorahs on aluminum foil, or sturdy surfaces, out of reach from pets and small children, and away from curtains, plants, and decorations.
- ✓ The winter overnight parking ban took effect on November 1st. However, if you are having a holiday party that will run late, with guests needing to park on the street into the parking ban hours after 11:00 p.m., just call the Police Department in advance at 802-479-0508 to let them know your contact information and when your guests will be leaving, and they will not be ticketed. Parking

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overnight is still prohibited. Please also note weather conditions. If there is a bad snowstorm do make sure your guests are parked off the street so our crews can plow the roads. This exception will only be effective through New Year's Eve.

GUESTS - None

PHOENIX HOUSE COMMUNITY RELATIONS WORKING GROUP

Background: Phoenix House is a national nonprofit that provides individualized drug and alcohol addiction treatment. The South Barre facility is located on Route 14 and provides for a South Barre resident volunteer seat on its Phoenix House Community Relations Working Group. The Group meets quarterly for 1.5 hours per meeting. The volunteer position has no assigned duties or responsibilities except to represent the concerns of South Barre residents. Brianna Nalley is the first person to have expressed interest in the position since the last representative resigned in August 2015. Other Town representatives to the group are Town Manager Carl Rogers, Police Chief William Dodge, and Selectboard member Norma Malone. The next meeting is January 27, 2020. Ms. Nalley is here to meet the Selectboard.

Ms. Nalley was present and gave a little background on herself. She noted her work (with the State of Vermont) is closely aligned with her professional career. Her Boss is on board with her volunteering for this Committee, work hours are flexible allowing for attendance for the 1:00 p.m. meeting, and she does not see any conflict of interest given her day job.

EMS SERVICE CONTRACT – TOWNS OF WASHINGTON, ORANGE, and TOPSHAM

Background: It is time once again to renew contracts between Barre Town EMS and the Towns of Washington and Topsham. The last service contracts were for three years, which was extended by six months to keep their renewal date consistent with the Town of Berlin. The FY 19-20 and FY 20-21 rates are decided by the Selectboard and were provided to the Towns by mail in December 2018. Contract renewals were also sent to Brookfield, Berlin and Orange but have not been returned. The Selectboard is asking the Board to sign the service contracts with the Towns of Washington and Topsham for the period July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the EMS Service Contracts with the Towns of Washington, Orange, and Topsham, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated December 10, 2019. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Last year the Perreaults applied for a fireworks permit to hold a display at midnight New Year's Eve. Being the first request of this nature the Board approved the permit with the understanding that if there were any issues no future requests of this nature would be granted. The Assistant Town Manager checked with the Police Department and no complaints from the show last year were made. The approval of last year's request was conditioned the notice to the abutters include the time, and duration of the display would be highlighted in said notice.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Fireworks Permit for Elizabeth and Paul Perrault, to hold a display on December 31, 2019 at MIDNIGHT with a rain date of January 1, 2020 at 42 LittleJohn Road, with the condition the notice to abutters include the date, time, and duration of the display. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

‘ROUND TABLE

Norma Malone noted she has been having issues with the online GIS mapping system. Rogers stated a couple months ago there were some minor issues while doing an update. Rogers will speak with Chris Violette to see what the problem(s) may be.

Jack Mitchell inquired about the Town Engineer interview schedule. At this time he is not sure he will be able to make the December 17th meeting.

Paul White noted the email regarding the ICS Training. Asst. Manager Wang stated there must be at least 5 people in order to hold a class here. Malone, Nelson, and Paul White all said they would attend.

Paul White noted there will be a Washington County budget presentation and inquired if Town staff would attend. Rogers informed the Board the budget is very simple and not much different than last year. No staff will attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 6:37 p.m. to discuss personnel. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 7:35 p.m. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

PERSONNEL ACTION

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to grant the request of the Clerical Union to approve closing the Town Clerk-Treasurer, Assessor, and Zoning/Planning Offices on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 and Tuesday, December 31, 2019 provided they use a vacation or floater day. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Bob Nelson and Tom White were not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard