

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 28, 2020

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes of January 7, 14, and 21, 2020.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider allowing VT AOT to sign an official detour (for the Route 110 bridge closure) over Town roads.
8. Consider designating group to do volunteer work and collect donations at the Spring Bulk Trash Collection.
9. Discuss details about Bulk Trash Collection.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for January 28, 2020.
11. Miscellaneous: a) First-Class Liquor License for Canadian Club; b) other licenses or permits, if any.
12. 'Round the table.
13. Executive session, if needed.
14. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 28, 2020

The duly warned meeting of January 28, 2020 was held at 8:00 p.m. in the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

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.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of January 7, 14, and 21, 2020 with minor spelling and grammatical changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ The next quarterly property tax and semi-annual sewer use fee payments are due Tuesday, February 18, 2020. The Town Clerk-Treasurer's office will be open on Monday, March 17th, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to accept payments
- ✓ If you own and live in your Barre Town home, remember to file your Homestead Declaration Form by April 15, 2020. If you do not you will be assessed a higher education tax rate than you owe. For more information see the February 2020 Barre Town Newsletter.
- ✓ Barre Town Budget Committee meetings started tonight and will continue weekly, Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. through the end of March. The public is welcome to attend. For details on proposed budgets, to read the minutes, or just get more information check the Town website, www.barretown.org.
- ✓ Chair Tom White informed the viewing audience the Selectboard took action after the Executive Session on the January 21, 2020 meeting which was to approve a tuition assistance program with a non-union employee.

GUESTS - None

SIGN DETOUR FOR ROUTE 110 BRIDGE CLOSURE

Background: The Town received an email from Vermont Agency of Transportation (VT AOT) Scoping Engineer Laura Stone summarizing the Local Concerns meeting and requesting the Selectboard approve the closing of the Route 110 bridge and subsequent detour over Town roads. The detour would be over Websterville and quarry Hill Roads. The bridge is scheduled to be constructed in

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2023. Manager Rogers learned the VT AOT has also scheduled the Route 14/Quarry Hill street project in 2022-2023.

Ms. Stone also indicated that AOT believe it needs to use some of Old Route 302 for staging area which would limit traffic to one-way.

Selectboard consensus is the bridge should be closed for the “up to 60 days” and the Town roadways would be signed for a detour. Brisk conversation was had regarding a staging area for the State project. In particular, the use of Old Route 302, impact to businesses in the immediate area (Crossway Auto, Daycare Center, Vermont Flannel, etc.), and public safety access (EMS, Fire Department). There was also concern the Quarry Hill/Route 14 project might impact the detour.

The Town had begun the process of looking to build a pedestrian walkway across the Jail Branch with the understanding our Town water line would be attached to said walkway. The State had stated they did not want the Town water line attached to the bridge. Discussion regarding sidewalks on the bridge and having a separate pedestrian walkway raised fiscal concerns. The Manager stated he would be meeting with the State and raise this issue.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to sign the Agreement Barre Town BF 0169(12) – VT Route 110, Bridge #21 over the Jail Branch River, stating the Selectboard has agreed to a bridge closure with traffic maintained on an offsite detour utilizing locally owned roads and to make the following comments:

- *Old Route 302 be maintained for 2-way traffic*
- *Signs be erected for stating that “local business(es) are open*
- *The State is to coordinate the Quarry Street/Route 14 project with the Barre Town Bridge Project detours; and*
- *The State is to coordinate with Barre Town for the water line project (crossing the Jail Branch)*

The motion passed with Mitchell voting no. He does not agree with 2-way traffic on Old Route 302.

DESIGNATE GROUP FOR 2020 SPRING BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Background: Spaulding High School Project Grad has volunteered at the Spring Bulk Trash for many years. Overall there has been good and plenty of helpers. The past three years the Project Grad has collected over \$1,000 in donations. Once again Project Grad would like to be the designated group.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to designate the Spaulding High School 2020 Project Graduation as the volunteer group to help at the 2020 Spring Bulk Trash Collection.

Jack Mitchell raised some concerns. He would like the group to have a better “shift” schedule. Ideally, he recommends 6 – 8 people starting at 7:00 a.m. and working through 11:00 am – Noon. Then have a second crew work through the closing at 2:00 p.m.

DISCUSS DETAILS OF BULK TRASH COLLECTION

Background: After the Fall Bulk Trash event and PILOT recycling of mattresses the Selectboard talked about revisiting the requirements for accepting roofing shingles. There is also a need to discuss the fee for mattress disposal. The CVSWMD has decided at this time it does not want to “host” a mattress recycling event but is encouraging the Town to continue with the mattress collection for recycling. The Town did apply for a grant through CVSWMD to help with the cost of recycling.

Roofing Shingles: The Town Newsletter article states a load of roofing shingles is charged double. Furthermore, the shingles must be in containers or the driver will be parked to the side until there is a break in the customers line. Unloading loose shingles is not only dangerous but they tend to come in larger vehicles such as a box truck. Conversation focused on eliminating box truck for shingle use and possibly changing the fee structure for “loose” shingles.

Mattress Collection: The Board was provided a copy of a memo from CVSWMD stating the actual cost to recycle a mattress during the PILOT program was \$45 per item (single mattress). This included staff time and temporary workers. At this time CVSWMD will not be doing the collection as it too costly. The Town has applied for a grant to assist with paying for mattress collection.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant dated January 28, 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Selectboard was asked to approve three 2020 Liquor Licenses for the Canadian Club. A motion was made and withdrawn due to a couple of important questions on the application not being answered.

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Consensus of the Selectboard is to have the Town Clerk contact Liquor Control regarding the “incomplete” application and to ask the Canadian Club to answer the blank questions on the application.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Assistant Manager Wang thanked the Selectboard for reviewing her tuition request.

Bob Nelson thanked the five citizens who are serving on the Budget Committee: Justin Bolduc, Cedric Sanborn, Mike Gilbar, Debra Pierce, and Alan Garceau.

Paul White read the Managers notes that he was working on the requested Charter changes. This reminded him to inquire when the Board might be discussing the marijuana non-binding ballot question and if the Selectboard would sign the Gun Owners of Vermont Resolution. The items are to be on a near future agenda. Consensus is to invite our Legislators when discussing the marijuana topic. Bob Nelson will reach out to the Legislators.

Jack Mitchell noted in the recent edition of the VLCT Legislative Report that House Bill 673 regarding Tree Wardens should be on our radar. The backstory indicated power may be taken away from Selectboard and given to the Tree Warden. Town Manager Rogers is the Tree Warden for Barre Town.

Tom White inquired if table skirts could be replaced soon. Perhaps the skirt color could be green.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard