

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
February 4, 2020

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes of January 28, 2020.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Presentation of School District's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
8. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2-20 declaring Barre town a Second Amendment and Article 16 Constitutional Gun Owner Town.
9. Discuss if there are any bills or other State matters Board members want the Legislative Representatives to report.
10. Consider approving livestreaming of meetings.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for February 4, 2020.
12. Miscellaneous: a) First-Class, Third Class, Outdoor Consumption Liquor Licenses for Canadian Club; b) Second Class Liquor License Hannaford; c) Second Class Liquor License for Maplewood Convenience Stores; d) Second Class License for Global Montello (Jiffy Mart); and e) other licenses or permits, if any.
13. 'Round the table.
14. Executive session, if needed.
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
February 4, 2020

The duly warned meeting of February 4, 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. Tom White was not present for the meeting.

Attendance for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Police Chief William Dodge, Wendy Alger, Ken Alger, Anthony Amaral, Christopher Truhan, Terry Reil Dawn Marie Tomasi, Carol Hebert, John Doon, Rodney Morin, Eric Davis, Justin Bolduc, Dwayne Tucker, Dave Freeman, and Wendell Barney Jr.

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 select board voted to approve the meeting agenda with the following amendment:

Delete Item 7 as the School Board is running late at the Barre City Council meeting.

Tom White was not present for the vote.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Select board voted to approve the January 28, 2020 meeting minutes with the following changes:

1. *Minor grammatical and spelling corrections; and*
2. *Add the approval of the minutes for January 7, 14, and 21, 2020.*

Tom White was not present for the vote.

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, February 17th, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to accept payments. Remember you can pay in person, online, from your mobile device via application, or sign up for automatic debit from your bank account. Instructions are on the Town website. There is also an after-hours drop box located at the front of the Municipal Building.
- ✓ Barre Town Budget Committee meetings are every Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. through the end of March at the Barre Town Municipal Building. 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. While the Budget Committee is active the regular (weekly) Selectboard meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Selectboard Minutes of February 4, 2020 Continued:

- ✓ The annual fundraiser for the Travis Mercy Memorial Skatepark, featuring snowmobile poker run, a barbeque chicken dinner, and silent auction, will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020. See the Town website for more details.

GUESTS - None

SCHOOL DISTRICT FY 2020-2021 BUDGET PRESENTATION

The item was removed from the agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-20 DECLARING BARRE TOWN A SECOND AMENDMENT AND ARTICLE 16 CONSTITUTIONAL GUN OWNER TOWN

Background: A couple weeks ago the VT Gun Owners Association asked the Selectboard to adopt a Resolution regarding the “right to keep and bear arms.” The Town Attorney, Mike Monte, was asked to review and offer advice. Prior to the meeting the Selectboard was provided his written comment for review. He did have a “legal issue with some of the wording,” and understands from media reports the Resolution is designed to “send a message” to the Vermont Legislature.

Several residents spoke to being in favor of the Resolution; Ken Alger, Wendy Alger, Eric Davis, Rodney Morin, Dawn Marie Tomasi (read letter from son Joshua), Chuck Barney, Anthony Amaral, Dave Freeman, John Doon, and Dwayne Tucker. Each cited their reasons for supporting the resolution.

Selectboard members raised concerns: legal issue with wording, setting precedents for approving Resolutions with no legal standing, use of sanctuary label for Barre Town, fear some residents may see a Resolution approval as a legal stance to not follow existing law, and personal versus elected official duty to represent all Town residents.

Board options are a) do nothing; b) require a petition for a non-binding ballot question in May; c) the Selectboard authorize a non-binding ballot question in May; or d) rework the resolution.

Police Chief Dodge stated should a Resolution be adopted his officers would continue to follow the letter of the law.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to table action on Resolution No. 2 -20 Declaring Barre Town A Second Amendment and Article 16 Constitutional Gun Owner Town until the February 11, 2020 meeting to allow Town Attorney Michael Monte to draft a statement for the record stating the Barre Town Selectboard supports the US Constitution Second Amendment and Vermont Constitution Article 16 regarding gun ownership. Tom White was not present for the vote.

DISCUSS STATE LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS FOR 2020

Background: Board Member Bob Nelson contacted our two House Representatives, Rob LaClair and Topper McFaun. They will be attending the Selectboard meeting on February 11, 2020. The Representatives have inquired if there are any bills/items the Selectboard is interested in.

Bills of interest include firearms bill, wage bill, family leave, taxation/regulation of marijuana, EMS Education, H673 – Tree Warden authority, and funding for local highways and bridges.

CONSIDER APPROVING LIVESTREAMING OF MEETINGS

Background: CVTV tapes the regular meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard. Connections have been made to allow the “livestreaming” of meetings (with a 5 – 7 second delay). The live meetings could be viewed on CVTV, cable public access channel 192 and on the CVTV website. This means those with an internet connection can watch the meetings live. There is no cost to the Town for this service.

A motion was made by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell to livestream the Selectboard meetings on CVTV. The motion failed with Mitchell voting yes, Paul White abstained, and Bob Nelson and Norma Malone voted no. Tom White was not present for the vote.

Motion discussion focused on wanting people to attend these meetings, why it would be needed when the film is available online, that Barre City Council meetings are livestreamed and was unavailable when a joint meeting was held recently in Barre Town, concern for speaking freely, and Jack Mitchell provided history on the Town’s attempt to get live feed for many years.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated February 4, 2020. Tom White was not present for the vote.

Selectboard Minutes of February 4, 2020 Continued:

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the following 2020 Liquor Licenses:

- 1. Canadian Club – First Class, Third Class, and Outdoor Consumption;*
- 2. Martin Foods, dba Hannaford Market – Second Class;*
- 3. Maplewood Convenience Store – Second Class; and*
- 4. Global Montello (Jiffy Mart) – Second Class.*

Tom White was not present for the vote.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Bob Nelson congratulated Chair Tom White on the birth of his daughter. All are doing well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard