

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
March 3, 2020

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes of February 25, 2020.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider approving Developer's Agreement for Fecteau Residential's Beckley Hill Meadows subdivision.
8. Consider appointments to C.V. Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 3, 2020.
10. Miscellaneous: including licenses or permits, if any.
11. 'Round the table.
12. Executive session: Legal, real estate
13. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
March 3, 2020

The duly warned meeting of March 3, 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, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson and Paul White. Tom White was not present.

Attendance for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Zoning Administrator Chris Violette, and Jim Fecteau.

CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Paul White called to meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chair Paul White noted the Clerk was not present to take the minutes this evening due to the elections. The meeting is being audio and video recorded. The Clerk will prepare the minutes from the recording.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the meeting agenda. Tom White was not present for the vote.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the February 25, 2020 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Tom White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ The next Barre Town Budget Committee meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Barre Town Municipal Building. This meeting agenda will include review of the Recreation Department and Aldrich Public Library budgets. The public is welcome to attend.
- ✓ The Barre Town Fire Department will host a rabies clinic Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station. Filling out the required forms ahead of time will save time at the clinic. The forms can be downloaded from www.barretown.org. Look for the Rabies Clinic item in the Homepage Announcements section.
- ✓ Fulltime, summer employment is available with the Barre Town Public Works, Engineering, Recreation, and Cemetery Departments. Pay starts at \$11.75 an hour with the opportunity to earn per hour attendance bonuses. Application review will begin March 27, 2020. Find details on the Town website.
- ✓ The Annual Freezing Fun for Families Softball Tournament to benefit families battling childhood cancer is this weekend at the Barre Town Recreation Area. If you are not playing in the tournament, you can help by purchasing clothing or concessions at the tournament, or donating online at www.freezingfunforfamilies.com.
- ✓ Speaking of softball, the Barre area softball leagues are hosting a Calcutta Fundraiser for the Barre Town Softball Field lights on Friday, March 13, 2020, at the Barre Elks Lodge. Tickets are \$100 for two meals. For more information, contact the Town Manager's office at 802-479-9331, or contact a member of the Barre Men's, Barre Men's Over 30, or Barre Co-Ed Softball Leagues.

GUESTS - None

DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT – BECKLEY HILL MEADOWS SUBDIVISION

Background: During the last Selectboard meeting several changes were requested. Board members were provided a new copy for review prior to the meeting. Jim Fecteau will be providing a certificate of insurance and is working on the statement describing Fecteau Residential’s coverage.

Jim Fecteau was present and noted the changes have been made. He read the email from the Insurance Company noted Fecteau Residential has coverage and expanded on said coverage for damage to drainage. Discussion focused on the road paving, curbing, and drainage system using said roadway. This document pertains to all of Phase 1 – if Phase 1 is not completed this document can be amended.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to adopt and approve the Developer’s Agreement with Fecteau Residential for its project known as Beckley Hill Meadows – Phase 1 as discussed. Tom White was not present for the vote.

CV SOLID WAST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Background: The Selectboard makes annual appointments to the CV Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors. The District is requesting appointments be made by March 24, 2020. Our current delegate is Fred Thumm and the alternate is Jack Mitchell. Both are willing to serve again.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve and appoint Fred Thumm as delegate and “the esteemed” Jack Mitchell as alternate delegate to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board for a term of one year. Tom White was not present.

The Selectboard recognized Mr. Thumm for his perfect attendance record and all the additional work he does as Chair of that Board.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated March 3, 2020. Tom White was not present and Bob Nelson abstained due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Norma Malone noted in the packet the letter of resignation from Norman (Joe) Coates. His resignation is for both the Cemetery Commission and volunteering at the Lawn Waste Site. The Manager stated he would wait until May to appoint the Board vacancy as Town Board/Committee appointments are made annually at that time. Ms. Malone and the Board publicly thanked Mr. Coates for his many years of service to the Town.

Assistant Manager Wang read the preliminary results of the elections for today.

Norma Malone – follow up on the post charter changes. Rogers stated there is a schedule with the first public hearing later this month. She was looking for the clarifying language to review.

Nelson – Please come out and support the Freezing Fun For Families this weekend.

Jack Mitchell stated a former Selectboard member Ray Routhier passed away unexpectedly. He asked if a sympathy card could be sent to the family.

Jack Mitchell noted the VLCT is providing a training on conducting effective property tax appeals and he would like to attend.

Jack Mitchell – Legislative issues:

- Tree Warden bill – has taken on a life its own. The most recent VLCT Newsletter states it could be a lot of changes for the Town. The bill is out of Committee.
- S237 and H782 is on housing growth. This could impact local zoning and our Zoning Administrator should look at this.

Paul White reminded the Selectboard that several weeks ago the Planning Commission had recommended a non-binding question be placed on the May Town Meeting ballot asking voters if they would like Barre Town to be a marijuana retail town. Discussion focused on the bill not being finalized with regards to the opt-in/opt-out and our zoning ordinance. The Board wants public opinion but has concerns due to such an emotional topic. Another option could be a Town meeting day poll. There are also two additional elections coming up (August 2020 and November 2020).

Selectboard Minutes of March 3, 2020 Continued:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, 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. Tom White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss real estate. Tom White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:21 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard