

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**March 10, 2020**

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes of March 3, 2020.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Presentation by CVFiber board member Josh Jarvis.
8. Consider appointment to CVFiber Board.
9. Review draft of Town Charter amendments about: splitting the Town Clerk-Treasurer position and appointing Treasurer; updating provisions regarding an appointed Assessor; removing the requirement that the Personnel Policy be in the Town Code of Ordinances; and clarifying action election Presiding Officer when the Town Clerk is absent.
10. Consider approving Rock of Ages' unregistered vehicles – road crossing permits.
11. Consider approving a letter of support for C.V. TV's grant application for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 10, 2020.
13. Miscellaneous: a) Trow Hill Grocery Second Class Liquor License; and b) other licenses or permits, if any.
14. 'Round the table.
15. Executive session: real estate
16. Adjourn.

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**March 10, 2020**

The duly warned meeting of March 10, 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, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and Joshua Jarvis.

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 8:04 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 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 March 3, 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 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Barre Town Municipal Building. This meeting agenda will include review of the Fire, Police, and Animal Control Departments. 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](http://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. There are 6 full-time summer positions. Application review will begin March 27, 2020. Find details on the Town website.
- ✓ Please consider purchasing a ticket to the Calcutta Fundraiser for the Barre Town Softball Field lights. Tickets are \$100 for two meals and will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020, at the Barre Elks Lodge. 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.

Selectboard Minutes of March 10, 2020 Continued:

- ✓ Do you own the Vermont home you live in? If yes, this reminder is for you! Remember to file a Homestead Declaration Form (HS-122) by April 15<sup>th</sup>, to avoid a penalty and to receive the lower residential education tax rate for the year. If you have any questions contact the Vermont Department of Taxes Homestead specialist at 802-828-2865.
- ✓ Please participate in the U.S. Census. Our community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. Your participation means that federal funds, grants, and other support to state and local governments can be based on a more accurate population totals which breakdowns by sex, age, race, and other factors. You should receive an invitation this month to complete the 2020 Census. Once you do, you may respond either online, by phone, or by mail. Selectboard member Mitchell reiterated the necessity of participating. These numbers impact the amount of Federal and grant dollars a municipality can/may receive.

**GUESTS - None**

**CVFIBER BOARD REPORT AND APPOINTMENT**

Background: Josh Jarvis, Barre Town’s representative on the CVFiber Board will be providing the Selectboard with a report on the activities and plans. He is also asking to be reappointed to the Board. His one-year term will expire this month and he is willing to serve again.

Mr. Jarvis spoke to the work and progress made this year. They have applied for and received grant funding to assist with the next phase of their work. There was brief conversation regarding possible fees, local providers versus existing providers, technology advances (satellite versus land line), and their participation in the recent H.513 legislation.

The CVFiber Board meets the second Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at the Berlin Elementary School.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to re-appoint Joshua Jarvis to the CVFiber Board for a one-year term expiring the end of March 2021. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

Background: In February the Selectboard met with the Town Attorney to review and discuss proposed Charter amendments. The first public hearing on these changes is scheduled for March 24, 2020. Holding the hearing early would allow an opportunity to make changes prior to the Town Meeting Warning deadline of March 31, 2020.

The Selectboard reviewed the final draft amendments. Discussion focused on Section 4 – Conduct (b) regarding the Board of Civil Authority having statutory authority to appoint a Presiding Officer for Election Day if the Town Clerk or Assistant are not available.

Other comments were elected versus appointed, vacancies of elected offices, and the Town Clerk-Treasurer supports the splitting of the office (electing a Clerk and appointing a Treasurer).

**UNREGISTERED VEHICLE PERMITS FOR ROCK OF AGES**

Background: State laws allows unregistered vehicles to cross public highways if approval from the local governing body (Selectboard) is received. Rock of Ages has submitted forms for 13 vehicles (7 loaders and 6 Euclid dump trucks). The equipment is too large to be permitted to travel down public highways. However, Rock of Ages needs this equipment/trucks to cross Town roads to carry out its work. Each application lists the same seven (7) road crossing locations which are unchanged from prior years. The fee is \$35.00 per vehicle and has been paid.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve Rock of Ages’ 13 permits to Operate an Unregistered Vehicle across a Town road. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CV TV’S GRANT APPLICATION**

Background: CVTV (Tony Campos) is preparing an application for a US Rural Development grant and is requesting a letter of support from the Selectboard. The funds will help pay for new studio equipment. A draft letter was provided to the Board for review prior to the meeting. If the Selectboard signs the letter of support it does not obligate the Town financially.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Letter of Support for CV TV’s US Rural Development grant as presented with the Chair signing said letter. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant dated March 10, 2020. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the 2020 Second Class Liquor License for Trow Hill Grocery. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**‘ROUND THE TABLE**

Norma Malone stated the problem she noted a few weeks ago regarding the GIS system not functioning correctly has not been fixed. She would like to know the status of this.

Bob Nelson stated a resident had contacted him regarding not being allowed access on a Class 4 Road. He will get with the Manager to provide more information.

Bob Nelson thanked the Asst. Town Manager for arranging the recent Selectboard ICS training.

Jack Mitchell stated he read the Recreation Board minutes and had some concerns with actions on the Dog Park and Disc Golf.

**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 9:25 p.m. to discuss real estate. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:42 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:42 p.m. Tom White was not present for the vote.*

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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