

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

March 17, 2020

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes of March 10, 2020.
5. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
6. Consider approving sale of dump truck.
7. Consider approving Affirmation of Use of Funds for Lower Graniteville Playground grant.
8. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 17, 2020.
9. Miscellaneous: a) Dollar General Second Class Liquor License; and b) other licenses or permits, if any.
10. 'Round the table.
11. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 17, 2020

The duly warned meeting of March 17, 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: Tom White, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, Norma Malone (by phone), and Paul White.

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

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended meeting agenda to add an item to #10 Round the Table – COVID-19 Municipal Plan.

MINUTE APPROVAL – The item was tabled until next week.

GUESTS - None

SALE OF DUMP TRUCK

The dump truck was advertised for sale on GovDeals.com. However, the minimum amount was not met. Consensus is due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and economic environment the Town should not aggressively pursue selling the truck. However, it could have a for sale sign placed on it and moved to the front of the DPW garage so it is visible from the road.

AFFIRMATION OF USE OF FUNDS FOR LOWER GRANTIEVILLE PLAYGROUND GRANT

Background: Upon successful completion of the project funded by the State of Vermont grant, the Lower Graniteville Playground, the grant program requires completing and submitting an affirmation of use of funds form and receipts. The Assistant Manager has gathered the materials to meet the requirements and is requesting the Selectboard authorize her to sign said affirmation.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Assistant Town Manager, Elaine Wang to sign the Affirmation of Use of Funds, Grant #01181-07-REC-078 which states the Town has appropriately used the grant dollars provided by the Vermont Building and General Services Recreational Facilities Grant Fund.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant dated March 17, 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2020 Second Class Liquor License for Dollar General Store #14217.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Manager Rogers informed the Selectboard he has been working on the COVID-19 Plan of operation for the Town. Last week he met with Barre City and Montpelier and an agreement was reached to ensure the DPW can continue operations if staffing issues arise.

Selectboard Minutes of March 17, 2020 Continued:

Today, the Department Heads met for several hours to discuss Building/staff operations. With the Selectboard blessing the Plan will involve closing the Municipal Buildings to the Public effective as soon as notice has been given to the Public. Notices will be posted on all buildings, Front Porch Forum, Facebook Pages, VT Alert, various store locations throughout the Town, and on the website. A sandwich sign will also be posted in the front of the Municipal Building.

All staff will continue working their normal work week. Services will be provided by phone, email, fax, and use of the front drop box. Precautions have been put into place to accommodate those that “need” access to the building(s). All in accordance with CDC recommendations.

The Municipal Building has installed a “Ring” video doorbell system for accessing the Municipal Building. As for meeting, the discussion centered on telephone conferencing, video livestreaming, and other technology to assist with public interaction.

The Board briefly discussed cancellations (Easter Egg Hunt, Volunteer Appreciation Activities, and Green Up Day BBQ). Bulk Trash scheduled for May 9th is on the calendar, but residents will be advised to stay tuned as this may change. Elections will be held and the Town Clerk is encouraging residents to request early ballots. The Secretary of State’s Office is working on emergency legislation to address elections.

Board consensus is they would like to extend the May 15, 2020 property tax due date given the current economy. However the Town Clerk stated the Selectboard may not have the authority to take this action. Another option may be to have the Board of Abatement waive the 5% late charge for those that do not pay on May 15, 2020. The Clerk will contact VLCT for an opinion.

The Town Clerk will also check into option for signing/approval of the 2020 Liquor Licenses.

Jack Mitchell stated he attended the Department Head meeting this morning and was very impressed with how much thought and work went into preparing an action Plan for Town operations.

Consensus of the Selectboard is they support the Plan and they thanked the staff for all the work.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard