

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

August 4, 2020

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving July 28, 2020 meeting minutes.
5. Receive guests (by phone) for non-agenda items.
6. Consider setting Fiscal Year 2020-2021 tax rates.
7. Consider authorizing contract for road line painting work.
8. Discuss VLCT Legislative Policies.
9. Consider approving weekly Accounts Payable Warrants for August 4, 2020.
10. Retreat.
11. Executive session – if needed.
12. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

August 4, 2020

The duly warned meeting of August 4, 2020 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Norma Malone, Bob Nelson, Justin Bolduc, Paul White and W. John “Jack” Mitchell.

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

CALL TO ORDER –Chair Paul White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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.

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of July 28, 2020 with minor spelling and grammatical corrections as presented.

GUESTS – None

SETTING FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TAX RATES

Background: Prior to the meeting the Selectboard received information and worksheets for setting the tax rates. It is noted the education rates are set by the State. The Selectboard will be setting rates for the General Fund, Highway Fund, and Local Agreement rate (covers taxes waived for disabled veterans and tax stabilization agreements, of which, the Town has none).

Board points of interest were: use of designated fund balance, increases in the education rates, change in the CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) does mean a reappraisal is required and is already underway, our Grand List saw an increase so 1¢ on the tax rate raises \$66,610 in revenue, there was a change in the current Fiscal Year expenditure for the lifetime licensing of the BMSI software modules (due to the AccuFund software not being available) and the Municipal portion of the tax rate will increase around 3.4¢.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Barre Town tax rates as follows:

<i>Education Homestead rate</i>	<i>\$1.6381</i>
<i>Education Non-Homestead rate</i>	<i>\$1.9502</i>
<i>Highway Fund rate</i>	<i>\$.4390</i>
<i>General Fund rate</i>	<i>\$.5402</i>
<i>Local Agreement rate</i>	<i>\$.0039.</i>

CONTRACT FOR ROAD LINE PAINTING

Background: Road paving should be complete by the end of August. This year there is a lot of post-paving road line painting to be done. Because of COVID-19, the Manager is asking the Selectboard to

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approve a contract (purchase order) with L&D Safety Markings, in lieu of seeking bids from out of state companies. L&D has quoted the same prices they offered (and the Board approved) for the spring painting.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize a contract for the Summer 2020 road line painting with L&D Safety Markings at the prices of \$.14 per foot for double yellow center lines and \$.07 per foot for single white edge lines.

VLCT LEGISLATIVE POLICIES

Background: The Selectboard was provided a full draft of the VLCT Legislative Advocacy Policy prior to the meeting. The Policy is broken into sections, each with its own committee. Several Barre Town residents serve on these various committees (Cedric Sanborn – Quality of Life and Environment, Chris Violette – Public Safety, and Assistant Manager Wang – Finance, Administration & Intergovernmental Relations). They are reviewing to see if there are any contentious items or clarifications needed.

Consensus of the Board is they like seeing the document in draft form and having an ability to comment. There are a few sticky points but nothing major that would cause the Board to not support the document.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for August 4, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

RETREAT

Chair White informed the viewing audience the Selectboard is going to hold a working retreat. The cameras will not be recording this portion of the meeting and no action is expected. Again this is a working retreat.

Manager Rogers provided the Board with an outline of existing work items. General topics were FY 20-21 budget projects, personnel, contracts, private developments, AOT project (over next 3 years), stormwater issues, sewer (long range planning), and Town water system (improvements).

The Board also wanted to add the topic of Properties as there are several the Town may want to sell or develop for public use. With the pending Charter Change to split the Town Clerk-Treasurer position, personnel was the most discussed. Job descriptions, hiring a new Finance Director/CFO/Business Manager and the salary, building logistics, and other staff needs topped the list. A brief note was to also add an item regarding Town Manager secession planning.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk -Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard