

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
September 15, 2020

- PILOT: Town computer system security 6:00 p.m.
1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Consider approving agenda.
 4. Consider approving September 8, 2020 meeting minutes.
 5. Announcements
 6. Receive guests (by phone) for non-agenda items.
 7. Consider Barre Town Thunder Chickens' request to rebuild bridge on Town property.
 8. Consider appointments to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee.
 9. Consider first reading (introduction) of an ordinance establishing speed limits and stop streets on Mathieu and Blake Drives.
 10. Consider approving Barre City residents' use of the Lawn Waste Site.
 11. Consider approving weekly Accounts Payable Warrant for September 15, 2020.
 12. Miscellaneous, including licenses or permits if any.
 13. 'Round the table.
 14. Executive session: contract.
 15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 15, 2020

The duly warned meeting of September 15, 2020 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:39 p.m.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:39 pm.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 with minor spelling and grammatical corrections as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Free cloth face coverings are still available for Town residents, up to three (3) per person. For information on how to get them, call 802-479-9331 or check the August Barre Town Newsletter, page 3.
- ✓ The Fall Bulk Trash Collection is Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Public Works Yard at 129 Websterville Road. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Barre Town residents may bring bulky waste that will not fit in a garbage bag, or home renovation waste, to the event. For more examples see your August newsletter. Note any load with roofing shingles will be charged double. Salvaging of items brought to the fence along the road is permitted. Wash your hands after handling it and store it for a few days before using to be on the safe side from COVID.
- ✓ Volunteers are holding a fundraiser yard sale for the Barre Town Community Dog Park, which is maintained by volunteers. The yard sale will be on Saturday, September 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donators: Drop off donations that day at 8:00 a.m. of small household items, books, toys, pet supplies and more to the Dog Park Organizers at the auxiliary parking area across from the Dog Park. No clothing! Please check back by 3:00 p.m. to remove unsold items. Shoppers: Arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you are only going to the fundraiser, please park in the auxiliary

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parking area. Wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Cash and checks will be accepted. 100% of the proceeds go to the Dog Park.

GUESTS (by phone) - None

THUNDER CHICKENS' REQUEST TO REBUILD BRIDGE ON TOWN PROPERTY

Background: The Town owns a 30+ acre lot in Williamstown. The lot abuts the west side of Route 14 (South Barre) and is the first lot in Williamstown after crossing the Town line. The Stevens Branch is fairly close to the road at that point. The snowmobile trail is near the river and at one spot crosses the Stevens Branch. The existing bridge is just about across the road from the driveway to the Town's and Pike's pits.

The Thunder Chickens' Snowmobile Club is requesting permission to reconstruct the bridge. The land owner permission form states, "resetting cement block and resetting the bridge." There is access to the bridge from Route 14 via an existing field driveway. The Manager left word with the Snowmobile Club President about a State permit. His concern is whether or not a Stream Alteration permit is needed from the State.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Thunder Chickens' Snowmobile Club's request permitting the bridge reconstruction, located on the Town property, located off Route 14 (South Barre Road) just across the Barre Town boundary line, with the following conditions:

- 1. The Thunder Chickens' document that no permits are needed or they acquire the proper permit;*
- 2. The Snowmobile Club access the bridge using the existing driveway/field access; and*
- 3. The Snowmobile Club is responsible for restoration of the disturbed area around the bridge and of the driveway.*

CVRPC APPOINTMENTS

Background: This past May the Town's representative and alternate to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) asked not to be reappointed. Since then we have had no representation on this Committee. The Town has been advertising for volunteers.

James West and Sebastian Arduengo have both submitted emails of interest. Mr. Arduengo was appointed to the Town's Housing Advisory Committee last October and has offered to resign that position and be appointed to the TAC.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint James West as the representative and Sebastian Arduengo as the alternate representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission Transportation Advisory Committee, each for a one year term to expire May 31, 2021.

First Reading – SPEED/STOP ORDINANCE MATHIEU & BLAKE DRIVES

Background: With the Selectboard granting provisional acceptance of Beckley Hill Meadows Phase 1A, it includes the roads Mathieu Drive and Blake Drive, plus their respective intersections with Beckley Hill Road and Rudd Farm Drive. The Town has received a deed for the roads. Paving is scheduled for September 30th, weather permitting. We have also received the performance bond to assure the streets are completed and can be accepted as Town roads.

The Developer's Agreement and conditional acceptance of Phase 1A it was planned for the stop signs to be placed at the intersections noted above. In addition, due to the dense residential nature of the proposed subdivision the Manager is assuming the speed limit on these roads should be 25 mph (lowest allowed by State law) and is the best speed limit.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-44 (b) (Stop Signs) and Section 7-61 (c) (Speed Limits) of Barre Town Code of Ordinances."

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance to a second reading (public hearing) "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-44 (b) (Stop Signs) and Section 7-61 (c) (Speed Limits) of Barre Town Code of Ordinances" to be held on September 29, 2020.

BARRE CITY – USE OF TOWN LAWN WASTE SITE

Background: The City is making what has become an annual request to allow City residents to use the Barre Town Lawn Waste Site. There have not been any issues in the past. As is customary, Barre City

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will pay 50% of the Town's labor and equipment charges for the period October 3, 2020 through October 28, 2020.

Currently the site is not open during the week. The Manager is advertising Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. hours during October to help with leaf disposal. The Town will need a volunteer(s) for those four afternoons.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Barre City residents' use of the Barre Town Lawn Waste Site from October 3, 2020 through October 28, 2020, during the times the Town will have the site open for public use, with Barre City paying 50% of the Town's labor and equipment chargers during that time.

The viewing audience was reminded volunteers are needed for the Wednesday Lawn Waste Site hours. For more information or to volunteer contact the Town Manager's office 802-479-9331 or email offices@barretown.org. Subject line should be Lawn Waste Site Volunteer.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants dated September 15, 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Manager reminded Board members they had been informed that the Route 110 road work scheduled to be done this Fall had been postponed to next year. It seems the State AOT changed their mind and milling is to begin tomorrow September 16, 2020 with paving next week. This last minute notice means the DPW will need to scramble to address any manhole concerns (raising/lowering/repairing).

'ROUND TABLE

Justin Bolduc noted in the monthly reports that the East Barre Fire Station generator will not work – it smells burnt. The Manager stated he has not received a report on the issue but will do further research.

Mr. Bolduc also noted there were two separate leaks on Barre View Street and inquired if they were related. Manager Rogers stated the water line in that area was laid in 1996 – 1997. When repairing the leaks it was noted the pipe had holes, not cracking. Our Water Engineering consultants were called and based on the information received felt it was bad pipe. There was brief discussion on pressure gauges. Manager Rogers stated consideration is being given to delaying the Littlejohn Road project and to redo the Green Mountain View area water lines. There have been a total of four leaks recently and if it is bad pipe then the priority would be to change the piping.

Norma Malone inquired on the audits (Websterville Fire District, FY 18-19 and FY 19-20). The Manager stated he had provided the requested information for the Fire District and FY 18-19 audits. A draft should be received soon. As for the FY 19-20 audit it will begin the week of November 16th.

Jack Mitchell spoke to the extra wide paving on the Quarry Hill/Websterville Road intersection. Rogers stated this was for large trucks making the turn. The edge of the road was crumbling as the large trucks drove on the pavement edge/shoulder area. The extra wide paving is to protect the roadway.

Other items Mitchell noted: roadside mowing – only once a year but there are spots that could use it again; and the front entrance to the DPW garage, the door is kicking out – please take a look at it.

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 public knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:21 p.m. for contract and personnel.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the request of a Management employee to donate a portion of their sick time to a fellow worker.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Norma Malone, 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