

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING

August 20, 2021

A special Meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard was held on August 20, 2021 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 9:00 a.m.

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

Also in attendance: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Time Argus Reporter David Delcore and Jim West.

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

### FY 21-22 PROPERTY TAX RATES

Background: Prior to the meeting the Selectboard received information and worksheets for setting the 2021-2022 tax rates. The Selectboard will be setting rates for the General Fund, Highway Fund and Local Agreement rate. The State sets the education rates.

Chair Paul White noted Town Manager Carl Rogers thorough work on the informational memo that was provided to the Board regarding the FY 22 tax rates.

Norma Malone asked the Town Manger to explain the one-time expenses. Mr. Rogers gave a brief breakdown of the items listed in the Highway and General Fund, noting the necessary needs and updates. Mrs. Malone noted that there is \$226,020 use of fund balance for one-time expenses.

Town Manager Carl Rogers shared that the municipal taxes are going down 26.71 cents or 27.27%.

Board members echoed each other’s comments thanking the Town Manager, staff, Budget Committee and Assessor’s office for all their work.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Barre Town tax rates as follows:*

<i>Education Homestead rate:</i>	<i>\$1.2289</i>
<i>Education Non-Homestead rate:</i>	<i>\$1.4620</i>
<i>Highway Fund rate:</i>	<i>\$.3140</i>
<i>General Fund rate:</i>	<i>\$.3981</i>
<i>Local Agreement rate:</i>	<i>\$.0022</i>

The Selectboard recessed at 9:35 a.m. to take a walk in the Town Forest.

Following the recess, Jack Mitchell left the meeting.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:55 a.m. at the St. Sylvester Church parking lot on Church Hill Road, Websterville.

Carl Rogers led a tour through the Town Forest in the area referred to as Unit or Stand 7 in the Forest Management Plan. This parcel is tentatively scheduled for logging activity during the 2021-2022 winter season. Attendees also visited the southern-most area of the logging operation conducted during the 2020-2021 winter season.

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 12:12 p.m. Jack Mitchell was not present for the vote.*

Submitted by:  
Tina Lunt  
Barre Town Clerk