

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
September 7, 2021

1. Call to order. 6:00 p.m.
2. Consider approving agenda
3. Executive Session (personnel)
4. Pledge of Allegiance.....7:15 p.m.
5. Consider approving August 31 meeting minutes.
6. Announcements.
7. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
8. Consider approving agreement with Friends of the Winooski River.
9. Consider designating voting delegate for annual VLCT meetings.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for September 7, 2021.
11. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
12. ‘Round table.
13. Executive session, if needed.
14. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 7, 2021

The duly warned meeting of September 7, 2021 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, W. John “Jack” Mitchell, Bob Nelson, Justin Bolduc and Paul White.

Attendance for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, and Town Clerk Tina Lunt.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended meeting agenda as follows:

1. *Add executive session to #13., for personnel with possible action.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing the premature general knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:01 p.m. for personnel.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:20 p.m.

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the August 31, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Heating season is almost here. Protect yourself from significant fire hazards by having all your heating systems serviced, including chimneys, stovepipes, flues, and oil furnaces. Make an appointment with a chimney sweep or a furnace service company once a year. Creosote buildup from burning wood, and old electrical wiring with furnaces, cause more fires than any of us want to see.
- ✓ Stay tuned as to whether the Barre Town Rec Board will hold its Fall Festival on Saturday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Rec Area picnic shelter, behind the Barre Town School.
- ✓ Vermont Interfaith Action is organizing a statewide COVID-19 memorial service to be held on Sunday, September 19 at 3:00 p.m. on the statehouse lawn. If you lost a loved one, a Vermonter, who died of COVID-19, or would like to take part in this service, contact Debbie Ingram at 651-8889.
- ✓ The fall, residential bulk trash collection for Barre Towners is coming up Saturday, September 18. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more details, see the August Barre

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Town newsletter coming to your mailbox soon or visit the bulk trash page at barretown.org. And, listen to Selectboard member Jack Mitchell.

- ✓ Jack Mitchell shared the following information regarding the upcoming residential bulk trash collection day:
 - Residents are asked to stay in their vehicles and staff will unload the materials.
 - Drivers, or anyone interacting with staff are asked to please wear a mask.
 - Please read the Barre Town newsletter for rules and regulations of what can be brought.
 - Roofing shingles must be boxed up.
 - Anyone who arrives with a loose load will be directed to pull to the side until a staff member is available to help.
 - Concrete and asphalt should be kept separate from regular load.
 - The traffic pattern will be the same as in previous years.
 - For questions the day of the event, call 476-5483 or ask the staff at the check-in table

- ✓ Chair announcement: After our August 31st executive session, the Selectboard authorized COVID payments as discussed.

GUESTS - NONE

FRIENDS OF THE WINOOKSI RIVER (FWR)

Background: The Friends of the Winooski River (FWR) received funding for construction of the required stormwater treatment practice for the Town recreation area. Town Attorney Mike Monte has reviewed the Barre Town Recreation Fields Construction Phase agreement.

Town Manager Carl Rogers shared Town Attorney Mike Monte's comments after his review of the agreement. He noted that Mr. Monte's main concern is that Barre Town is a municipal corporation and municipalities do not have the legal authority to indemnify. Mr. Rogers also shared Mr. Monte's comments with FWR and they are in agreement with the noted changes.

It is noted that the contractor (Town of Barre) will hold a contract with Hebert Excavation and Watersheds consulting Associates for this project.

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On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Barre Town Recreation Fields Construction Phase agreement with the Friends of the Winooski River.

DESIGNATE VLCT ANNUAL MEETING DELEGATE

Background: The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is holding their Annual Meetings on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The VLCT asks the Town to name the voting delegate for each meeting. 1) The VLCT Employment Resource and Benefits (VERB); 2) VLCT Property and Casualty Intergovernmental Fund (PACIF); 3) VLCT.

On a motion by Norma Malone seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to designate Town Manager Carl Rogers as Barre Town's voting delegate at VLCT's PACIF, VERB and VLCT annual meetings on September 29, 2021.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants dated September 7, 2021.

Norma Malone noted one correction to the September 7, 2021 warrants. Mrs. Malone stated that Northeast Mailing Systems, LLC should read Northeast Materials Group, LLC.

MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

'ROUND TABLE

Jack Mitchell thanked the Public Works Department for their work on the over growth under the guard rails.

Paul White asked the Selectboard members who were not present at the last BCA meeting to share any conflicts with the upcoming appeal dates with Town Clerk Tina Lunt.

Paul White followed up regarding last week's citizen's ATV request. Board consensus is to seek TSAC's recommendation as to whether the Town should consider ATV use on any town roads and if so, what conditions should be put in place.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:03 p.m. for personnel.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:39 p.m.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to do a continuation of the Town of Barre Temporary COVID-19 Leave Policy with a retroactive date of July 1, 2021 to expire on December 31, 2021.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard