

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**September 21, 2021**

- P.I.L.O.T. Site visit at Beckley Hill Meadows.....6:00 p.m.
1. Call to order.....6:45 p.m.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Consider approving agenda.
  4. Consider approving September 14 meeting minutes.
  5. Announcements.
  6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
  7. Consider Barre Congregational Church’s request for temporary road closure on Thanksgiving morning.
  8. Consider approving two development agreements (Beckley Hill Meadows) with Fecteau Residential.
  9. Consider request to allow all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use on certain town roads.
  10. Consider accepting offer to extend two snowplowing contracts.
  11. Consider awarding contracts: **a)** guardrail work, and **b)** road crack sealing.
  12. Consider accepting Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services Recreational Facilities grant.
  13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for September 21, 2021
  14. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
  15. ‘Round table.
  16. Executive session, if needed.
  17. Adjourn.

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**September 21, 2021**

The duly warned meeting of September 21, 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, and Paul White. Attendance by phone: Justin Bolduc

Attendance for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette, Town Engineer Josh Martineau, Jim Fecteau, Lauren Jo Chase and Greg Parker.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

**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 September 14, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ✓ The first installment of Barre Town property taxes are due Thursday, September 30.
- ✓ The 2019-2020 Barre Town Report is now available online at [barretown.org](http://barretown.org), the Town Offices at 149 Websterville Road and at stores around town: Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Gunner Brook Store & Deli, Graniteville General Store, Trow Hill Grocery, and Hannaford Supermarket.
- ✓ The last Household Hazardous Waste Collection of 2021 hosted by the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will be on Saturday, September 25 in Montpelier, at the Vermont Department of Labor. More information is at [cvswmd.org](http://cvswmd.org).
- ✓ The Barre Town lawn waste site on Holden Road is available to accept your leaves, grass clippings, hedge clippings, and tree branches up to 5 inches in diameter. This material is chipped into mulch or compost, which is free for the taking to Barre Town residents. Tree material larger than 5" is also accepted, but is to be placed in the firewood area, also free for the taking. Barre Town residents may use the site for free for their own residential property. The site is not for commercial use. The hours in September are Wednesdays 3pm to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 12pm. There will be extended weekend hours in October.

## **GUESTS – NONE**

## **THANKSGIVING 5K**

Background: The Barre Congregational Church annual 5K race was canceled last year, due to COVID-19. During the winter the church made plans to conduct the race on a weekend in the spring however, because of the spike in COVID cases the race was not held. The church would like to use those plans to conduct the race on Thanksgiving morning. The plan is to use the school parking lot for registration, have participants wait in their car to keep a social

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distance from others, and starting the race in waves. There are two courses depending on how much snow (or ice) is on the bike path. Participants will run down Websterville Road past the cemeteries, turn left on Graniteville Road and finish in front of the school or double back by Rock of Ages' Visitor Center, depending on the condition of the bike path. Traffic could be stopped as participants pass through roads.

Lauren Jo Chase from the Barre Congregational Church joined the Board for discussion. Since speaking with Town Manager Carl Rogers, the church is proposing a new plan for the race. Ms. Chase explained she has spoken with several other local organizations that have run successful races and marathons with no restrictions in place. She is proposing the race be held as in previous years, with no restrictions. The start time would be 9:30 a.m. for all participants. She noted they will ask participants to wear a mask before and after they race. The registration will take place outdoors.

Board members agreed with the new proposed plan.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve on Thanksgiving morning, traffic on Websterville Road from the school to Quarry Hill Road and Graniteville Road from Quarry Hill Road to Middle Road may be stopped for safe conduct of the Barre Congregational Church's Gobble Wobble 5K.*

### **FECTEAU'S DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS**

Background: The Fecteau's are seeking to move forward with the next phase of development for their Beckley Hill Development. Phase 1 Developer Agreement was signed on March 11, 2020 and Phase 1a was signed on September 2, 2020. They are proposing two development agreements, one for Alex Drive and another one for Ivan Drive with different completion timelines. Planning and Zoning Director Chris Violette and Town Engineer Josh Martineau have reviewed and amended, as necessary the proposed developer agreements.

It is noted for the record that Board members visited the site prior to the meeting during the P.I.L.O.T. session. Jim Fecteau was present for Board discussion.

During a brief discussion, Board members agreed that the site looks good, and the only concern was the grade of Alex Drive, as it's a steep slope.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Phase 2 Alex Drive Development Agreement with Fecteau Residential for Beckley Hill Meadows.*

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*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Phase 2 Ivan Drive Development Agreement with Fecteau Residential for Beckley Hill Meadows.*

## **ATV REQUEST**

Background: During the August 31, 2021 Selectboard meeting Mr. Greg Parker requested permission to operate his ATV on Graniteville Road from Church Hill Road to Drury Hill Road, and then up Drury Hill to the Williamstown line. At the September 7, 2021 meeting Board consensus was 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.

TSAC reviewed the request by Mr. Parker at their Wednesday, September 15, 2021 meeting. TSAC's recommendation to the Selectboard is not to recommend ATV use on any of the Town of Barre roads. The Town of Barre does not have an ATV trail system within the Town limits to support the use of the ATV use on Town roadways, therefore TSAC does not support ATV use on any Barre Town roads.

Mr. Parker joined the Board for discussion to hear the Boards decision. He noted that he had not had a chance to speak with the landowners regarding his request. Mr. Parker said he is looking at other alternatives routes and the possibility of looking at this again in the Spring.

Chair Paul White explained TSAC's recommendation to Mr. Parker, noting the lack of a trail network is the biggest reason behind this decision. Board members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Parker coming in and doing things the right way. Mr. Parker stated that he is hoping to have a better plan in the spring to bring to the Board.

## **SNOWPLOWING CONTRACTS**

Background: During the September 14 meeting the Board settled on a plan to extend both of Cheney's contracts one year with the possibility of a two-year extension. Cheney's confirmed that the charge per callout for this plan would stay the same.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted 3-2 to extend the snowplowing contracts through the 2021-2022 winter with the Town's option to extend the contracts two more years after 2021-2022. The prices per callout for all years to remain the same as billed the past winters which is \$634.00 for Short Streets and \$695.99 for Village Streets. Norma Malone and Justin Bolduc voted no.*

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Mr. Mitchell expressed his appreciation for Cheney matching the prices through the years. Board members commented that it would be beneficial to be able to compare these prices to new bids in the future.

## **CONTRACTS**

### **Guardrail Work**

**Background:** The current year budget includes \$21,000 for guardrail replacement work. Bidding specifications were emailed to two companies. Lafayette Highway Specialties was the only bidder, and the bid was \$21,832. Lafayette does almost all of the Town's guardrail work.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the 2021 guardrail work contract to Lafayette Highway Specialties based on their unit price bids, with an estimated total of \$21,832.*

### **Road Crack Sealing**

**Background:** The current year Highway Fund budget provides \$24,000 for crack sealing. Bidding specifications were emailed to four companies, including NICOM who has done most of our work in the past. We received one bid, from Sealcoating Inc., d/b/a indus and the bid per gallon used is \$12.47.

Town Manager Carl Rogers confirmed Town Engineer Josh Martineau contacted NICOM to see why they did not send in a bid. Mr. Rogers shared NICOM said they mailed the bid out on August 13 however, the Town has not received it yet. He added that NICOM did submit the bid by email this past Monday, at that time the bid had closed.

Conversation focused on setting precedence, the reliability of the United States Postal Service and recommendation to change the language in future RFP's. After much discussion, Board consensus was to wait on approving the contract to see if the Town receives NICOMS bid in the mail with a postmark date of August 13.

## **VT DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND GENERAL SERVICES REC GRANT**

**Background:** During a previous meeting an application for a \$25,000 grant from the State's 2021 Recreational Facilities grant program was approved. The grant would be used for the fence repairs and replacements that were recommended. The State notified the Town that they have received \$5,000. This grant requires a 1:1 local match. The current AH Fence contract is for \$38,080.

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*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept the 2021 Vermont BGS Recreational Facilities grant of \$5,000 for recreation fencing repairs and replacements.*

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants dated September 21, 2021.*

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang shared an opportunity for another AV equipment site visit. This location is in South Burlington at City Hall. Mr. Bolduc stated that he would like to attend this site visit. Mrs. Wang noted another option would be joining as a test meeting remotely. Mrs. Wang will coordinate with Board members on their availability to set up a date and time for this visit.

Mrs. Malone shared that the site visit she went on this past week was helpful and informative.

Tony Campos from Central Vermont Television spoke to the Board briefly regarding the Town's future AV system options. Mr. Campos noted CVTV can potentially control the meetings from their studio. He noted that whichever vendor the Town goes with they will want to make sure they consult with them to be sure they can tie in with the Town.

## **'ROUND TABLE**

Bob Nelson reminded everyone he will not be at next Tuesday's meeting.

Jack Mitchell shared that the Barre Area Development report included in this weeks' Board packet was very well done. He added it would be a great thing for citizens to see what positive things are happening in our community.

Justin Bolduc reminded Board members he will be attending by telephone next Tuesday.

## **ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.*

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Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

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Selectboard Chair

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***Barre Town Selectboard***