

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**October 5, 2021**

- P.I.L.O.T. Quarterly department head visit with EMS Director.....6:00 p.m.
1. Call to order.....6:30 p.m.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance.
  3. Consider approving agenda.
  4. Consider approving September 28 meeting minutes.
  5. Announcements.
  6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
  7. Consider adopting Resolution 10-21 in acknowledgement of Carl Rogers 30<sup>th</sup> year with the Town of Barre.
  8. Consider approving the new 5-year gravel road work plan for fiscal year 22-23.
  9. Consider approving the weekly accounts payable warrant for October 5, 2021.
  10. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
  11. ‘Round table.
  12. Executive session: legal and personnel
  13. Adjourn.

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
**October 5, 2021**

The duly warned meeting of October 5, 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, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell, Josh Martineau, Richard Tetreault, Chris LaMonda, Chief William Dodge, Wendy Moore, Katelyn Kran, Deb Lefebvre, Diane Waters, Joyce Beaudin, Alan Garceau, Jeff Blow, Tina Thurston, Alice Bartlett, David Danforth, Scott O’Brien, Willis Eaton, Jessica Mier, Brian Mier, Cora Mier, Gretchen Mier and Eden Mier. Attendance by video: Kate Rogers, Kara Nocito, Tony Nocito and Lydia Nocito.

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**APPROVE THE AGENDA**

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

1. *Add to #12 Executive Session: contract*

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by, Jack Mitchell the Selectboard voted to approve the September 28, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections. Bob Nelson abstained.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Barre Town water system customers, please note that the annual flushing of Barre Town water distribution system continues through October 15. The days of flushing a particular distribution area, water may become cloudy or discolored. Avoid washing clothes on those days. If you notice this, simply run the tap until the water clears.
- ✓ The 2019-2020 Barre Town Report is available on the Town website and in hard copy at the Town Offices and at markets around town.
- ✓ Barre Town residents who have leaves from their home yard they need to get rid of may bring them to the Barre Town Waste Site on Holden Road. The site is open every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday's from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Extended hours will be from October 16 through October 31, when it will be open Saturday's 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday's 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ There are several vacant board or committee positions. The vacant volunteer board positions are on the Cemetery Commission and the Housing Advisory Committee, which has two open seats. The Selectboard also is seeking a South Barre resident to serve on the Good Samaritan Haven Traditional Housing Committee. The Deputy Health Officer position, which pays a small stipend, also is vacant. Contact the Town Manager's Office to apply or for more information.
- ✓ Chair White announced after the September 28 executive session, the Selectboard voted to authorize Resource Technology Corporation to do additional work for the Rock of Ages property assessment appeal.
- ✓ Jack Mitchell announced that he would like to have Mrs. Wang add a request for bulk trash volunteers to future announcements.

## GUESTS – NONE

### RESOLUTION NO. 10-21

Background: Carl Rogers began his service to the Town of Barre thirty years ago on September 30, 1991. In his role as Town Manager he has led, guided, and supported countless Town projects. He has put in innumerable hours conducting analyses, doing due diligence, and participating in meetings. The Selectboard is recognizing Mr. Carl Rogers thirty years of service with a resolution and presentation.

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 10-21, "A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont in Appreciation of 30 Years of Service by Town Manager Carl Rogers to The Town of Barre."*

Jack Mitchell read the resolution for those present. Staff attending the meeting in person thanked Mr. Rogers for his dedication, hard work, and exceptional management through the years.

Board members acknowledged Mr. Rogers commitment, institutional knowledge, and countless hours dedicated to the Town. They noted the

extraordinary number of thirty-plus year employees the Town has been fortunate to honor.

Mr. Rogers thanked everyone and voiced his appreciation. He shared that after ten years of working for the Town of Barre he saw that there was no better place to work. Mr. Rogers noted the Barre Town residents appreciate the Town's services, expressing his appreciation for each department and the employees. Mr. White noted without great management these services would not be where they are today.

### **GRAVEL ROAD PLAN**

Background: Annually, the Selectboard reviews and approves the 5-year gravel road plan. This is the year that the Town reevaluates the roads. The roads were rescored after Town Engineer and Public Works Superintendent Richard Tetreault reviewed.

Josh Martineau and Richard Tetreault joined the Board for discussion.

Board discussion focused on the evaluation sheets and how the roads are rated. Mr. Rogers gave a brief explanation of the rating system.

Questions were raised regarding what gravel roads are currently on the list to be paved. Josh Martineau shared that sections of Sterling Hill, Holden Road, School Road and Anderson Road are on the list for the 5-year paving plan.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 5-year gravel road plan for fiscal year 2023 through 2027.*

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants dated October 5, 2021.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS - NONE**

### **'ROUND TABLE**

Paul White inquired about the baseball field proposal. Mrs. Wang explained the request was to modify the baseball field for additional use as a softball field. She noted this would require modifications to the field. Rec Board Chair Doug Farnham is exploring the request. The Rec Board had a discussion this past Monday. Barre Community Baseball and Softball members joined the discussion to voice their opinions. Mrs. Wang shared there are safety and field time concerns.

Justin Bolduc shared he had spoke with Rec Board Chair Doug Farnham. Mr. Farnham had further communication with Barre Community Baseball and his understanding is the shortage of field time will be an issue. Mr. Bolduc added there are also concerns from parents of Babe Ruth players, due to negative influences

taking place in the school parking lot during adult baseball games. Mr. Bolduc suggested the Town adds signage as you exit the recreation road and bike path letting individuals know they are leaving Town property.

Norma Malone reported that she has one individual who is interested in serving as the South Barre resident for the Good Samaritan Haven Traditional Housing Committee.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general 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 7:43 p.m. for legal, personnel and contract.*

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 8:42 p.m.*

**ACTION**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the engagement of Steve Cusick in filing the appeal of a DRB decision.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended temporary COVID-19 Leave Policy expiring December 31, 2021 retroactive to July 1, 2021 and authorize the chair to sign.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:44 p.m.*

Tina Lunt, Town Clerk	Selectboard Chair

***Barre Town Selectboard***