

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 19, 2021

P.I.L.O.T. Quarterly department head visit with police chief, fire chief and zoning director.....6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order.....6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving October 12 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Barre Area Development's executive director's quarterly report.
8. Consider appointments to the Regional Emergency Management Committee.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for October 19, 2021.
10. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
11. 'Round table.
12. Executive session: real estate
13. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 19, 2021

The duly warned meeting of October 19, 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, Justin Bolduc, Paul White, and Bob Nelson.

Attendance for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell, and Cody Morrison. Attendance by phone: David Sichel

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:53 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 item #12, Executive Session: contracts, legal and personnel.*
2. *Add to item #10, Miscellaneous: Jockey Hollow catering request.*

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the October 12, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ Barre Town residents may bring leaves from their residence to the Barre Town Lawn Waste Site on Holden Road. The site is open Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. For the rest of October, it will also be open Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m., and Sundays, noon to 4:00 p.m.
- ✓ If you are behind on your utility bills because of COVID-19 related reason, whether it is electricity, sewer, or water bills, contact Capstone Community Action or the Vermont Department of Public Service to find out if you could be eligible for assistance. Do so as soon as possible because the deadline to apply is October 24, 2021. Only about half of the funds Vermont has for this purpose has reached Vermonters. Capstone’s toll-free phone number is 1-800-639-1053. The Vermont Department of Public Service’s toll-free phone number is 1-833-295-8988. Ask about VCAAP, which stands for Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program. VCAAP.
- ✓ The winter, overnight on-street parking ban will be in effect from November 1 to April 1 regardless of the weather.
- ✓ The second installment of property taxes are due November 15.

GUESTS – NONE

BARRE AREA DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Background: Barre Area Development, Inc. (BADC) is a non-profit organization that promotes economic development in Barre Town and Barre City. BADC facilitates events to improve economic, social and a cultural quality of life in the Barre area. BADC focuses primarily on industrial, commercial, and retail development by supporting businesses. They receive annual funding by the City and Town and assist the municipalities and their officials in developing public infrastructure to support community and economic development.

Cody Morrison, BADC Executive Director was present. Mr. Morrison shared that David Sichel, BADC Board member (who was in attendance by telephone) would also be joining the presentation. Mr. Morrison gave a recap of Barre Area Developments focus this quarter. Highlights included:

- Shannon Alexander Photography
- Media performances with Aired Out Podcast and YouTube channel
- Website statistics
- Business and Real Estate
- Projects and grants
- Upcoming public relations
- Executive Director’s recent tours and meetings
- Organizational changes

Mr. Mitchell congratulated Mr. Morrison on his one-year anniversary with BADC. He stated that Mr. Morrison has been a good fit and has great energy. Board members echoed Mr. Mitchell’s comments.

Selectboard Minutes of October 19, 2021 Continued:

A brief conversation focused on labor shortage issues with discussion regarding the housing market concerns.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Background: The State dissolved the Regional Planning Commission based Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) and created one state-wide LEPC. While doing so, the State created new Regional Emergency Management Committees (REMC) based on regional planning commission territories. Each municipality in a region is required to appoint two members; Emergency Management Director or Coordinator and someone from Town's Emergency Services.

It is noted that Town Engineer Josh Martineau volunteered to serve as the Town's Emergency Service Representative.

Chair White and Town Manager Carl Rogers shared a brief history on how LEPC was developed.

Mr. Mitchell thanked Josh Martineau for stepping up as a volunteer.

The REMC will have a total of forty-six members and meetings will be held quarterly.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint the Town Manager and Emergency Management Director Carl Rogers and firefighter Joshua Martineau to the Regional Emergency Management Committee.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants dated October 19, 2021.

Mrs. Malone reported an error listed on one of the vendors. Hutch Brothers Concrete should be corrected to Hutchins Roofing Company.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor Permit for Jockey Hollow Deli & Catering Inc. to be held at Barre Fish and Game Club for Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

'ROUND TABLE

Mr. Bolduc reported the skate park in the main rec facility has a fence issue that is a safety concern.

Mr. Bolduc inquired about the sidewalk in South Barre. He noted it appears we are losing sidewalk, due to the regrowth of grass over the years. It is approximately 16-18 inches that the Town needs to find a way to regain, noting he understands DPW does not have a lot of time on their hands.

Selectboard Minutes of October 19, 2021 Continued:

Mrs. Malone reported the Good Samaritan Haven working group met on Monday, October 18. The attendees included Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Chief Bill Dodge, four individuals from Good Samaritan Haven and herself. Mrs. Malone shared the facility will open on November 1, and staff have identified nine good applicants. At the meeting, house rules were reviewed, recommendations were made, and four MOU'S were reviewed. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, and the group are looking to have a community member seated at that time and will also look at appointing a chairperson.

Mr. Mitchell suggested the Board be proactive and comes to a consensus on what they would like to see in the budget. Items such as zoning enforcement and a public works employee are a couple items that need to be looked at.

Mr. Mitchell shared he plans to attend the Planning Commission meeting tomorrow evening, noting there are also BCA appeal hearings. He will attend the first half of the BCA meeting.

Chair White inquired about the delinquent ambulance notices. Town Manager Carl Rogers stated that Finance Director Katelynn Kran reported they have resulted in one phone call and the Town has received one payment to date.

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 Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:55 p.m. for real estate, contracts, legal and personnel.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9: 11p.m.

Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair