

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

October 26, 2021

- P.I.L.O.T. Quarterly department head visit with finance 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 19 meeting minutes.
 5. Announcements.
 6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
 7. Consider adopting Resolution No. 11-21 in appreciation of Raymond Brown’s thirty-one years of service to the Town.
 8. Presentation of information about Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
 9. Consider adopting new 5-year Road Paving Plan.
 10. Consider appointing a South Barre resident to the Good Samaritan Haven Working Group.
 11. Consider approving a private road name.
 12. Consider authorizing purchase of road salt for fiscal year 2021-2022.
 13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for October 26, 2021.
 14. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
 15. ‘Round table.
 16. Executive session (if needed).
 17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 26, 2021

The duly warned meeting of October 26, 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, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Finance Director Katelyn Kran, Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell, Jim West, Alan Garceau, Dwight Harrington, Robert Benoit, Raymond Brown, Dwight Coffrin, Angela Labrador, and Donna Dailey.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the October 19, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ The second quarter property tax payment is due November 15. Payments may be mailed to the Town Clerk's Office, dropped off at the Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or dropped in one of the drop boxes at the front of the Municipal Building every day or night. An electronic payment option is available. Contact the Clerk's Office at 479-9391 for more information about this payment option.
- ✓ On Halloween Sunday, please drive extra careful at dusk when the witches, ghosts, princesses, superheroes, and little critters take to the streets in search of treats.
- ✓ The Town's Lawn Waste Site will be open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 30. It will be open again on Sunday, October 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The drop-off site will be open Wednesday, November 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Service after November 6 depends on ground conditions and the weather.
- ✓ Starting November 1, on-street overnight parking, that is from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., is prohibited, regardless of the weather. If you or someone you know usually parks on the street or in the street right-of-way overnight, plan to use another parking space during the winter.

GUESTS – NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-21

Background: Raymond Brown has worked seasonally as a member of the three-to four-member Town of Barre Cemetery Division since September 11, 1990. He has helped maintain the Town's Recreation and municipal building grounds and has worked with the Public Works crew throughout his thirty-one years. He is valued for his reliability, dedication, punctuality and exceptional skills in operating a skid steer.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 11-21, "A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont in Appreciation of 31 Years of Service by Raymond Brown to the Town of Barre."

Jack Mitchell read the resolution for those present.

Mr. Brown was joined by friends, family and co-workers who thanked him for his dedication, reliability, responsible manner, vast wealth of knowledge and exceptional work skills.

Dwight Harrington presented and read a Resolution offered by the Barre Town Cemetery Commission.

Dwight Coffin, Cemetery Sexton shared his appreciation for Mr. Brown's work and friendship. He expressed that Barre Town often receives compliments on their cemetery, noting it is because of the good work of Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown thanked everyone and shared the Town is like his second home.

Selectboard Minutes of October 26, 2021 Continued:

Mr. Brown's sister arranged for a celebration cake to be shared with those present.

CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (CLFRF)

Background: The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) included \$300 billion in pandemic-related aid for state and local governments. The Town of Barre will be receiving \$2,307,709.02 and is responsible to spend in accordance with Federal Guidelines. Selectboards will have discretion over how to spend their allocations.

Finance Director Katelyn Kran gave a presentation on ARPA funding. A summary of the presentation included:

- State ARPA funds and how the State plans to spend their ARPA dollars
- Town ARPA funds and how much the Town is receiving
- Timeline for funding obligations
- Expenditure categories for funding
- Guidelines for reporting funding allocations
- Terms and conditions
- Policies the Town needs to adopt

Mrs. Kran informed the Board the Town is waiting on further details around the expenditure category guidelines.

Town Manager Carl Rogers reminded Board members to keep the funding obligation timeline in mind. He noted it will be important for the Selectboard to have a contingency plan in place to use any unspent money for specified purposes. He stated the Board should create a written plan and it is crucial that everything is well documented.

The Board discussed options regarding public input. Mrs. Malone suggested identifying certain areas the Town knows they have a need for the funds. This will provide a framework for the expenditures. Board members agreed it would be best to share their plans with the public and then allow residents an opportunity to express their thoughts and ideas.

5-YEAR ROAD PAVING

Background: This is another of the many Town Plans which assist with the preparation of the upcoming budget. The roads were inspected and rated last year. The price table has been updated. The budget price for asphalt is up 9.72% and the milling is up \$2.00 per square yard. The usual steps were followed for adjustments.

Carl Rogers gave an overview of the price chart. Mr. Rogers gave a brief explanation on the changes that were made, categorization of the roads, and the determination of how they are placed within the 5-year road paving plan.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the 5-year Road Paving Plan, Fiscal Year 2023 through 2027 as presented.

GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN WORKING GROUP

Background: The Good Samaritan Haven MOU states there will be a Working Group, which will include a resident of the South Barre community. The Working Group also included representatives from the Barre Town Police Department, Barre Town Selectboard, a Town employee, and the Good Samaritan Haven organization.

South Barre resident Jim West resides on Apple Blossom Road, off from Rte. 63 and is interested in serving on the Working Group.

Mr. West was present for discussion and shared why his is interested in serving on the Working Group. He believes the idea of transitional housing is worthy and is hopeful to provide a role in the success of the program.

The Board expressed their appreciation for Mr. West volunteering for the Good Samaritan Haven Working Group.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Jim West as the South Barre resident serving on the Good Samaritan Haven Working Group.

Ms. Wang shared a report-out of the first meeting with Mr. West.

PRIVATE ROAD NAME

Background: Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette is the Town's E-911 coordinator. Mr. Violette has informed the Town that a shared driveway will soon have a third house requiring the driveway be named and house numbers assigned on the private road. The two current residents and the new owner agree to naming the road Remington Drive.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize a private road off of Washington Road to be named Remington Drive.

ROAD SALT PURCHASE

Background: American Rock Salt proposed a price of \$71.00 per ton for Barre Town. American Rock Salt has received the contract for the newly re-formed AOT district 6. In learning this, Town Manager Carl Rogers has asked for re-consideration of the Town's proposed price per ton as the Town buys a large quantity of salt and the drive from DuBois Construction to Barre Town's DPW's Yard is comparable to the drive to AOT's local garages.

Town Manager Carl Rogers shared he received a new quote from American Rock Salt for \$69.00 per ton. American Rock Salt can offer this if the Town commits to buying all salt from them this year. Jeff Newton from DuBois Construction, who is the distributor for American Rock Salt confirmed that inventory should not be an issue.

Selectboard Minutes of October 26, 2021 Continued:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to sign a contract for up to 2400 tons of road salt from American Rock Salt at the price of \$69.00 per ton.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of October 26, 2021.

MISCELLANEOUS – NONE

‘ROUND TABLE

Mr. Mitchell asked for clarification around the upcoming Board of Civil Authority meetings and Board of Abatement meeting. Town Clerk Tina Lunt shared the upcoming meeting dates with Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Bolduc inquired about the flu clinic. Ms. Wang shared the Town did not meet the minimum requirement this year and will not be scheduling a clinic but encourages everyone to get their flu shot.

Mr. Nelson thanked Ms. Wang for getting Mr. Brown’s cake. He also expressed his appreciation for her help with the Town Forest.

Norma Malone inquired about Fuzzbuzz. Town Manager Carl Rogers stated the Town is still waiting to see if bidding requirements are necessary. Mrs. Malone expressed that as much as the Town would like to utilize the ARPA funds, she sees the need of having the equipment sooner than later, noting the most recent recommendation of the possible return to a declared State of Emergency. She stated it would be beneficial to move forward and have this equipment in place.

A discussion took place regarding the Purchasing Policy. Board consensus is to add consideration of the purchase of Fuzzbuzz equipment to the next meeting agenda. Ms. Wang will see if arrangements can be made between CVTV and Fuzzbuzz to speak prior to next week.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8: 51p.m.

Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard