

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

November 23, 2021

- P.I.L.O.T. Review and explanation of the landline telephone bill.....6:00 p.m.
1. Call to order.....6:30 p.m.
  2. Pledge of Allegiance.
  3. Consider approving agenda.
  4. Consider approving November 16 meeting minutes.
  5. Announcements.
  6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
  7. Discussion about CV Regional Planning Commission's draft by-laws.
  8. Consider approving incorporating Town's waterline river crossing into VTrans Rt. 110 bridge construction contract.
  9. Consider approving letter in support of CVTV's service improvements.
  10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for November 23, 2021.
  11. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
  12. 'Round table.
  13. Executive session: real estate (action anticipated), contract.
  14. Adjourn.

### BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

November 23, 2021

The duly warned meeting of November 23, 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, Justin Bolduc, and Paul White.

The following members were absent: Bob Nelson and W. John "Jack" Mitchell.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

### APPROVE THE AGENDA

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to approve the amended agenda as follows:*

1. *Add to #11 miscellaneous: Request to authorize Chair to sign commitment letter for FEMA grant.*

### MINUTES

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to approve the November 16, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ The Selectboard is seeking letters of interest for four volunteer boards or committees: The Cemetery Commission, the CV Fiber Board, the Housing Advisory Committee, and the Budget Committee. Letters or emails of interest may be submitted to the Town Manager's Office. For more information about the Cemetery Commission, Housing Advisory Committee and Budget Committee see the November Town newsletter. The CV Fiber Board position is for the Town's alternate delegate. CV Fiber is the organization bringing broadband to Central Vermont.
- ✓ The State of Vermont has up to \$50 million to assist low and middle-income homeowners experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Vermont Housing Finance Agency is building a program called Vermont Homeowners Assistance Program. The Housing Finance Agency expects the program to be open before the end of December. The program will help eligible homeowners with delinquent property taxes, past due mortgage payments, homeowner association fees and utilities. Check out the website: [vermonthap.vhfa.org](http://vermonthap.vhfa.org) for more information.
- ✓ COVID vaccinations are available, whether first shot, second shot, or booster shot, and for all eligible ages, including children 5 to 11. People ages 12 and older can walk-in to any clinic. Note there's a daily vaccine clinic organized by the Barre Town and Waterbury EMS Departments at the Berlin Mall, where you can receive Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson vaccinations. Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are by appointment only. You can make an appointment, and find a location most convenient for you, by going to [healthvermont.gov](http://healthvermont.gov) and clicking on the link "COVID-19 vaccine."
- ✓ The Selectboard is interested in hearing your suggestions for use of Barre Town's \$2.3 millions in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The money must be used for eligible uses. The list of uses is posted in an announcement on the Town's homepage ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)). Suggestions may be submitted to the [offices@barretown.org](mailto:offices@barretown.org) email address.
- ✓ You should have received the November newsletter. We encourage you to look through it. We don't expect every article will be of interest to everyone but would bet everyone will find at least one article useful or informative.
- ✓ Finally, the Selectboard meeting for November 30 has been cancelled. After tonight, the next meeting will be held on December 7.

## GUESTS

Mr. Scott Kindestin was present. Conversation focused on a follow up from last week's meeting that Mr. Kindestin attended. Mr. Kindestin has personal concerns around how the Board of Civil Authority handled his appeal. Mr. Kindestin proposed several motions to the Board. Chair Paul White stated the motions would be taken under advisement.

## CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DRAFT BY-LAWS

Background: Mr. George Clain is a member of the Town Planning Commission and the Town's alternate representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Clain is here to explain proposed by-law changes and get the Selectboards feedback.

Selectboard Minutes of November 23, 2021 Continued:

Mr. Clain was present. Mr. Clain stated he is part of a three-member by-law working group. He noted the proposed by-laws changes are being prepared for presentation to the executive committee for approval and is interested in the Board's feedback.

Discussion focused on the following topics under proposal:

1. Consensus on how balloting of officers is done.
2. Voting when it comes to alternates if commissioner does not vote.
3. Recording secretary overseeing the ballots.

The Board agreed that Mr. Clain's proposals seem reasonable. Chair White thanked Mr. Clain for attending and soliciting the Barre Town Selectboard's input.

### **RT. 110 BRIDGE/WATERLINE CONTRACT**

Background: The Agency of Transportation (AOT) has notified the Town that in anticipation of additional Federal funds it will be able to move construction of the VT Rt. 110 bridge up to 2023. AOT would like to go out to bid in December of 2022. Decisions about the Town's waterline attached to the bridge are needed. Town Engineer Josh Martineau, Town Manager Carl Rogers, Waste Engineer Robert Clark, two of AOT Staff members and the AOT's consulting project engineer have met and recommend the entire amount of remaining work be included in the bridge contract. Construction is slated for a narrow time range in late spring to mid-summer.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to notify the VT Agency of Transportation that the Town wishes to have all remaining waterline construction in the vicinity of the Rt. 110 bridge incorporated into VT AOT's bidding specifications and contract documents.*

### **CVTV LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Background: CVTV is seeking the Selectboard's support for the installation of a fiber optic line directly from the Municipal Building to the CVTV studio.

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the November 23, 2021 letter of support to CVTV.*

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of November 23, 2021, with the exception of PW, PM and NM.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Rogers stated The Town's Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan expires May 10, 2023. These plans are adopted and approved by FEMA. Mr. Rogers explained the Town recently learned that the Regional Planning Commission is not receiving money directly to assist towns in rewriting or updating their local plans. Towns can request funding by applying through Vermont Emergency Management and they are offering a 25% match to towns. The Town of Barre is requesting to start the assignment and request a local match of \$2,787.58 and budget for this in 2023.

Selectboard Minutes of November 23, 2021 Continued:

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Chair to sign a letter committing for Barre Town’s local match of a FEMA grant to help with the rewriting of the Towns local Hazardous Mitigation Plan.*

Mrs. Malone inquired about the status of the AV project with Fuzzbuzz Technologies, Inc. Ms. Wang noted a purchase order was issued for the electrical work to be completed.

**‘ROUND TABLE**

Town Clerk Tina Lunt shared an email from a Barre Town resident who recently went through the Board of Civil Authority property assessment appeal process. The resident expressed her appreciation for everyone’s efforts, guidance, time, and professionalism in the appeals process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted 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 Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:21 p.m. for real estate and contract.*

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 8:22 p.m.*

**ACTION**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc the Selectboard voted to approve the Easement and Consent to Encroachment for Lucas John and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Easement, subject to the Vermont Land Trust’s execution of the Easement.*

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.*

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