

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
April 13, 2021

P.I.L.O.T – Quarterly Department visits with Police, Public Works and Engineering 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order 6:45 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 6, 2021 Selectboard meeting minutes.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (by phone) for non-agenda items.
7. Discussion with C.V. Solid Waste District officials regarding plans for Household Hazardous Waste Facility in the Wilson Industrial Park.
8. Consider awarding contracts: a) Bulk Trash roll-offs; b) Town building’s trash and recycling service.
9. Consider authorizing Renunciation of Gift (Donald Allen – Camp Street lots).
- 10.COVID-19 report, if needed.
- 11.Consider approving weekly Accounts Payable Warrants for April 13, 2021.
- 12.Miscellaneous: a) 2nd Class Liquor License for Lawson’s Store; b) 2nd Class Liquor License for Rickie’s Shell & Deli, Inc. in South Barre; and c) other permits and licenses, if any.
- 13.‘Round the table.
- 14.Executive session: real estate and personnel.
- 15.Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 13, 2021

The duly warned meeting of April 13, 2021 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville, Vermont at 6:45 p.m. and remotely using Teams.

The following member attended in person: W. John “Jack” Mitchell Those attending remotely include: Paul White, Norma Malone, Justin Bolduc, and Bob Nelson.

Attendance in person for the regular meeting: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Manager Elaine Wang and Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kely. Those attending remotely or by phone: CVSMD Representatives Lisa Liotta, Brenna Toman and Fred Thumm, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

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 as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Budget Committee Meeting minutes of April 6, 2021 were unanimously approved with minor grammatical and spelling changes as presented to the Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ The Barre Town Lawn Waste Site is scheduled to open Saturday, April 17, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. We are also looking for volunteers to cover a weekday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday. If you are interested please call the Manager’s Office at 802-479-9331.
- ✓ The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Barre Town will be held on April 24, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Garage, 129 Websterville Road. For more information on fees and COVID protocols visit www.cvsmd.org or call 802-229-9383 (extension 105).
- ✓ Green Up Day will be Saturday, May 1, 2021. Sign up to Green Up Barre Town by calling the Town offices at 802-479-9331 with your roadside choice, or stop by between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bags and gloves are now available.

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- ✓ Help the Millstone Trails Association volunteers clean up the trails from this winter's logging operation. The next trail cleanup day is Sunday, April 18, 2021, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring a mask, water and dress for the weather. Meet at 44 Brook Street in Websterville.
- ✓ The Barre Town Bulk Trash collection will be held on Saturday, May 8, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More details will be in the April Barre Town Newsletter coming soon.

In other news:

- ✓ The Town is still accepting application for Public Works summer helpers. You must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. Necessary training is provided. The first summer pay rate is \$12.75 an hour. To apply, call 802-479-9331 and ask for an application.
- ✓ Early ballots are now available for the Barre Town Municipal Elections and the Barre Unified Union School District Budget Revote to be held on May 11, 2021. To request an early ballot call the Town Clerk's Office at 802-479-9391. If you need to register to vote you can do so any time, including now. Visit or call the Town Clerk's Office or go online to www.olvr.vermont.gov.
- ✓ Note that the tennis courts are reserved for Spaulding High School Tennis Program, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, through June 11, 2021. However, if the court is vacant during these times, others may use the tennis courts.
- ✓ Speaking of tennis, Barre Town Recreation will be offering tennis lessons this year, July 20, 2021 through July 30, 2021, for anyone aged 8 or over. For details or to register, call 802-479-9331 or go to www.barretown.org.
- ✓ Chair White informed the viewing audience that during the Selectboard meeting last week's meeting there were several Guests inquiring about the recent logging of the Town Forest. As a result, the Town Forester will be on the April 20, 2021 meeting agenda. This is an informational session to speak to logging operations in the Forest.
- ✓ The Cannabis discussion which was on the April 6, 2021 agenda is being rescheduled. Depending on how full the agenda is, the topic will be placed on the April 20 or 27th agenda.

GUESTS - None

C.V. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PLANS FOR HHW FACILITY

Background: The C.V. Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) is planning to build a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility. They are interested in locating the facility at the Wilson Industrial Park. Lisa Liotta (General Manager) and Brenna Toman (Operations Manager), and Board Chair Fred Thumm are providing the Selectboard with information on the project to include timeline, activity, implementation plans, and Host Town agreement.

Ms. Liotta stated the State has determined that Central Vermont has the population to warrant a permanent household hazardous waste facility. They provided the CVSWMD with a \$500,000 grant to facilitate this happening. The initial CVSWMD HHW Committee viewed properties in Central Vermont and conclude the Barre Town Wilson Industrial Park was the best location and inquired about purchasing a lot. However, the amount of needed land has increased a couple of acres to 9.7. The CVSWMD would like to have a "campus" to incorporate all of their needs (HHW Facility, relocate ARCC, trash/recycling, and possible lawn waste). Phase 1 is to build the HHW Facility now as they have funding and to build out the campus as funds become available.

Discussion focused on Wilson Industrial Park Covenants (screening of outdoor contents), traffic, being good neighbors, near future changes in legislation for the collection of materials, current cost of materials to do new construction (goal to begin in 2022), need to purchase land and negotiate a Host Town Agreement, there would be no major water consumption by the facility, and concern that such a large portion of Industrial Park land would come off the tax roll.

CVSWMD stated they would provide the Selectboard with the draft of the "campus" plan, noting it was designed with a different lot location in mind. The District will also provide a sample Host Town Agreement.

The process from this point forward is to:

1. Obtain a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Barre Town, conditioned upon an acceptable Host Town Agreement.
2. Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) approval with the State to add the facility. This includes Public Hearings and written comments submitted to the Agency of Natural Resources. The CSWMD will reach out to abutters to address concerns as well.

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3. Simultaneously with #2 work on design and apply/obtain the necessary State/Local permits.

AWARD CONTRACTS: TRASH AND RECYCLING, BULK TRASH ROLL-OFFS

Background: Annually, the Town puts out bids for Municipal trash/recycling services. We also bid out for roll-off containers used for Green Up Day and our Bulk Trash Collection events.

Roll-off containers: Bidding specifications were mailed to Casella Waste, Myers, and Earth Waste. The bid provides the roll-off containers for Bulk Trash and two (15 yard) containers for Green Up Day debris. Earth Waste did not bid. The low bid was Casella at \$222 per ton. Management reported they have provided good service.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the Spring 2021 Bulk Trash Roll-off Container Service contract to Casella Waste Management, Inc. based on its bid price of \$222.00 per ton.

Trash and Recycling: Bid specifications were mailed to Myers and Casella. Casella did not submit a bid. Myers bids are the same as last year. Management stated the service was okay. There was a minor problem with billing which has been worked out. The billing has been accurate and timely. As fees did not increase there will be a slight savings in next Fiscal Year's budget.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 trash and recycling pick up and disposal contract for five (5) Town buildings or properties to Myers Waste and Recycle based on their bid price.

RENUNCIATION OF GIFT (CAMP STREET LOTS)

Background: The Estate of Donald Allen bequeathed two lots on Camp Street to the Town with the condition they be converted to a neighborhood park. After much discussion, the Selectboard voted to not accept the Estate bequest and is being asked to formally sign a Renunciation of Gift document.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Renunciation of Gift regarding the Estate of Donald G. Allen of 2 lots located off Camp Street.

COVID-19 REPORT

Manager Rogers reported the following:

- State meetings to update municipalities are changing in frequency. The Town is no longer receiving the report on new cases in the county.
- Employee status is good. Vaccinations for staff very good (Public Safety – good, Administrative staff extremely good and many received first dose, DPW has not heard of anyone not getting the vaccination).
- Events:
 - Fire Department Father's Day Chicken BBQ is canceled
 - Recreation Board Spring Festival is canceled
 - Green-Up Day is on schedule but there will be no luncheon for volunteers.
 - Bulk Trash Collection is on schedule with all the COVID protocols in place
 - The Easter Egg Hunt was a drive-thru this year and successful.
 - The Lawn Waste Site on Holden Road is opening; volunteers are asked not to unload vehicles.
 - Opening of Offices – Management is paying close attention to State guidelines. There may be a need to do some changes with regards to meetings. Municipal Building reopening will be based on the State guidelines and Administrative Staff vaccination process. Bringing the Administrative staff back to the main office will be the first step.
- VLCT put out an information sheet about the American Rescue Plan Act. It is mostly about proposed new employment position which is intended to help VT Towns use and report use of the monies correctly. At this time, the Town has heard not to expect US Treasury's regulations on how money can be used and reporting until June 9th. The monies may arrive in late May or early June.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the April 13, 2021 accounts payable warrants. Bob Nelson abstained from the vote due to a conflict.

The Board briefly discussed the return of overpayments under \$1.00. The Town Clerk-Treasurer reported the City of Barre had been audited on this very item. If we keep the funds, at this time, and there is no invoice to post the revenue to, then the funds would need to be turned over to the State Abandoned

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Property Division. Rather than go through the cumbersome paperwork process it is best to just refund to the remittee now.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a Second Class Liquor License for Lawson’s Store.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a Second Class Liquor License for Rickie’s Shell & Deli, Inc.

‘ROUND TABLE

Jack Mitchell inquired who from the Selectboard would like to work at the Bulk Trash event on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Paul White and Justin Bolduc will. Bob Nelson will have to wait until closer to the event date to make a decision.

Norma Malone reported that Barre Town’s charter amendments have passed through the Legislature and are on the Governor’s desk for signing.

Norma Malone inquired on the status of proceeding with investigating (with the goal of purchase) the audio/visual system/setup for the Selectboard meeting room. Discussion focused on the idea of setting up a subcommittee, doing a needs assessment (hire a consultant, work with an outside vendor, researching other business/company/municipal systems, incorporating the repair/maintenance cost in future budgets, the need for a bid process, and the immediate need for this system.

Paul White noted he has not received the “interior notice letter” for the town-wide reappraisal. Manager Rogers stated only those household who did not speak with those doing the visual inspections last year will receive the letter. The Assessor will be the PILOT session at the April 20th meeting (next week).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general public 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 8:03 p.m. for contracts and personnel.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:17 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard