



# Town of Barre VERMONT

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

August 16, 2022

### AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving August 9 Selectboard meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Discussion regarding school board vacancy
8. Consider awarding purchase contracts: **a)** ten-wheeled dump truck; **b)** police pick-up
9. Consider awarding contract for roll-off container service
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for August 16, 2022
11. Miscellaneous: **a)** permit to cater malt, vinous and spirituous liquors; **b)** permit for fireworks display
12. Round the table
13. Executive session (personnel)
14. Adjourn

### MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of August 16, 2022 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

**Selectboard Members Present:** Paul White, Norma Malone, Justin Bolduc, and W. John “Jack” Mitchell. Those present virtually: Bob Nelson

**Selectboard Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, and Shop Foreman Mike Martel.

**Others Present:** Alice Farrell, Sonya Spaulding, and Josh Howard. Those attending virtually: Jeff Blow, Andrea Poulin, and Nancy LeClerc

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.*

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the August 9, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The contractor intends to resume paving on Friday, August 26 on Websterville Road followed by Church Hill Road on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Other Roads to be paved this season are: Waterman Street and the following streets in the Trow Hill section: Cardinal Circle, Goodhue Lane, Skylark Terrace, West Skylark, Robin Drive, and Sparrow Drive. The contractor has not said in what order these streets will be paved.
- Schools will re-open soon, which means school buses will be back on the road several times per day. It also means there will be school children walking to, and waiting at, their bus stop. Remember all traffic must stop when the bus's red lights are flashing. Please slow down when you see children walking or waiting at a bus stop.
- We are accepting applications or letters of interest in serving on the Town Cemetery Commission. The Commission has five members. It meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Typically the Commission meets April through October. The Commission oversees the three cemeteries. It adjusts Cemetery Rules and Regulations as needed, plans cemetery improvements, approves monument designs and takes other actions as states in the Rules and Regulations. Monthly meetings typically do not run two hours. For more information contact the Town Manager's Office or read about the Commission and its agendas and minutes, available on the Town website.
- The Town is accepting employment applications for a Police Officer and Public Works Shop Mechanic. Contact the Town Manager's Office for more information or for an application.

**GUESTS:**

Barre Town resident Alice Farrell lives near West Cobble Hill. She inquired about the water main leak near Trow Hill Grocery. Town Manager Carl Rogers noted the Town is aware and monitoring this issue. He believes it is most likely an issue in the shut off and will require the road to be dug up to make repairs. This is affecting direct bill city customers that live in Barre Town.

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL BOARD (BUUSD) VACANCY:**

Background: The BUUSD Board had a school Board member resign last month. During a previous Selectboard meeting School Board members met with the Selectboard to provide notice of the vacancy and plans for filling the seat. Members of the BUUSD Board return to report on its recruitment results.

BUUSD Board Chair Sonya Spaulding and Vice Chair Alice Farrell were present. Mrs. Farrell shared that four candidates submitted their names to fill the vacancy. The Board narrowed the applicants down to two for a vote. Mrs. Farrell noted that the first vote failed, however, the second vote confirmed appointment of

Mr. Paul Malone. Mr. Malone's appointment is in effect until March of 2023. The Selectboard thanked the BUUSD Board members for sharing this information with them.

**EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:**

**10-Wheeler:**

Background: The Town budgeted \$245,000 in the Equipment Fund to buy a new 10-wheeler-chassis and body with plow. Last week the Town learned that the truck they were looking to purchase from Allegiance was sold to the Town of Wolcott. Shop Foreman Mike Martel spoke with a sales rep from Charlebois, who talked with Tenco about the possibility of making changes to the body and plow system on the complete truck. Tenco is unwilling to make changes. The body and plow do not meet the Town specs.

Mr. Martel shared that he spoke with Allegiance late this afternoon. Allegiance has a truck available that was previously built for the Town of Fairfax. The truck as it currently is would cost \$217,265. Mr. Martel noted the Town would need to send it to Viking to alter the specs, which would cost an additional \$14,150 and with the extended warranties the total cost of the truck would be \$240,013.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the contract for the purchase of a 2022 HX620 Allegiance truck with the extended warranties for a total price of \$240,013.*

**Police Truck:**

Background: The Town budgeted \$38,710 for the purchase of a police SUV this fiscal year. Previously Chief Dodge asked the Selectboard to consider purchasing a police pick-up truck. The Board indicated approval of the proposition.

The State has a contract (valid until May 2024) with McGee Ford of Montpelier. The truck is a 2023 Ford F-150 Police Responder W1P. The base price is \$41,951. Chief Dodge would like 4 options and three of them have no price difference. The 4<sup>th</sup> option is for the spray-in bed liner. The cost is \$562.25. The total cost would be \$42,513.25.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-150 Police Responder W1P from McGee Ford of Montpelier through the State's contract number 43862 for a price of \$42,513.25.*

**ROLL-OFF CONTRACT:**

Background: This service is for the September 17<sup>th</sup> fall bulk trash collection. Bidding specs were sent to five companies, including Myers. Casella is the only company that submitted a bid. Casella's bid is \$227 per ton. The Town budgeted \$220 per ton.

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the fall bulk trash collection roll-off service contract to Casella Waste Management based on their bid of \$227 per ton.*

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of August 16, 2022 for fiscal year '22 invoices.*

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**MISCELLANEOUS:**

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor permit for the Cornerstone Burger Company who will be catering an event on September 2, 2022 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Rock of Ages.*

Board consensus is that they do not need to see future applications for those licensees that have previously been approved for a catering request. Clerk Lunt will email Chair White to notify the Board when a previous licensee has submitted an application. Clerk Lunt is authorized to sign off on requests for previous approved licensee applicants without going before the Board.

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to approve a firework display permit for Scott Lamberti, 118 Phelps Road on September 4, 2022 with a rain date of September 3, 2022 with the start time of dusk.*

A brief discussion took place regarding the approval of rain dates for firework displays. The application calls for a “rain date”, and not multiple rain dates. It has been past practice to approve one rain date for applicants. Clerk Lunt will speak with Chief Violette and Chief Dodge to review the Firework Application and possibly reword the language around rain dates.

Town Manager Carl Rogers gave an update on the excavator. United Construction and Forestry contacted the Town to let them know they have a 2022 excavator with a delivery date of November. Town staff agreed they had no problem purchasing the 2022 excavator at the 2023 price as it has the same specs and a shorter delivery time.

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to reconsider the motion of purchasing the 2023 John Deere 190 GW excavator from United Construction and Forestry.*

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the 2022 John Deere 190 GW excavator from United Construction and Forestry.*

**ROUND TABLE:**

Jack Mitchell:

- Mr. Mitchell expressed that he has missed Mr. Nelson’s in-person presence as the last two meetings he has had to attend virtually.

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- Mr. Mitchell commented on the anonymous letter that was received. He shared that he was disappointed the person did not sign the letter.

Paul White:

- Chair White inquired about the status of the Town Forest Committee. The Manager noted he has not had a chance to notify the individuals who were appointed. He does plan to send a letter out to the Committee regarding their availability for meeting times.
- Chair White inquired about the Deputy Health Officer and his advancement to Health Officer. Town Manager Carl Rogers did not have an update on this status.

**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 6:55 p.m. for personnel.*

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:38 p.m.*

**ADJOURN:**

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:39 p.m.*

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Selectboard

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Paul White, Chair

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Norma Malone, Vice Chair

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Justin Bolduc

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Jack Mitchell

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Bob Nelson

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Barre Town Clerk.