



**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 6, 2022**

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving November 29 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider selecting provider for the Road Grader lease financing
8. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for December 6, 2022
9. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits if any
10. Round the table
11. Executive session: Personnel and Real Estate
12. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of December 6, 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, W. John “Jack” Mitchell, and Bob Nelson.

Selectboard Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Carl Rogers, and Town Clerk Tina Lunt. Those attending virtually: David Danforth

Others Present: Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell

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 Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, 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 November 29, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are accepting letters or emails from registered Town voters who would like to serve on the 2023 Budget Committee. The Committee will meet from the end of January to the end of March and review every Town fund budget. Participation on the Budget Committee is the most efficient means to learn about Town operations. Letters or emails will be accepted until December 29.
- On Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. a film about last summer’s Quarry Dance project will be played here, in our meeting room. After the approximately 45-minute film there will be time for questions and answers and discussion about the dance project. There is no charge to attend.
- The Vermont Homeowners Assistance Program, known as VHAP, is winding down. VHAP assists homeowners with their tax and utility bills if the homeowner suffered financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you or someone you know had a loss of income during the pandemic and has past due utility or property tax bills, visit the website for more information:

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vermonthap.vhap.org. The program will stop taking applications in December. If you need help, act now.

- There is a sand pile outside the Public Works Yard gate at 129 Websterville Road. The sand is free for Town residents to use at their home. It is not intended for commercial use. Residents may take a reasonable amount. We encourage residents to stay safe during the winter. The sand can help with traction on driveways and safer footing on sidewalks and paths to compost bins, chicken coops, garage doors, wood piles and any other destination. It is best to get your sand before the storm arrives.
- Anyone walking, running, or cycling along roads this winter are advised to wear a light-colored garment, a reflective vest or jacket, and carry a light. Please do your part to be seen.

GUESTS: None.

LEASE FINANCING FOR ROAD GRADER:

Background: The Town planned to purchase a road grader with an 8-year lease. Municipal Leasing Consultants and Cogent Leasing and Financing offered the lowest interest rate. They have also provided the financing for the excavator. The grader is expected to be delivered in January from United Construction and Forestry.

Town Manager Carl Rogers shared the interest rate with Municipal Leasing Consultants and Cogent Leasing and Financing is 4.57%. The annual payment will be \$52,322, noting this is \$1500.00 more than he estimated in the 5-year Equipment Plan. Board members commented that they have been pleased with Municipal Leasing Consultants service in the past and are in consensus to move forward with the lease financing.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to select Municipal Leasing Consultants and Cogent Leasing Financing to provide lease financing for the road grader.

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 December 6, 2022. Bob Nelson abstained.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to approve and sign the Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquor permit for Fairways & Greens for an event held at The Lodge at Millstone on December 10, 2022 from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Justices of the Peace:

Per 26 V.S.A. § 5343, continuing education is required for notaries public once they have been commissioned for a full renewal cycle. The Vermont Bar Association has an available training for individuals who need to complete their required training. Individuals are required to register and pay to access the training. Justices of the Peace are exempt from the application/renewal fees to become a notary, however, they are not exempt from the continued education fees. Clerk Lunt shared that a few Justices of the Peace have contacted her regarding being reimbursed for the training fee. Clerk Lunt shared the Town currently has four staff members who hold notary licenses. It is not a requirement that Justices of the Peace hold a notary license. Board consensus is the fee will not be reimbursed for this service for Justices of the Peace.

ROUND TABLE:

Bob Nelson: Mr. Nelson shared that he will not be in attendance at the Tuesday, December 13 Board meeting.

Norma Malone: Mrs. Malone commented that Mr. Nelson will be missed next week.

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 6:17 p.m. for personnel and real estate.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:58 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Selectboard

Paul White, Chair

Norma Malone, Vice Chair

Justin Bolduc

Jack Mitchell

Bob Nelson

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

ATTEST: _____, Barre Town Clerk.