



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING February 1, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....8:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving January 25 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider awarding contract for replacing roof on one side of the salt building.
8. Consider approving permitted truck routes for 2022.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for February 1, 2022.
10. Miscellaneous and other permits and licenses, if any.
11. 'Round table.
12. Executive session: real estate.
13. Adjourn.

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of February 1, 2022 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:05 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, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, and Town Clerk Tina Lunt

Others Present: None.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair White called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add to #10 Miscellaneous: liquor license renewal application for Maplewood Convenience Store
2. Add to #12 Executive Session: personnel

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next quarterly installment of property taxes and the second semi-annual sewer payment are due February 15.
- The public is welcome to attend the Barre Town Budget Committee meetings, which will take place every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. For the agenda, teleconference, or videoconference options, go to barretown.org or call 802-479-9331.
- You may request an early ballot for the next school elections, or for 2022 elections, by calling the Town Clerk’s office at 802-479-9391.

Selectboard Minutes of February 1, 2022 Continued:

- Are you interested in local history, value stewardship, or simply like to be of service? Consider applying for the vacant seat on the Cemetery Commission. This five-member body appointed by the Selectboard has oversight responsibility of the Town's cemeteries. It establishes the policies, rules, and regulations for operation of the cemeteries; sets prices for services provided; lays out lots, drives and paths; and recommends to the Selectboard prices for burial lots. The Cemetery Sexton keeps the Commission informed of operational matters. The Cemetery Commission meets monthly spring through fall. Questions? Call the Town Manager's Office at 8702-479-9331.
- The Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) is now accepting applications from Vermont homeowners who are behind on their housing expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program provides grants for eligible Vermont homeowners for missed payments on their mortgage, utilities, including water/sewer, electricity, and home heating, as well as property taxes, and homeowner's or condominium association fees. To learn more and apply call (833) 221-4208.
- Chair Announcement: At the January 25 Selectboard meeting (after exiting executive session) the Board authorized the Chair to sign the letter to Property Valuation and Review as discussed.

GUESTS: None.

REPLACEMENT OF ROOF ON SALT BUILDING:

Background: The Building Fund budget provides \$13,405 for replacing the roof on the north side of the salt building. The opposite side of the roof was previously replaced. Bidding specifications were sent to nine companies. A request for bids was published in two newspapers. The Town has received two bids that were considerably over budget.

Town Manager Carl Rogers suggested the Board reject both bids. The Town will readvertise immediately.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to reject both roof bids and authorize the Town to put back out to bid.

Mr. Mitchell inquired about the Town's bidding process and how they are handled. He questioned why we are not receiving many bid requests. Mr. Mitchell suggested we may need to revisit the Towns bidding process.

Mr. Bolduc noted vendors are seeing an increase in bids due to the volume of work that is out there. The Town will need to consider flexibility when scheduling.

2022 TRUCK ROUTES:

Background: Annually the overweight truck permits expire March 31. Companies will soon be asking for their April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 permits. By State Law the weight limit for Town Highways is 24,000 pounds, excepts those roads called LASH (Legal Load Limit, same As on State Highways.) Barre Town has several LASH roads. Trucking companies need a permit to operate a truck over 24,000 pounds on non-LASH Town Highways. The permit grants permission to operate on many more roads which complement the LASH roads. The list of permitted roads is on the permit form. The list is the same as 2021.

Chair White noted last years' discussion and the request to revise the Town of Barre Excess Weight Form.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Town of Barre Excess Weight Permit with the same road listing as in 2021.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of February 1, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Second Class Liquor License for Maplewood Convenience Stores, Inc.

‘ROUND TABLE:

Jack Mitchell:

- Mr. Mitchell inquired about the Rec Board and if there was an update. Mr. Bolduc noted he will have information to share next week.

Paul White:

- Chair White inquired about the Town Treasurer and if the intent was for her to have quarterly reports with the Selectboard. Town Manager Carl Rogers noted he is working on that now and if Town Treasurer Jennifer Allard is unable to attend, Finance Director Katelyn Kran can report on her behalf.
- Chair White noted in reviewing the agenda notes he saw the Town is seeking letters of interest for several Boards. Mr. Rogers confirmed these are renewals.

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 8:29 p.m. for real estate and personnel.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:36 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:36 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.