



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

July 12, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving July 5 Selectboard meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Interview applicants for Community Forest Management Plan Committee
8. Department Head Visits: Police Department
9. Consider authorizing grant agreement for VTrans FY '23 Structures (culvert) program
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for July 12, 2022
11. Miscellaneous, including permits, if any
12. Round the table
13. Executive session: contract
14. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of July 5, 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, Bob Nelson, and W. John “Jack” Mitchell.

Selectboard Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, and Chief William Dodge.

Others Present: Sandra MacDonald and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell. Those attending virtually: Diane Solomon

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 Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add to item #13 Executive Session: personnel

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the July 5, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A dance performance will be held in the Wells-Lamson Quarry along Websterville Road in late July and the first half of August. The dates in July are the 25, 26, and 27. Parking for most everyone involved in the performance – audience, performers, and support staff – is across Websterville Road from the quarry. If you are travelling Websterville Road on those dates from roughly 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., please be alert for pedestrians and slow-moving vehicles.
- The State Primary Election is Tuesday, August 9. Voting is conducted in the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the election, contact the Town Clerk’s Office.
- Tax and sewer bills will be mailed this week. The first payment will be due August 15. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company, take notice the sewer bill and other information for you is in the envelope. Please open the envelope and send only the tax bill to your mortgage company.
- The Barre Town EMS is offering a Covid vaccination clinic on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the station on Rt. 302. No appointment is needed during these hours.
- The July 19th Selectboard meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be on July 26th. The August 2nd meeting also has been cancelled.
- Chair White announced that the Board is still taking applications for the Community Forest Committee. The deadline to submit an application is July 22nd. Please visit www.barretown.org for details.

GUESTS: None

INTERVIEW FOR THE TOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE:

Background: The Selectboard will appoint six Barre Town residents and a Recreation Board member to a temporary Community Forest Management Plan Committee. The Committee will have temporary assignment to review the existing Community Forest Management Plan and make recommendations for revisions. The Town posted an ad for recruiting committee members. Last week the Board interviewed five applicants, two more applications have been received.

Applicant #1: Diane Solomon

Ms. Solomon was present virtually. Ms. Solomon grew up in Barre City and has been a homeowner in Barre Town for 20 years. She and her children spend a lot of time in the Town Forest. Ms. Solomon works in the

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school system and believes her profession will help bring the skills and open mind necessary for serving on the Forest Committee. Ms. Solomon noted she works full-time but has effective time management skills.

Applicant #2 Sandra MacDonald:

Ms. MacDonald lives in Upper Websterville near one of the entrances to the Town Forest. She and her husband have been involved with volunteer work with the Town Forest, including the Weed Warriors. Ms. MacDonald noted she does have a couple trips planned but is retired and is flexible. She noted the health of the forest is important and maintaining it needs to be done wisely.

DEPARTMENT HEAD VISITS:

Chief William Dodge was present.

Chief Dodge presented his monthly reports for April, May, and June. A summary of his presentation includes:

- Training update
 - K-9
 - Highway Safety Grant
 - Firearm
 - Mandatory domestic violence
 - Use of force
 - Taser recertification
- Staffing update
 - Academy Graduation date on July 15
- School Resource Officer: pending new contract from Barre Unified Union School District
- 17 K-9 deployments
- Vehicle update: request to switch the unmarked vehicle from SUV to truck
- Thunder Road
- Investigation update
- Statistics

Chief Dodge asked drivers to please slow down. The Police Department has received numerous speeding complaints. Please slow down and watch out for walkers and animals in the road.

Mr. Mitchell inquired about school safety. Chief Dodge explained the current safety precautions the school and Barre Town police have in place.

FY '23 VTRANS STRUCTURES PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT:

Background: This agreement is for the FY '23 VTrans structures grant the Town applied for in March. The subject of the grant application is the culvert under West Skylark Terrace. TV camera inspection showed it has large rust holes. Town Engineer Josh Martineau prepared the application for seeking the grant to slip line the culvert. The project cost is estimated at \$91,000. The grant money covers 90% of the cost. Town attorney Mike Monte has reviewed the entire grant agreement.

Carl Rogers noted the project is slated for work next year.

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On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign VTrans FY '23 Town Highway Structures Program grant agreement #BC2218, the West Skylark Terrance culvert grant.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for the week of July 12, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Clerk Lunt announced that the Town has received back many defective ballots. She encouraged residents who have requested early ballots to please read the directions that are enclosed with the ballot envelopes. If your ballot is deemed defective the Town Clerk’s Office will contact you by phone, email or mail and you will be given directions on how you can cure your ballot.

ROUND TABLE:

Paul White:

- Chair White inquired about Mr. Rogers notes regarding the make of the ambulances.
- Chair White noted he attended the Rec Board meeting last evening. The Rec Board discussed the playground rules but did not take any action. The Rec Board agrees the playground should be focused on children playground activities. The Selectboard will proceed with an ordinance change to address the playground rules. Mr. Rogers noted this will fit with the Conduct Ordinance.

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 7:18 p.m. for contract and personnel.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Selectboard

Paul White, Chair

Norma Malone, Vice Chair

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Justin Bolduc

Jack Mitchell

Bob Nelson

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

ATTEST: _____, Barre Town Clerk.