



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

June 14, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving June 7 Selectboard meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Interview applicant for Recreation Board
8. Consider setting fiscal year '22-'23 water and sewer billing rates
9. Consider authorizing a letter of intent to participate in the state fiscal year '23 Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program
10. Consider approving sale of 2015 dump truck
11. Consider appointment to the Recreation Board
12. Discuss Community Forest Management Plan Committee charge
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for June 14, 2022
14. Miscellaneous: **a)** permit to cater malt, vinous and spirituous liquors on June 25 at 490 Camp Street; **b)** fireworks permit for Brad Lawson on July 3 at 40 Church Hill Road; **c)** fireworks permit for Michael McGinley on July 3 at 12 Rock Garden Lane
15. Round the table
16. Executive session: legal (action possible)
17. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of June 14, 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, and Town Clerk Tina Lunt. Those attending virtually: Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette.

Others Present: Annette Neddo and 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 Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add to item #16 Executive Session: personnel
2. Add to item #14 Miscellaneous: Firework applications for Thunder Road International Speedway and Nicole Hammarstrom
3. Delete item #12

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the June 7, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Barre Town Fire Department's Father's Day Chicken barbeque is this Sunday. Meals are served, to eat-in or take-out, from noon to 2:00 p.m. The barbeque is held at the East Barre Station. You do not need to pre-buy tickets or make a reservation. Meals include half a chicken, pasta, salad, roll, drink, and ice cream.
- Tennis lessons are available this summer. The lessons will be conducted July 19th to 22nd and again July 26th to 29th. Both weeks, beginners' lessons will be from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., and intermediate lessons will be held from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Children age 8 and up and adults may register. The fee is \$45 per week or \$60 for both weeks. Call the Town Manager's Office at 802-479-9331 for more information. A flyer and registration form are available via a link in the announcements on the Town's homepage.
- The Public Works Department is looking for summer help. Applications for full-time or part-time work are being accepted. The DPW could really use two people for about three weeks to trim brush and tree limbs blocking visibility of road signs. The Town will consider applications for just this work. High school seniors, or other high school students who are at least 18 years old, are invited to apply. Contact the Manager's Office for an application or for more information about this summer work.
- Please consider volunteering to serve on either the Cemetery Commission, or Development Review Board. For more information contact the Town Manager's Office at 802.479.9331 or visit www.barretown.org and on the homepage, click on Boards and Commissions. Letters of interest by email or postal letters should be submitted to the Manager's Office. Applications will be considered as received.
- The Assessor will lodge the Grand List soon. Property owners who have a change in value since 2021 will receive a Notice of Change in Appraisal in the mail. The Assessor will publish a newspaper ad and post an announcement around town. The announcement is notice of every property owner's once per year opportunity to grieve the assessed value of their property. Watch for

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the announcement in the newspaper or on neighborhood store bulletin boards. For more information call the Assessor's Office at 802.479.2595.

- Town Manager Carl Rogers announced that due to the low numbers in registration the tennis instructor has notified the Town that there will be a cutoff date of Monday, June 21 for tennis lessons registration. Please contact the Town Manager's Office if you are thinking of taking tennis lessons.

GUESTS: None.

INTERVIEW FOR RECREATION BOARD:

Background: There is currently a vacancy on the Recreation Board. Last week Ms. Neddo submitted her letter of interest. Board members asked to meet with her.

Annette Neddo was present. Mrs. Neddo stated she has lived in Barre Town for over 35 years. She has played organized sports since she was 10 years old. Mrs. Neddo shared that she has benefited from the Rec Board over her years in the community and is looking to be more involved.

The Board thanked Mrs. Neddo for coming in and expressed their appreciation for her volunteering.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 WATER AND SEWER RATES:

Background: The Budget Committee voted to approve the 2022-2023 Sewer Fund budget sewer charge at \$350 per equivalent unit and keeping the B.O.D fee the same at \$.38 per pound. The Budget Committee voted to approve the Water Fund budget base charge from \$65 to \$67 and a water use charge of \$7.53 per 100 cubic feet up from \$7.38 or 2%.

Town Manager Carl Rogers stated that the Town will be working with a consultant to review the two businesses producing B.O.D's. The consultant will also be looking at two additional businesses.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the fiscal year 2022-2023 sewer fees at \$350 per year per equivalent unit and \$.38 per pound of B.O.D. for the two billed businesses.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the fiscal year 2022-2023 water fees at \$7.53 per unit (100 cubic feet) of water consumed, \$67 per quarter base charge and \$156 per year special assessment on customers of the former Websterville Fire District.

2022-2023 MUNICIPAL ROAD GRANTS-IN-AID LETTER OF INTENT:

Background: 2022-2023 Municipal Road Grants-in-Aid are available for making clean stormwater improvements along road segments that the State has identified as hydrologically connected. Barre Town has over 700 such segments. Examples of improvements that will be compensated through these grants are: lowering road shoulders, seeding and mulching ditches, stone-lining ditches, installing stone check-dams, installing headwalls around culverts. Barre Town makes these improvements as a matter of course with road paving work. This grant will allow the Town to get reimbursed for the work. The Town is currently in the process of using last summer's grant funds now. This 2022 Letter of Intent will be for work and funds the

Town will do and receive in 2023. Based on the State's formula, Barre Town could receive up to \$37,500 from this program next summer.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign FY 23 Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid Program Letter of Intent.

SALE OF 2015 FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK:

Background: The sale of the 2015 dump truck on Govdeals.com was not successful. The high bid was well below the reserve price. The truck was advertised locally including on the VLCT website and VT Local Roads program. Lewis Excavating of Charlotte, Vermont came last week to inspect the truck, but the air dryer failed. The Department of Public Works mechanics replaced the air dryer. Lewis Excavating has since come to pay the original reserve price and has taken the truck.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve sale of the 2015 Freightliner dump truck with front and wing plows to Lewis Excavating of Charlotte, VT of \$52,500.

APPOINTMENT TO RECREATION BOARD:

Background: Former Board member Moriah Fraga has decided not to be re-appointed. The one vacancy on the Recreation Board is for a full 3-year term. During the initial advertising for Board and Commission applicants no one applied for the Rec Board. Currently, the Selectboard has two applicants who are interested in filling the vacancy.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Annette Neddo to the Recreation Board for a full 3-year term expiring May 31, 2025.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for the week of June 14, 2022. Bob Nelson abstained.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve, and authorize the Town Clerk to sign, a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors for Cornerstone Burger Company who will be catering an event on June 25, 2022 at 490 Camp Street.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve, and authorize the Town Clerk to sign, a fireworks permit for Brad Lawson, 40 Church Hill Road, display on July 3, 2022 with a rain date of July 4, 2022.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to approve, and authorize the Town Clerk to sign, a fireworks permit for Michael McGinley, 12-16 Rock Garden Lane display on July 3, 2022 with a rain date of July 4, 2022.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted to approve, and authorize the Town Clerk to sign, a fireworks permit for Thunder Road International Speedway, 80 Fisher Road, display on July 3, 2022 with a rain date of July 7, 2022 with the condition that the display must cease by 11:00 p.m.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted 2-3 to allow the use of Town property off Bolster Road for a fireworks permit for Nicole Hammarstrom on June 18, 2022, and to require the applicant to sign a liability waiver. The motion failed.

Afterward, Mr. Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the fireworks permit for Nicole Hammarstrom on June 18, 2022 at 55 Bolster Road. The motion and second were withdrawn as the permit was approved by the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief with the stipulation that the fireworks display would occur on Town property. The location of 55 Bolster Road, as noted on the application is deemed unacceptable due to the proximity to neighboring homes.

ROUND TABLE:

Jack Mitchell:

- Mr. Mitchell noted his appreciation regarding the ditching work that is currently taking place on Phelps Road.
- Mr. Mitchell stated in reviewing the Public Works Superintendent Report he noted that the crew had to dig for the Cemetery. He asked if there were problems with the Cemetery equipment. Town Manager Carl Rogers stated he could not recall the exact reasoning, but he believed it was due to Cemetery staffing not being available.
- Mr. Mitchell inquired about the Rec Board meeting minutes. He stated that he is noticing a lot of organization fees are waived. Mr. Rogers stated that standard practice is to waive fees for youth organizations.

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 Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:05 p.m. for legal and personnel.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:44 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.