



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 1, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....8:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving February 22 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Interview applicant for each **a)** Cemetery Commission; and **b)** Housing Advisory Committee
8. Consider appointments to boards, commissions and to regional agencies **a)** Cemetery Commission; **b)** Housing Advisory Committee; **c)** CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee; **d)** CV Regional Planning Commission and **e)** CV Solid Waste Management District.
9. Consider awarding contract for salt storage building roof.
10. Consider authorizing Affirmation of Use of Funds for a BGS Recreation grant.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 1, 2022.
12. Miscellaneous **a)** second class liquor license for Bevins 5 Family Enterprises LLC d/b/a Gunner Brook Store & Deli; **b)** second class liquor license for Martin’s Food of South Burlington d/b/a Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy in South Barre; **c)** other license and permits, if any.
13. ‘Round table.
14. Executive session: real estate (action expected), legal, collective bargaining, personnel.
15. Adjourn.

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of March 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, Zoning and Planning Administrator Chris Violette, and Assistant Town Clerk Jennifer Bushway.

Others Present: Kent Barcomb and Michelle Hebert. Those attending virtually: Jeff Blow.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair White called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 agenda as presented.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Barre Town seeks to fill at least 6 seasonal, full-time positions by early summer. They are 4 public works helpers, an engineering intern and a recreation laborer. For more details, see your Barre Town newsletter, page 5, or visit barretown.org. Application review will begin on March 21st.
- Barre Town seeks a volunteer Green Up Day coordinator for 2022. The coordinator helps encourage and celebrate Green Up Day volunteering. The Manager's Office helps with planning, administrative tasks and purchasing.
- We also need both a representative and an alternate to the CVFiber Board. CVFiber is a Communications Union District municipal organization made up of twenty-one Central Vermont communities. Their goal is to get fast, dependable, and affordable Internet to every Vermonter within its member towns.
- The popular Barre Town Lawn Waste Site's weekday hours are made possible by volunteers. If you appreciate having a place to bring your excess leaves, branches, and grass clippings, please consider volunteering or ask someone you know to consider volunteering. Volunteers are not required to help unload vehicles. Their responsibilities are to open and close the site and explain to residents the rules for using the site.
- Barre Town's spring bulk trash collection this year will be May 14. The low cost of this service is also made possible by volunteers. We need volunteers able to unload vehicles. Strength is less important than being able to stay alert and navigate safely around other people while moving long or awkward items. You will have the satisfaction of grateful neighbors and be able to get rid of one vehicle-load of bulky waste of your own for free. The day is 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. but volunteering for two to three hours also helps.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call the Town Manager's Office at 802-479-9331 or send an email to offices@barretown.org.

- Fire Chief Chris Violette shared that the Barre Town Fire Association in conjunction with the Town of Barre is hosting their annual Rabies Clinic on Saturday, March 19 at the Public Works facility, 79 Pitman Road. This is a drive-through clinic. The cost is \$15.00 per vaccination. The hours are 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The proceeds benefit the Barre Town Fire Department. Dogs are asked to be leashed and cats should be crated. We ask people to stay in their vehicles. All communities are welcome. To help make the process run efficiently, please go to barretown.org and fill out the intake form ahead of time.

GUESTS: None.

INTERVIEWS:

Background: On February 22, the Board voted to interview a resident who was interested on serving on the Cemetery Commission. This past week another resident submitted her name for the Housing Advisory Committee. The Board will interview both residents.

Cemetery Commission:

Kent Barcomb shared he has been an East Barre resident for 32 years. He has previously worked with the Cemetery Department. Mr. Barcomb noted he is involved in the Veterans Club and would enjoy helping with the Town on the Cemetery Commission.

Housing Advisory Committee:

Michelle Hebert shared she has been a Barre Town resident for 24 years. Mrs. Hebert owned Graniteville General store for 15 years and recently sold it. She is a full-time realtor and landlord. Mrs. Hebert shared she has housing knowledge and thought a role on the Housing Advisory Committee would be a good fit for her.

Board members had a brief discussion regarding the Housing Advisory Committee and the opportunities /needs within our community.

APPOINTMENTS FOR BOARDS COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES:

Background: Letters of interest for soliciting applicants for the regional boards were published in the paper. The incumbents were contacted and asked if they wished to be re-appointed.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Kent Barcomb to fill the vacant Cemetery Commission seat with a term that expires May 31, 2024.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Michelle Hebert to a vacant Housing Advisory Committee seat with a term that expires May 31, 2024.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to re-appoint Stephanie Magnan to serve as Barre Town's representative to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee for a term that expires May 31, 2023.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint George Clain as Barre Town's primary representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission for a one-year term that expires March 31, 2023.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Mike Gilbar as Barre Town's alternate representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission for a one-year term that expires March 31, 2023.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to re-appoint Fred Thum and Jack Mitchell as Barre Town's primary and alternate representatives, respectively, to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors for one-year terms that expire March 31, 2023.

Chair White shared the Town is still looking for representatives for the CV Fiber Board, both primary and alternate.

SALT SHED ROOF:

Background: On February 1, the Board voted to reject both bids the Town received for replacing the north side of the salt shed roof. The bid was reposted and emailed to the same eight bidders. One bid was received back from Til Dark Roofing. The bid is for \$19,000. The Town has budgeted for \$13,406.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the Salt Shed Roof project to Til Dark Roofing for \$19,000 plus repair work subject to approval by the Town's Project Manager based on the per unit price.

Mr. Mitchell questioned the high bids the Town has been seeing. Mr. Rogers noted the Town is taking this into consideration, as the cost of materials have been going up. Mr. Bolduc shared there is an imbalance, and it will most likely be awhile before things balance back out.

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT:

Background: The Town was awarded \$5,000 from the VT BGS Recreational Facilities Grant Program towards the FY22 fencing work. The final bills for the grant application work (softball, Trow Hill, Websterville, 22 Wilson) came to a total of \$37,560. Proof of 1:1 match is required. The affirmation is to be signed by a duly authorized agent of the town.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang to complete and sign the VT BGS Rec Facilities Grant Affirmation of Use of Funds Form for grant #01181-07-REC-151, the FY22 fencing work.

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 March 1, 2022.

Mr. Bolduc inquired about the South Barre Fire station sewer issue. Fire Chief Chris Violette shared J. Gould and MS Septic both were called to look at the problem and were unable to fix it. In conclusion, the pipe was frozen, and Kingsbury fixed the issue.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Second Class Liquor License for Bevins 5 Family Enterprises, LLC. d/b/a Gunner Brook Store & Deli.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Second Class Liquor License for Martin's Foods of South Burlington, LLC d/b/a Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy.

'ROUND TABLE: None.

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 8:54 p.m. for real estate (action expected), legal, collective bargaining, personnel.

On a motion by Jack Mitchel, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 10:28 p.m.

ACTION:

On at motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Manager to sign a Purchase and Sales Agreement with Crosland Barnes Group for the sale of a lot in the Wilson Industrial Park.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:29 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.