



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING March 22, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....8:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving March 15 meeting minutes
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider approving police service contract with Thunder Road.
8. Consider authorizing Town Clerk to issue special event permit to Thunder Road.
9. Consider approving Rock of Ages' unregistered vehicle road crossing permits.
10. Consider approving ballot article amending Town Charter sections regarding the Town Constable.
11. Consider plans for Town Meeting night.
12. Consider authorizing disposal of excess office furniture, fixture, and equipment.
13. Discuss plans for Volunteer Appreciation Week.
14. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 22, 2022.
15. Miscellaneous: a) consider approving first class license for VFW to sell malt and vinous beverages; b) consider approving 19 requests to cater malt, vinous and spirituous liquor at Thunder Road races; c) other licenses and permits, if any.
16. Round the table.
17. Executive session: personnel, legal, real estate, labor contract negotiation.
18. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of March 22, 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, and W. John "Jack" Mitchell. Those in attendance virtually: Justin Bolduc 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: Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

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 Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, 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 March 15, 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, visit barretown.org. Application review begins on March 21st.
- Barre Town also seeks several volunteers: Green Up Day coordinator for 2022, a representative and alternate to the CVFiber Board, Barre Town Lawn Waste Site weekday volunteers, and bulk trash collection vehicle unloaders. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331 or send an email to offices@barretown.org.
- The next household hazardous waste collection organized by the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will be on Saturday, April 9 at the Barre Town Public Works Yard. Go to 79 Pitman Road in the Wilson Industrial Park to get in line. For more details, visit the Central Vermont Solid Waste District's website at cvswmd.org.
- Save the date for the return of the in-person Barre City and Barre Town Recreation Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, starting at 10:00 a.m.

GUESTS: None.

POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2022 THUNDER ROAD RACE SEASON:

Background: The Town Manager and Chief of Police met with Thunder Road representative Cris Michaud to review the document. The Chief did not request any changes. Billing for the officers' time will be the Town's actual expense.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign the 2022 Town of Barre Police Services Agreement with Thunder Road.

Mr. Mitchell expressed his concerns regarding noise complaints and asked how they would be handled for the upcoming racing season. Town Manager Carl Rogers stated that some of the louder race cars have added mufflers to help with the noise. Practices are limited to run from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Rogers added that only one car is allowed on the track at a time during practice.

THUNDER ROAD SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT:

Background: Thunder Road needs a special event permit for the 2022 race season. They have submitted a signed fire and rescue agreement with Speedway Safety Service, Inc, turned in an insurance certificate valid

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through June 3, 2023, and paid the \$800.00 fee. The schedule is for 19 races. Thunder Road has provided a copy of its state racing permit which expires in 2024.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to issue a special event permit for Thunder Road's 2022 racing season with 19 scheduled races.

ROCK OF AGES UNREGISTERED VEHICLES:

Background: Per State law, the owner of an unregistered vehicle who plans to operate the vehicle across a Town highway must receive Selectboard approval. The fee is \$35.00 per vehicle. Rock of Ages seeks permits for 15 vehicles that would require permits.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Rock of Ages fifteen (15) Unregistered Vehicle Road Crossing Permits and authorize the Chair to sign.

TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING TOWN CONSTABLE:

Background: After the last discussion the Town Attorney was asked to write a Charter amendment and ballot question to make the Town Constable an appointed position, rather than elected. Discussion at previous meeting regarding changing the role of the Town Constable.

Town Manager Carl Rogers shared draft article language with Board members. This document was created by Town Attorney Mike Monte and included specific language for two separate ballot articles:

- a) moving all references to "Listers" to appointed Assessor.
- b) addressing the Constable language

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to direct the Charter amendments presented for the March 22, 2022 meeting be included on the May 10 Annual Election ballot and that notice be given of the required pre-vote public hearings.

2022 TOWN MEETING:

Background: Customarily the Town holds Open Town Meeting the Wednesday night before the Annual Election. The past two years the Town Meeting has been cancelled due COVID-19 and the articles typically on that Warning were added to the ballot.

In accordance with the Town Charter, this year's Open Town Meeting will be held at the municipal building, Selectboard meeting room on Wednesday, May 4, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

DISPOSAL OF EXCESS OFFICE ITEMS:

Background: The Town has multiple items that no longer are needed. Department heads were asked if any department could use any of the items and none were spoken for.

Available items:

- 5 black conference room table chairs
- 7 blue conference room table chairs
- 4' x 8' chalkboard

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- Savin C9120 copier

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize offering the named items free on a first come first served basis. If there are no takers the items will be discarded at the May 14 bulk trash collection.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK:

Background: Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 16 – 23. In 2020 and 2021 the Board did not invite volunteers in for recognition and presentation of gifts. The past two years the Board directed a large ad be placed in the newspaper listing all Town volunteers. This item is on the agenda to discuss if the Board wishes to resume presenting gifts for achieving 5, 10 and 20 years of service.

Board consensus is to continue the tradition of Volunteer Appreciation Week. Additionally, the Board has agreed to present gifts for the 2020 and 2021 gift milestones that were missed the last two years.

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 22, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 First Class Liquor Licenses, Third Class Liquor License, and Outside Consumption Permit for Veterans of Foreign Wars Mackenzie-Webster Post.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 First Class Liquor License, Third Class Liquor Licenses, and Outside Consumption Permit for Canadian Club, Inc.

Town Clerk Tina Lunt shared a brief update on the property assessment appeal status.

Mrs. Lunt shared news regarding the new tabulators and ballot boxes the Town will be receiving. LHS is scheduled to deliver the ballot boxes to the Town Office on March 29. The tabulators will arrive in June. There will be training available for BCA members.

Ms. Wang shared Fuzzbuzz Technologies will be completing an update to the Audio-Visual system. She noted a training will be available soon for staff and Town officials who would like to learn how to use the system.

ROUND TABLE:

Norma Malone:

- Mrs. Malone expressed she would like the Board to complete a review of the organizational chart within the next month.

Justin Bolduc:

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- Mr. Bolduc inquired about the Thunder Road permits, specifically regarding the rain dates and if there was flexibility with the dates should the event date and/or rain date be cancelled. Town Clerk Tina Lunt stated she will contact the Department of Liquor Control for clarification around this.

Jack Mitchell:

- Mr. Mitchell commented on the different audio tones he is hearing with the new AV system.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, 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 Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:56 p.m. for personnel, legal, real estate, labor contract negotiation.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 10:01 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:01 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.