



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

March 29, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....7:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving March 22 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider Green Mountain Gravel’s request for temporary road closure for a bicycle ride on October 9, 2022.
8. Discuss plans for agenda format starting April 5.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 29, 2022.
10. Miscellaneous: a) fireworks permit for Ryan Roberts on April 9; b) other licenses and permits, if any.
11. Round the table.
12. Executive session: contract, real estate, labor contract negotiation and personnel.
13. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of March 29, 2022 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:30 p.m.

Selectboard Members Present: Paul White, Norma Malone, Bob Nelson, and W. John “Jack” Mitchell. Those attending virtually: Justin Bolduc.

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. Those attending virtually: Steve Maas, Phil Kolling, and Jeff Blow.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

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

1. Add to item #10 Miscellaneous: approval of liquor license for Quarry Hill Quick Stop
2. Add to item #10 Miscellaneous: consider participation in utility assistance program

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Barre Town needs 4 public works summer helpers, full-time or part time. The starting pay rate is \$16 an hour. Positions are open until filled. For more details or the application, visit barretown.org.
- Barre Town also seeks Barre Town Lawn Waste Site weekday volunteers. Lawn Waste Site volunteers are not required to help unload vehicles. The primary responsibilities are to open and close the site and to make sure people know how to use the site properly. The volunteer can work one or more days a week, for 2 or 3 hour a day. You'll have the satisfaction of making a highly valued service available more than it otherwise would be. If you are interested, please call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.
- 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 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.

GREEN MOUNTAIN GRAVEL BICYCLE RIDE EVENT:

Background: Green Mountain Gravel (GMG) is planning a bicycle ride event for Sunday, October 9, 2022. The event will offer three rides; a 60 mile circuit; a 37 mile course; and an 18 mile ride. In Barre Town, where the start/finish lines are, all three rides use the same course. All rides will start at the Town's picnic shelter and follow the bike path to Compo Street and then onto Graniteville Road. The start times will be staggered. The intersection of Compo Street and Graniteville Road is close to the start line and GMG has requested a police officer to control traffic due to the large number of riders entering at once during this time.

Green Mountain Gravel Co-owners Steve Maas and Phil Kolling both were present virtually.

GMG shared an online presentation with Board members. Mr. Maas noted this would be GMG's first gravel ride. The ride is for intermediate to advanced riders. Registration will be maxed to 300 riders. Food and beverage vendors will be invited to the event. Mr. Maas noted safety is encouraged. Ms. Wang shared she has reached out to surrounding Towns who have hosted gravel rides and overall, there have been no issues. Advertising and signage will be an important aspect in letting the community know the date and time of the event. Mr. Maas noted that GMG has met with Millstone Trails Association who are also in support of the ride.

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Mr. Kolling noted GMG's goal is to highlight Barre Town as a recreational area and they are hopeful to make the gravel ride an annual event.

Mr. Rogers recommended seeking a Certificate of Liability Insurance. Mr. Maas noted Green Mountain Gravel is currently in the process of receiving a certificate and can provide that prior to the event.

Board consensus is they support the event, additionally it is important the neighboring Town's also are on-board with the event as Barre Town wants to support their neighboring communities. A Certificate of Liability Insurance will be required and if GMG requests road closure, law enforcement traffic control will be required.

Board members thanked Green Mountain Gravel for coming in and wished them luck with the planning of their event.

AGENDA PLANS:

Background: On January 11 the Board discussed meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. with no PILOT session. This item is on the agenda to discuss the plans for future agendas and if the Board wishes to continue past practice or not.

Board members agreed that department head presentations have valuable information for the public. Consensus is to add department heads presentations as an agenda item. Meeting times will start at 6:00 p.m. PILOT session will be for trainings, as needed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of March 29, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a fireworks display permit for Ryan Roberts, 131 West Cobble Hill Road on April 9, 2022 at 9:30 p.m.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a Second Class Liquor License for Scott and Cheryl McCarthy d/b/a Quarry Hill Quick Stop.

Utility Assistance Program:

Mr. Rogers stated that Finance Director Katelyn Kran was contacted by the Vermont Department of Children and Families regarding a low-income utility assistance program (LIHWAP). This would be a 2-year program and requires the Town to sign a certificate agreement.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the utility providers LIHWAP Certification Agreement.

Town Clerk Tina Lunt shared a resident inquired about the possibility of receiving a discount when property taxes are paid in one lump sum. The resident asked if Barre Town would offer a discount. In accordance to the Barre Town Charter, there is no discount for paying in full.

A brief discussion on Fuzzbuzz and the audio functionality. Conversation focused on purchasing an additional array microphone. Board consensus is for Ms. Wang to get a quote for an additional array microphone and a second quote for a port microphone. Mr. Bolduc shared his remote experience has been seamless.

ROUND TABLE:

Paul White:

- Mr. White stated a discussion on the use of the ARPA funds needs to take place soon.
- Mr. White inquired about the bid notice for the Westerville Water mains.

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 8:52 p.m. for contract, real estate, labor contract negotiation and personnel.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 10:03 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:03 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.