



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING March 8, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....8:05 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving March 1 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Interview applicant for deputy health officer.
8. Consider appointments **a)** deputy health officer, **b)** CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 8, 2022.
10. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.
11. ‘Round table.
12. Executive session (if needed).
13. Adjourn.

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of March 8, 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, and W. John “Jack” Mitchell.

Selectboard Members Absent: Bob Nelson.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, and Town Clerk Tina Lunt.

Others Present: Those attending virtually: Michael Milo

CALL TO ORDER: Chair White called the meeting to order at 8:06 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 #13 Executive Session: personnel and labor negotiations.
2. Add to #10 Miscellaneous: two liquor licenses.
3. Add to #10 Miscellaneous: discussion regarding masking in the town building.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the March 1, 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 will begin 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 loaders. 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.
- The Barre Town Fire Department's Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on March 19, 2022 at 79 Pitman Road from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This drive-thru clinic is open to residents of any town for dogs and cats. Dogs must be leashed, cats crated, and we ask people stay in their vehicles. The fee is \$15 per animal. We will accept cash, or checks made out to the South Barre Firefighters Club. If you have access to a printer, you can save time by printing out the 2022 intake form from barretown.org, under the Rabies Clinic announcement item.
- If you own and live in your Barre Town home, remember to file your Homestead Declaration Form by April 18, 2022. If you don't file, you'll be assessed a higher education tax rate than you actually owe. The 2022 Homestead Declaration form is available at tax.vermont.gov.
- Chair announcement: After our March 1 executive session, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Manager to sign and Purchase and Sales Agreement with Crosland Barnes Group for the sale of a lot in the Wilson Industrial Park.

GUESTS: None.

INTERVIEW:

Background: The Deputy Health Officer position has been vacant since early last summer. Notice of the vacancy was announced during Selectboard meetings and in the Town newsletter. The Selectboard recommends, and the Vermont Department of Health Commission then appoints the Town's Deputy Health Officer. Recently the Board received the first applicant for the vacant position since the position became available. On February 22, the Board voted to interview the resident who was interested in serving this role.

Michael Milo was present virtually.

Mr. Milo shared he is originally from Long Island New York and moved to Barre over 10 years ago. He was an EMT for over 20 years with various duties, including administrative work. Mr. Milo expressed he has

missed this line of work and recently saw the advertisement and thought his experience would lend a helping hand to the Barre Town community.

Board members noted Mr. Milo's impressive resume. They expressed their appreciation for Mr. Milo's willingness to fill the role as Deputy Health Officer.

APPOINTMENTS:

Background: The Board interviewed Michael Milo for the Deputy Health Officer for the Town of Barre. During last week's Selectboard meeting appointments were made for several Boards, Committees, and Commissions. The Board was waiting to hear back from Sebastian Arduengo to see if he was interested in continuing serving as an alternate representative to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to recommend to the Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health that Michael Milo be appointed Deputy Health Officer for the Town of Barre.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to re-appoint Sebastian Arduengo as the alternate representative to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee with a term expiring May 31, 2023.

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 8, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Second Class Liquor License for Edward J. Bisson d//b/a Trow Hill Grocery.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2022 Second Class Liquor License for DG Retail, LLC d/b/a Dollar General Store.

Mr. Mitchell inquired about the masking requirement within the Town building. Washington County's COVID-19 Community Level (risk) has been downgraded from high to medium. The advice for individuals and households in high-risk countries is to wear a mask indoors in public regardless of vaccination status, that advice is not listed in medium risk counties. Town Manager Carl Rogers shared he had sent an email out to staff earlier in the week to get their thoughts on the new guidelines. He had not heard back from all staff but those that he had heard back from did not have an issue with it. Mr. Rogers shared that he thought as of next Monday optional masking should be able to be implemented in the Town office.

'ROUND TABLE:

Justin Bolduc:

- Mr. Bolduc shared that he completed an analysis on common bid items. He noted items have increased anywhere from 20-61%. Lead time and availability are also concerns.

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- Mr. Bolduc inquired about the recreation employees start date, asking if this position has been advertised. Ms. Wang confirmed it has and it has also been included in the Town’s announcements.
- Mr. Bolduc inquired about the letter that the Town received from an East Barre business. Ms. Wang noted this business did come to the Town first about their request regarding parking limitations. The change would require an amendment to the Town’s 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 8:34 p.m. for personnel and labor negotiations.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 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.