



# Town of Barre VERMONT

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING

May 17, 2022

### AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving May 3 Selectboard meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider annual Selectboard reorganization motions
8. Interview candidates for CV Fiber Board
9. Consider approving Barre City residents use of lawn waste site for one additional week
10. Consider naming a private street in the Beckley Hill Meadows development
11. Discuss new request for share of CLFRF
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for May 10, 2022 and May 17, 2022
13. Miscellaneous, including other licenses and permits, if any
14. Round the table
15. Executive session (if needed)
16. Adjourn

### MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of May 17, 2022 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Selectboard Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Tina Lunt. Those attending virtually: Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette.

**Others Present:** Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell, Charles “Chip” Castle, and Robert Purvis. Those attending virtually: Dan Souza.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

### APPROVE THE AGENDA:

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.*

**APPROVE THE MINUTES:**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the May 3, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> is one of the, if not the, most popular times of the year to have a home fireworks display. If you are considering a fireworks display anytime, please remember a Town permit is required. Apply for a fireworks permit through the Town Clerk's Office. See the fireworks permit article in the April newsletter for more information.
- Next Tuesday night we are scheduled to re-appoint and appoint board, commission, and committee members. We know there will be vacancies on the development review board, Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and Recreation Board. If you are interested in serving on one of these boards submit a brief letter of interest to the Town Manager's Office. For more information call the Manager's Office at 802-479-9331.
- Town departments are looking for summer help. Applications for full-time or part-time work with the Public Works, Recreation and Cemetery Departments 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 any summer work.

**GUESTS:** None.

**REORGANIZATION:**

**Background:** The first regular meeting following Town Meeting the Selectboard conducts its annual organizational meeting. To accommodate summer schedules the Board's meeting schedule (June – September) is reviewed to determine if bi-weekly meetings will be adequate to conduct business. Other business includes appointment of Selectboard Chair, Vice Chair, other Town staff and officers, the time and place of the regularly scheduled meetings, policy review, and use of Roberts Rules of Order to conduct meetings.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Paul White, as Chair of the Selectboard for one year.*

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Norma Malone as Vice-Chair of the Selectboard for one year.*

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Tina Lunt as Clerk of the Board for one year.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the time and place of their regular meeting at 6:00 p.m., every Tuesday in the Selectboard's room at the Municipal Building.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Robert's Rule of Order, as amended, as procedures to be followed at the weekly meetings as a general guide, with the Chair authorized to make motions, enter debates, and to vote.*

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to continue the Purchasing Policy and authorizations as adopted on December 20, 1994, and as most recently amended on October 1, 2019.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to continue the Water Customer Complaint Procedure authorizations as adopted on July 28, 2015.*

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the compensation for the Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement members at the minimum wage. The standard mileage reimbursement will be the official IRS approved rate.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the compensation for the tax collector at 0% of the delinquent installment amounts collected. If collected by the town attorney, the compensation for the attorney will be 5% of the delinquent installment amounts collected and 0% for the collector.*

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the compensation for the First Constable at \$17.00 per hour.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Norma Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Michael D. Monte as Town Attorney for one year.*

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Carl Rogers, Town Manager, as tax collector of delinquent real and personal property taxes for one year.*

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Carl Rogers, Town Manager, as tax collector of delinquent sewer assessments and all other town levies for one year.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Tom White, as a member to the Aldrich Library Trustee Board for a term of one year.*

### **INTERVIEWS FOR CV FIBER BOARD:**

**Background:** Interviews are being held for vacant positions on the CV Fiber Board. Vacancies for the primary and alternate CV Fiber Board member positions were advertised in the newsletter with a Thursday, May 19 cut-off. Applicants are being invited to speak with Board members in preparation for the May 24 meeting when appointments are scheduled.

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Dan Souza was present virtually. Mr. Souza has been a Town resident for the past 4 years. Mr. Souza has a college degree in Management Information Systems and currently holds an IT position at a local credit union.

Board members asked Mr. Souza questions regarding his interest in serving on the CV Fiber Board. In closing, they thanked Mr. Souza for volunteering to serve.

**BARRE CITY RESIDENTS USE OF LAWN WASTE SITE:**

Background: Barre City has requested permission for Barre City residents to use the Town's lawn waste site for an additional week. The dates are as follows: May 10, 11, 12, and 14.

*On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve extending permission for Barre City residents to use the lawn waste site May 10, 11, 12 and 14.*

**PRIVATE ROAD NAME:**

Background: The E-911 Board requires all private roads serving more than 3 lots be named. Fecteau Homes has several short streets that will remain private but serve more than 3 lots. Fecteau Homes is requesting one of those private streets to be named Payton Lane. Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette confirmed there are no conflicts in Barre Town, Barre City or nearby towns.

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the name Payton Lane for a private street located off of Blake Drive and serving lots 30, 31, 37, and 38 in Beckley Hill Meadows.*

**CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS:**

Background: Barre Town is receiving \$2.3 million in federal funds to help our community recover from the impact the pandemic has had and invest in the future. The Selectboard has invited public input on how to best spend these funds. This agenda item is for a discussion regarding a new request for the use of the funds.

Charles W. "Chip" Castle and Robert Purvis were present.

Mr. Castle stated he is a volunteer and treasurer of the Turning Point of Central Vermont. Mr. Castle expressed that the Turning Point is need of a new location. The current facility is in poor condition. Due to the pandemic, drug and alcoholism is on the rise and the current facility is no longer a sufficient space. Mr. Castle noted they are looking at a new building located at 18 South Main Street. Mr. Castle turned the floor over to Robert Purvis.

Mr. Purvis presented his vision of the new Turning Point facility. Mr. Purvis started the Turning Point over 11 years ago. The facility is one of the twelve recovery centers in Vermont. The treatment programs are clinical, focusing on peer support. The coaches work with Central Vermont Medical Center for recovery programs. His plans for the new facility are to restore the historic building and expand the parking lot making a larger facility which would allow Turning Point to invite community groups and hold support group meetings. Mr. Purvis shared that numerous funding sources have made this project possible. A total of \$1.1 million dollars has been raised and fundraising will continue.

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Mr. Castle and Mr. Purvis are requesting \$50,000 of the Town of Barre ARPA funds.

Board members thanked Mr. Castle and Mr. Purvis for the exceptional and informative presentation. This item will be added on to the list for discussion on how the ARPA funds will be obligated.

**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 May 10, 2022. Bob Nelson abstained*

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for the week of May 17, 2022.*

**MISCELLANEOUS:** None.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Paul White:

- Chair White shared a color-coded document with Board members. The document included a list of projects that have been completed or pending completion.
- Chair White reminded Board members that the Town should start thinking about recruiting committees for revising the Town Charter and the Town Forest Management Plan. He noted that the Planning Committee suggested the Town's need for an energy committee.
- Mr. White inquired about the sewer complaint in the Woodland Drive area, asking if a resolution had been made. Mr. Rogers noted there was a backup and DPW was able to clean it out. DPW believes it was paper that caused the backup.
- Mr. White stated the sign at Windywood Road is missing.

Justin Bolduc:

- Mr. Bolduc inquired about the section of road from Church Hill Road to Quarry Hill Road, noting that this portion of the road needs to be repaved.

Norma Malone:

- Mrs. Malone followed up on the missing Windywood Road sign. Mrs. Malone stated that Town Engineer Josh Martineau is aware of the missing sign.
- Mrs. Malone inquired about the Websterville road repair work, in response to the water leak. She stated the dip in the road is hazardous and needs repair. Mr. Mitchell noted it has been fixed.

Jack Mitchell:

- Mr. Mitchell commented on Chair White's document that was shared with Board members, noting the Town will be soon focusing on the hiring of a Town Manager.
- Mr. Mitchell inquired about Alex Bell's resignation. Mr. Rogers noted we are down a full-time police officer with his resignation.

**ADJOURN:**

Selectboard Minutes of May 17, 2022 Continued:

***On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.***

APPROVED MINUTES

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Barre Town Selectboard

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Paul White, Chair

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Norma Malone, Vice Chair

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Justin Bolduc

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Jack Mitchell

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Bob Nelson

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_, Barre Town Clerk.