



**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING  
November 15, 2022**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving November 8, Selectboard meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider approving: a) provisional acceptance of Ivan Drive; b) accepting a deed for the sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure; and c) approving the developer agreement for Ivan Drive
8. Consider approving purchase order for municipal building carpet replacement
9. Consider approving purchase order for baseball field light poles and lights
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for November 15, 2022
11. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits if any
12. Round the table
13. Executive session: personnel
14. Adjourn

**MINUTES**

The duly warned meeting of November 8, 2022 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Selectboard Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Town Engineer Josh Martineau, Police Chief William Dodge, Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette, Officer Leo DePrato. Those attending virtually: Planning and Zoning Administrator Chris Violette.

**Others Present:** Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell. Those present virtually: Jim Fecteau.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair White called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the November 8, 2022 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The lawn waste site on Holden Road will be open Saturday, November 19 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. This will be the last day the site is open this season. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the site clear of bags, boxes, plastic, and items that should not be dropped off there. Volunteers will be needed next season. If you appreciate the site or if you want to give back to your community, consider volunteering in 2023.

Selectboard Minutes of November 15, 2022 Continued:

- On-street parking is prohibited from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. This regulation is in effect even when there is no snow. Please plan to park vehicles off the street overnight.
- Our former Deputy Health Officer was appointed Town Health Officer creating a vacancy in the Deputy position. The Deputy fills in for the Health Officer when the Health Officer is not available. Barre Town sees about a dozen Health Officer calls per year. For more information about the position contact the Town Manager's Office.
- There is a vacancy on the Recreation Board. We are accepting letters and emails of interest from Town residents who would like to serve on this active Board. The 7-member Recreation Board meets the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. To learn more, visit the Town website and use the Boards and Commissions link or call the Town Manager's Office. We would appreciate receiving applications by noon on Wednesday, November 23.
- The Barre Congregational Church once again is offering the Thanksgiving morning 5k run or walk Gobble Wobble Turkey Trot. Runners and walkers will be using Websterville Road from the school to the 4-way intersection by the cemeteries and Graniteville Road from that intersection to Rock of Ages. Race time is 9:30 a.m., so drivers will see participants on the road from shortly after 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please slow down when near runners and walkers.
- The Vermont Homeowners Assistance Program, known as VHAP, is winding down. VHAP assists homeowners with their tax and utility bills if the homeowner suffered financial hardship because of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you or someone you know had a loss of income during the pandemic and has past due utility or property tax bills, visit the website for more information: [vermonthap.vhap.org](http://vermonthap.vhap.org). The program will stop taking applications in December. If you need help, act now.
- Town Engineer Josh Martineau announced that the gravel section of Sterling Hill Road will be closed as of November 16 for the season.

### **GUESTS:**

Police Chief William Dodge and Officer Leo DePrato were present.

Chief Dodge stated that Officer DePrato has recently been promoted to Corporal. Chief Dodge highlighted multiple accomplishments that Corporal DePrato has completed over the past several years. Additionally, Chief Dodge noted that numerous citizens and community members speak highly of Corporal DePrato's service to the Town. Chief Dodge expressed his appreciation for Officer De Prado's good work and passed along congratulations from the entire Barre Town Police Department.

Chair White congratulated Officer De Prato for his successes. Board members shared their appreciation for Corporal De Prado and expressed their gratitude for his service to the Town. Corporal DePrato received an applause from all of those that were present.

### **IVAN DRIVE:**

Background: Fecteau Residential is nearing completion of another side street in the Beckley Hill Meadows subdivision. Ivan Drive runs up hill from Mathieu Drive. Fecteau Residential has built the sanitary sewer system, the stormwater system, asphalt curb, and the base course of pavement was laid. The sewer and road base paving have met Town requirements. The deed for Ivan Drive has been drafted and reviewed by Town Attorney Mike Monte. Town Engineer Josh Martineau suggests Fecteau build and convey an easement for a hammerhead turnaround. The developer agreement and bond address construction and paving the turnaround. Provisional acceptance of Ivan Drive means the Town will be responsible for winter maintenance.

Jim Fecteau was present virtually. Town Manager Carl Rogers shared a copy of the amended warranty deed with Board members for review.

***On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to grant provisional acceptance of Ivan Drive with understanding that during 2023 the developer will construct and pave a hammerhead turnaround between lots 8 and 15.***

***On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept Fecteau Residential's deed for the sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure in Ivan Drive as edited by Town Attorney Mike Monte received this date by email.***

***On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manger to sign the developer's agreement regarding Ivan Drive.***

**MUNICIPAL BUILDING CARPET REPLACEMENT:**

**Background:** The FY '22 -'23 budget includes carpet replacement in the Selectboard Meeting Room, adjoining conference room and upstairs lobby. The budgeted amount is \$8,280. The Selectboard selected carpet samples and Mr. Alfred Ladd took the samples to Barre Tile/Morrison & Clark for a cost estimate. The rolled carpet, as requested by the Selectboard is slightly under budget. Purchases under \$10,000 do not require competitive bidding under the Town's Purchasing Policy.

***On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve issuing a purchase order in the amount of \$7,970 to Barre Tile/Morrison & Clark for replacing the Selectboard Meeting Room, adjoining conference room and upstairs lobby carpet.***

Mr. Mitchell thanked the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Budget Committee for supporting the carpet replacement project.

**PURCHASE OF BASEBALL FIELD POLES AND LIGHTS:**

**Background:** There is \$75,000 in the Recreation Division FY '22-'23 budget. The funds were intended for use on buying and installing 5 new poles and remounting the existing lights on those poles. The Selectboard has had multiple discussions and are considering replacing all eight baseball field light poles and installing new more efficient lights on the poles. Selectboard member Justin Bolduc has done intensive research regarding this project and what steps would need to be followed.

Mr. Bolduc received a quote for \$34,061.60 for 8 new 80' wooden poles. Needham Electric Supply quoted the lights similar to what the Town currently uses, the refurbished price for 58 fixtures is \$20,423. Comparable LED light fixtures and cross arms would be approximately \$87,489.60.

Mr. Bolduc shared the poles have a 15-week lead time. Mr. Bolduc and Mr. Crossley have not had a chance to meet with Efficiency Vermont, however, even with the use between both fields the Town will not qualify for rebates. Efficiency Vermont did suggest that the Town contact Needham Electric to research qualifying fixtures.

Board members discussed the additional expenses which would include setting the poles and electrical work. Conversation continued as Board members discussed the idea of using ARPA funds towards the project.

***On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize ordering 8 80' wooden light poles from Metagorda Island, Inc. based on their estimate #12859 for \$34,061.60***

***On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept quote #22-431 from DMS Machining and Fabrication for 8 black gloss galvanized cross arms in the amount of \$4,830.00***

Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Bolduc for his work on the project. Board members echoed Mr. Mitchell's comments.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

***On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of November 15, 2022. Bob Nelson abstained.***

**MISCELLANEOUS: None**

**ROUND TABLE:**

Paul White:

- Chair White asked the Town Manager if the Town had any invitation for when the “Barre Victory” name board was placed. He noted it was disappointing that Barre Town was not part of this as Barre Town is also part of Barre, which the ship was named after.

Justin Bolduc

- Mr. Bolduc inquired about the property on Quarry Hill. Town Manager Carl Rogers stated he spoke to Mr. Violette regarding this property. The business owner is supposed to contact Mr. Violette.
- Mr. Bolduc asked the Manager if he has heard back from the owners of Highland Sugarworks. The Manager stated he will follow-up with them.

Bob Nelson:

- Mr. Nelson shared a reminder that there will be no Selectboard meeting next week. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29.

**ADJOURN:**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.*

APPROVED MINUTES

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.