



# Town of Barre VERMONT

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING July 6, 2023

### AGENDA

1. Call to order.....11:00 a.m.
2. Consider approving the agenda
3. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
4. Consider setting the municipal FY '23-'24 property tax rates
5. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for June 27, 2023
6. Miscellaneous: including permits and licenses, if any
7. Round the Table
8. Executive Session: personnel
9. Adjourn

### MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of July 6, 2023 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 11:00 a.m.

**Selectboard Members Present:** Paul White, Norma Malone, Justin Bolduc, Mike Gilbar, and Bob Nelson

**Selectboard Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Town Manager Chris Violette.

**Others Present:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair White called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

#### **APPROVE THE AGENDA:**

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

**GUESTS:** None

#### **FY '23-'24 PROPERTY TAX RATES:**

Background: The Selectboard will be setting rates for the General Fund, Highway Fund and Local Agreement rate. The State has set the education rate.

Town Manager Chris Violette stated the Grand List has not been finalized and lodged, therefore, the property tax rates cannot be set today. Assessor Russ Beaudin has experienced delays in completing property inspections due to staffing issues. He has assured the Manager the inspections and property data entry will be complete by midday on Monday, July 10th. Discussion ensued regarding the deadline for mailing of the property tax bills. Clerk Tina Lunt confirmed the bills must be mailed at least 30 days prior to

the due date of the first payment (32 VSA 4772). A Special Meeting will be warned for Monday, July 10, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of setting the FY2023-2024 property tax rates.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of June 27, 2023.*

**ROUND TABLE:**

Justin Bolduc:

- Mr. Bolduc inquired if Thunder Road will be applying for a new firework permit as the July 2 display was cancelled due to weather conditions and rescheduled for late July. Manager Violette confirmed a new permit application would be submitted.
- Mr. Bolduc expressed concerns about deficiencies in the Route 110 detour barricades and signage. Manager Chris Violette stated the barricades had been removed from the travel lane after the BTPD noted significant safety issues. Increased truck traffic on Old Route 302 continues to be a problem. Road closures and detour routes have been added to GPS tracking systems which should help improve traffic conditions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, 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 Justin Bolduc, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 11:56 p.m. for personnel.*

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to exit executive session at 9:24 p.m.*

**ADJOURN:**

*On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 12:20 p.m.*

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Selectboard

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Paul White, Chair

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Justin Bolduc, Vice Chair

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Norma Malone

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Mike Gilbar

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Bob Nelson

Selectboard Minutes of July 10, 2023 Continued:

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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

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