



# Town of Barre VERMONT

## BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING March 21, 2023

### AGENDA

1. Call to order.....8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving March 14, 2023 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider approving Friends of Winooski River funding contract for the DPW Yard stormwater contract
8. Consider authorizing submission of national opioid settlements participation form
9. Consider appointment to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District board
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 21, 2023
11. Miscellaneous; including licenses and permits, if any
12. ‘Round the table
13. Adjourn

### MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of March 21, 2023 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:00 p.m.

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

**Selectboard Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Brandon Garbacik, and Assistant Town Manager Chris Violette.

**Others Present:** Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair White called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

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

### APPROVE THE AGENDA:

*On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, 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 March 14, 2023 meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The Community Forest Management Committee meets next Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00pm at the municipal building. As with all commission and committee meetings, the public is always welcome to join, whether just to watch, or while not required to, participate if desired. Attending in person is a great option, or remote attendance is also always available. Check weekly commission and committee agendas at [barretown.org](http://barretown.org) for more opportunities.
- The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will hold their annual household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Yard, 79 Pitman Road from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This collection is open to Barre Town residents and residents of any member town. Eligible items include paints or stains without identifiable labels, paint thinners, cleaners that contain bleach, etc. The cost is \$20 per vehicle. More information can be found at [barretown.org](http://barretown.org).
- Dog license renewals are due before April 1<sup>st</sup>. If your dog has been licensed before in Barre Town, you should have received a renewal notification. If your dog hasn't been licensed before in Barre Town and is at least 6 months old, it must be licensed by the Town Clerk before April 1<sup>st</sup>. A valid rabies certificate must either be on file or provided with the renewal or new license. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information at 802-479-9391.
- If you own and live in your Barre Town home, remember to file your Homestead Declaration Form by April 18, 2023. If you don't file, you'll be assessed a higher education tax rate than you should be. The 2023 Homestead Declaration form is available at [tax.vermont.gov](http://tax.vermont.gov).
- We are seeking volunteers to help operate the Barre Town Lawn Waste Site on weekdays. In a month or so, the site could be ready to open with service hours during the week made possible because of volunteer monitor(s). Volunteers are not required to help unload vehicles. One resident has volunteered to staff the site Tuesdays 10:00-3:00. More volunteer(s) could monitor the site additional weekday hours or serve as a substitute monitor. If you would like to learn more about helping to provide this popular public service, contact the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331.

**GUESTS:** None

**STORMWATER FUNDING AGREEMENT:**

**Background:** Years ago, the Friends of the Winooski River agreed to help the Town with this stormwater treatment project. The FWR secured \$120,000 in grant funding for the project. The FWR's grant of \$120,000 will be applied to expenses before local match is needed. Originally, the Town estimated this project to cost \$160,000, so \$40,000 of the ARPA money has been earmarked for this job. The construction contract with Poulin Companies, LLC is for \$101,468. The Town bought pipe for \$4,742. So far, during

the prior and current fiscal years, the Town has paid \$5,050 for engineering. There will be invoices for the specification writing, bid phase and construction oversight work. There is \$8,739 left in FWR's grant for the additional engineering.

Mrs. Malone observed that many aspects of the agreement do not apply to this particular project.

***On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Friends of the Winooski River agreement for the DPW Stormwater Improvements Construction Phase.***

### **OPIOID SETTLEMENT:**

**Background:** This item is about the National Prescription Opiate Litigation against Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens. A participation form must be executed for each of the companies by April 18, 2023. The information sent to us does not mention an amount of money the Town might receive or when it might be paid out. The participation form does not describe the steps or procedures for how the settlement funds will be paid.

Chair White and Mr. Bolduc noted the lack of information regarding this settlement and what sort of payout the Town may receive from it. Mr. Mitchell stated that he and Mr. Nelson had heard that Barre City received a substantial payout from this settlement.

***On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign and submit the participation forms for the National Prescription Opiate Litigation settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens CL-393297.***

### **CVSWMD BOARD:**

**Background:** As stated in the letter, record of member municipalities' appointments of CVSWMD representatives are due by the first week of April. These positions were included in the ad placed in the newspaper last month, but no one applied for them. Current representatives Fred Thumm and Jack Mitchell said they would accept re-appointment. The Selectboard expressed their gratitude for Mr. Thumm's and Mr. Mitchell's participation.

***On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted to re-appoint Fred Thumm as primary representative and Jack Mitchell as alternate representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors. Jack Mitchell abstained.***

### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

***On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of March 21, 2023.***

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

Assistant Town Manager Chris Violette announced that this meeting was being broadcasted live on CVTV through Zoom. There was a glitch in last week's broadcast which prevented it from going live on CVTV. Chair White asked anyone watching the broadcast on CVTV to give feedback on the quality of the Zoom format.

**ROUND TABLE:**

Norma Malone:

- Mrs. Malone expressed gratitude for the informative and comprehensive report EMS Director Paul Ginther gave to the Selectboard.
- Mrs. Malone noted there was deadline of Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for new applications for vacancies for the Regional Planning Commission and the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee. She inquired about any new applications coming in for either board. Mr. Rogers responded that there were no new applications. He also noted that there are some members that do not want to be reappointed, and another member that said that they would be appointed under certain conditions. Mr. Rogers said that by next week, the Selectboard may start acting on these vacancies.

Paul White:

- Chair White expressed a desire to hold an Executive Session at next week’s Selectboard meeting regarding an item in the Board packet.

**ADJOURN:**

*On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:19 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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