



Town of Barre VERMONT

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING March 28, 2023

AGENDA

1. Call to order..... 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving March 21, 2023 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items.
7. Consider adopting Resolution No. 3-23 commending the Spaulding High School girls ice hockey team on winning the State Championship
8. Barre Area Development Corp presentation regarding the Prospect Heights Project
9. Consider approving a letter of support for Barre Area Development Corp’s application for grant to fund the Prospect Heights Project
10. Consider appointments to: **a)** CV Fiber; **b)** CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for March 28, 2023
12. Miscellaneous; including licenses and permits, if any
13. ‘Round the table
14. Executive session: real estate and labor contract
15. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of March 28, 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, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, and Assistant Town Manager Chris Violette.

Others Present: Dave Lawrence, Matt Cetin, Mattie Cetin, Jenn Cetin, Hannah King, Bellarina Fontana, Allison French, Gracie Lunt, Rylie Pelletier, Ellie Parker, Kaya Moulton, Peyton Laperle, Leticia Long, Anthony Fontana, John Mayo, Kyle Pelletier, Melissa Thayer, Jen Burke, Hope Moulton, Allyson Healey, Tammy Laperle, Quinn Healey, Curt Healey, Jason French, Taya Lunt, Loren Lunt, Rebecca McKelvey, Molly Parker, Lanie Thayer, Lilly Mayo, Avery Burke, Aubrey Tremblay Rayna Long, Amelia Healey, Brian D. Long, Jason King, Laurie Parker, Gwen Tremblay, Joe Tremblay, Paula French, Kelly Harrington, Ruby Harrington, Jim Fecteau, Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell, Aimee Green, Bob Lord, and Shannon Alexander.

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 Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

1. Add to item #14 Executive Session: personnel and other contracts.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the March 21, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Time is up! All dogs residing in Barre Town, over the age of 6 months, must be licensed with the Town Clerk's Office before this Saturday, April 1. A valid rabies certificate must be on file or provided when licensing. Contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information at 802-479-9391.
- Are you, or do you know anybody who is, looking for a job this summer? We are currently looking to fill 2 openings for summer help in our Public Works Department, and one in the Cemetery. The Public Works positions will be 40 hours a week from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. while the cemetery position hours may vary a bit. For more information check barretown.org or contact the Town Manager's Office at 802-479-9331.
- The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will hold their annual household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, April 8th 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.
- We are seeking volunteers to help operate the Barre Town Lawn Waste Site on weekdays through the summer and fall. Lawn Waste Site volunteers are not required to help unload vehicles. The primary responsibilities are to open and close the site and to make sure people know how to use the site properly. The volunteer can work one or more days a week, for 2 or 3 hours a day. Volunteers allows the site to be open more than it might otherwise be which is a big help to Town residents. If you would like more information or are interested in in volunteering, please call the Town Manager's Office at 802-479-9331.
- The Budget Committee wrapped up its deliberations on the fiscal year '24 budget tonight. Stay tuned for much more information about the proposed budget that residents will be asked to approve on May 9th.

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- As a result of the Budget Committee completing its work, Selectboard meetings return to their regular 6:00 p.m. start time beginning next Tuesday night.

GUESTS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 3-23:

Background: The Spaulding High School girls ice hockey team moved up to Division I for the 2022-2023 season. They completed an undefeated season, winning the State Championship.

Those present included Coach Dave Lawrence, the Spaulding High School girls ice hockey team, and their families.

Mr. Bolduc welcomed the team, noting how he felt it was important to acknowledge their success and performance in winning the State Championship. Immediately following his comments, Mr. Bolduc read the resolution.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Resolution No. 3-23 “A Resolution Of The Town of Barre, Vermont Bestowing Commendation On The Spaulding Girls Hockey Team On The Occasion Of Their Division I Championship”

Discussion started as Mr. Mitchell reminisced when he graduated from Spaulding in 1965. Mr. Mitchell noted that there were some great sports at that time. He acknowledged Rebecca McKelvey’s impressive record. Additionally, Mr. Mitchell said he was amazed to see the entire teams success this season.

Coach Dave Lawrence thanked the community for the widespread support of the team. He noted his appreciation on how the entire town has embraced the girls. Mr. Lawrence expressed he feels lucky he was able to coach them.

A picture was taken with the entire team (including their trophies).

The Board thanked the team for coming in and extended their congratulations to all.

BARRE AREA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROJECT AND LETTER OF SUPPORT:

Background: Barre Area Development has been actively working on addressing the housing crisis for the Barre area community. BADC Executive Director Aimee Green will present details regarding the Prospect Heights Housing Project. BADC is requesting the Selectboard to approve a letter of support of its Northern Borders Regional Commission grant application for \$1.5 million.

Those present: Aimee Green, Bob Lord, and Shannon Alexander.

The presentation began as Executive Director Aimee Green displayed a video for the Selectboard to watch called “Barre the Heart of Vermont”. Following the video Ms. Green continued her presentation. A summary of the presentation follows:

- BADC named to Regional Priorities List by Northern Borders Regional Commission for 2023 to apply for a Federal grant for infrastructure development for housing. The grant application is for \$1.5 million.

- Proposed Project Principals
 - BADC
 - City of Barre
 - Town of Barre
 - CVMC
 - Downstreet Housing
 - Fecteau Residential
 - Thomas Lauzon
- Location: Prospect Street and Jacque Street frontage
- Benefits and Purposes
 - 6-8 months to complete permitting (begin construction in Fall of 2023)
 - A total of 128 units could be constructed, assessed at \$250,000
- Finance/Project Costs

Ms. Green stated BADC is currently preparing to submit a letter of intent to be considered to apply for the grant. Should that be accepted, they will be formally invited to apply for the grant in May. BADC will take the lead in and facilitate the development of the Prospect Heights Housing Project. The project has a 10-year timeline in place for completion. BADC, along with their partners have set a goal to increase affordable housing in the Barre area, along with the potential to advance workforce development.

Chair White inquired about the Town being asked to be a stakeholder. Ms. Green explained this request simply is for a Town representative to sit on the Board.

Mr. Mitchell expressed that the Northern Borders grant is very difficult to receive and asked if BADC has a contingency plan for funding. Ms. Green stated they have begun the process at looking at additional funding sources such as bonds, revolving loans, and working with USDA.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize the letter of support for BADC's Northern Borders Regional Commission's grant application. Norma Malone abstained.

APPOINTMENTS:

Background: This agenda item is for appointments to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Transportation Advisory Committee and CV Fiber Board. The terms for these positions are for one year.

Stephanie Magnan is the primary representative to the CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee. Mrs. Magnan said she will accept re-appointment. The alternate delegate is Sebastian Arduengo and he has declined to be reappointed.

Michael Milo is the primary representative to the CV Fiber Board. He has agreed to accept re-appointment. The alternate, Dan Souza, has declined reappointment.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to re-appoint Stephanie Magnan to a one-year term, to expire on May 31, 2024, as the primary representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to re-appoint Michael Milo as the primary delegate to the CV Fiber Board for a one-year term that expires on Town Meeting Day, March 2024.

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 28, 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS: None.

ROUND TABLE:

Paul White:

- Chair White inquired about upcoming Selectboard agenda items. Mr. Rogers stated in the following weeks the Board can expect to see Department head reports, Thunder Road discussion, Public Hearings for proposed Charter amendments, and Planning Commission interviews. Mr. Rogers also noted that the excavator bids are due April 11 and volunteer appreciation will take place on April 18.
- Chair White inquired about the Board agenda notes. He noted the Board needs to think about appointing a volunteer group for bulk trash. Town staff will pass along info to Mike Gilbar to research possible volunteer groups.

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 9:13 p.m. for real estate, labor contract, personnel, and other contracts.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to exit executive session at 10:19 p.m.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:20 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Selectboard

Paul White, Chair

Norma Malone, Vice Chair

Justin Bolduc

Jack Mitchell

Selectboard Minutes of March 28, 2023 Continued:

Bob Nelson

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk’s Office on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST: _____, Barre Town Clerk.