

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
September 13, 2016

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving September 6, 2016 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements.
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider instructions for voting on VLCT's proposed Municipal (Legislative) Policy.
8. Consider authorizing additional road paving work.
9. Consider approving VTrans' proposed sign work on Middle Road.
10. Discuss Old Quarry Hill Road survey.
11. Consider approving renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Phoenix House.
12. Consider authorizing purchase of new mobile radios for two ambulances.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous: including licenses and permits (if any).
15. "Round the table"
16. Executive session if needed.
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 13, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of September 13, 2016 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Paul White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Assistant Town Manger Elaine Wang (arrived at 6:35 p.m.) and Jeff Blow (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- A. Item 14 - add 3 items: a request to amend the display date of an approved fireworks permit for Michael Lajeunesse, and to seek approval for 2 Department of Liquor Control Special Events permits for a Chamber of Commerce event to be held at the Vermont Foodbank (Harpoon Brewery and The Skinny Pancake).*

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of August 23, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Please note that Barre Town residents are still being asked to conserve water as much as possible until further notice.
2. Barre Town Fall Bulk Trash Collection is Saturday, September 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Public Works yard. Fees are \$5 for cars, \$8 for

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pickup trucks and unloaded cars or trucks with a loaded trailer, \$13 for a loaded car or truck with loaded trailer, or a truck larger than a pickup, up to 1-50n or 10 foot rented van, and \$20 for a loaded large truck and load trailer. Check the August Newsletter for more on what is accepted and not accepted.

3. The main Library in Barre City will be closed from September 22 to October 2 so the historic hardwood floors can be refinished. During that time, the York Branch Library, on Mill Street in East Barre, will host the Aldrich Library's most heavily borrowed materials and will be open for extended hours from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Public parking near the York Branch is available on one side of the fire station lot, away from the fire station building. For more information on the closure visit www.aldrichpubliclibrary.org.
4. The Bridge Street Bridge will be dedicated to one of Barre Town's exemplary citizens, Gordon Booth, who passed away this spring. The Dedication and Appreciation Ceremony to honor him, and to thank the key contributors to the project, will be held on Saturday, September 24th, 11:00 a.m. near the bridge. The public is welcome to the Ceremony. Please stay tuned for more details.
5. Also on Saturday, September 24th, the Aldrich Library and Barre Town Forest Friends are hosting a Special Fall Forest Storytime. Preschoolers through first grade and their parents will be led by Aldrich Children's Librarian, Ian Gauthier, from the town forest parking area kiosk at 44 Brook Street, Websterville, into the forest. An Abenaki story and a Scottish story will be told, followed by a song and a simple forest scavenger hunt. The event is free, open to the general public, and will last about 45 minutes. Participants should dress for weather conditions but do not need to bring anything else.
6. The Selectboard is looking for a South Barre resident to serve as a volunteer on the Phoenix House Community Relations Working Group. Contact the Town Manger's Office to volunteer or for information.

GUESTS - None

DISCUSS VLCT'S PROPOSED MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) POLICY

Background: The Manager is seeking Selectboard input on the Vermont League of Cities & Town's Municipal Policy. New language has been under-lined; deletions are struck through (crossed-out). There are 5 sections in the Policy for discussion. The end goal is to direct our VLCT Annual Meeting delegate on how to vote.

Several sections of the policy were reviewed. Topics were:

- Board agrees with not supporting unfunded mandates,
- Agree that not-for-profit organizations receiving state funding should comply with the open records law just as the state does,
- Selectboard was opposed to municipal charter amendments not having to go through legislature,
- supported not providing tax bills to the general public which have state tax credits,
- has concerns the gas tax is being used for things not related to transportation, which was the initial intent,
- Board opposed to legalizing marijuana until support/enforcement infrastructure is in place, and
- Act 250 permitting process at local level - concern that at some point in time it may be mandated which will create staffing/funding issues for smaller communities.

Assistant Manager Wang thanked the Board for clarifying their position on issues.

ADDITIONAL 2016 ROAD PAVING

Background: The contract price for road paving was below the budgeted per ton price. Based on this year's tonnage the Town would have some savings. Since the paving is not complete the Town cannot say exactly what the savings are in hot-mix paving. The Manager believes the savings could be used to correct some bad pavement or head-off a break up of payment. A list of possible locations in need of attention was provided to Board for review prior to the meeting.

The Manager distributed a handout outlining the estimated savings for the milling and phase 1 paving. Based on the projected savings, he recommended several road projects. Discussion points included: do work while the paving price per ton is the low (compared to prior years), if the current contracted vendor is not available for the additional work then seek an alternate (smaller) paving firm, and the majority of work is good preventative maintenance.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to work with the current paving vendor (FW Whitcomb) to see if they would be available to do the additional road work as outlined by the Town Manager's "Additional Paving Candidates List" ; said work is to be paid for using the savings associated with the milling contract and the road paving phase 1 projects; and should the current paving vendor be unavailable for this additional project the Town Manager is further authorized to seek an alternative vendor for the road work.

VTRANS' PROPOSED SIGN WORK ON MIDDLE ROAD

Background: VTrans now has a program called Systematic Local Roads Safety (SLRS). By way of the Regional Planning Commission, Middle Road was a suggested site for review. The project begins at the Middle Road intersection with VT RT 14 and continues up the road to the Graniteville Road intersection. A paper plan (outlined on a schematic) was given to the Town for changes. VTrans will incorporate the low cost sign solutions into its next statewide design project at no cost to the Town. The Selectboard needs to review and approve prior to November 1, 2016.

During review of the sign layout it was noted there is a proposed "stop sign" on Meadow Wood Road. Currently there is no sign and to place one there would require an ordinance amendment. Manager Rogers informed the Board there have been no issues at the intersection. Discussion ensued on the proposed removal of an advisory speed limit sign on the downhill side of Middle road and replacing it with a new sign which would read "next $\frac{1}{2}$ mile." Board members noted that trucks should not be using this road. However, if they did reach this point it would be good to know the steep hill is quite lengthy.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the sign package as presented for the VTrans Systemic Local Roads Safety program with one amendment; remove the proposed stop sign at Meadow Wood Road.

DISCUSS OLD QUARRY HILL ROAD SURVEY

American Survey and Engineering did a survey on a section of the Old Quarry Hill Road. Assistant Manager Wang reported the survey result was very complicated to give a quick report. Therefore, the surveyor will come to the next Board meeting to present the survey, provide an explanation, and to answer questions.

RENEW PHOENIX HOUSE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Background: In 2015 the Selectboard amended the Memorandum of Understanding with the Phoenix House to allow Lamoille County residents into the South Barre house.

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The Board agreed to a one-year trial period which ended in May 2016. There are no comments to indicate the amendment was problematic. The proposed new Memorandum of Understanding has a change due to federal regulations release of information without authorization. The document was sent to the Phoenix House representative for review.

The item was passed over as the Phoenix House needs more time.

REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF MOBILE RADIOS FOR TWO AMBUALNCES

Background: The Town has five (5) ambulances, but use to operate with six (6). When the sixth ambulance was sold the radio was removed and we kept it as a spare. The radios are about 11 to 14 years old. Some months ago an ambulance radio failed and it was replaced with the spare left-over from the sixth ambulance sale. Now there is no spare. The EMS Director is concerned that other radios could begin to breakdown as well. With two new ambulances coming he would like to install new radios in each. (Ambulances actually have 2 radio heads, one in the cab and one in the patient compartment.) The quote is around \$7,100 for radios in both ambulances.

The request to the Board will be to spend unbudgeted money. Board members were presented a report detailing how the unbudgeted dollar amount was calculated.

| Description | Cost | Comments |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Radio purchase & installation | \$ 7,059.60 | Quote from Clark's |
| Existing revenue source | -\$ 5,999.00 | Reallocating Equipment & Ambulance Fund monies (pager repair, savings on cot inspections, new ambulance equipment savings, budgeted radio purchase money, and transferring cost of radio installation. |
| Unbudgeted sum needed | \$ 1,060.60 | |

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to authorize an unbudgeted sum of \$1,060.60 for the purchase and installation of radios for the new ambulances.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of September 13, 2016.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend Fireworks Permit #F-16-07-139, issued to Michael Lajeunesse, to change the display date to September 17, 2016.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approval and authorize the Town Clerk-Treasurer to sign the following permits:

- 1. Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors for The Skinny Pancake, dba Have Your Cake Catering, to hold a beer and wine event at the Vermont Foodbank, 33 Parker Road on Thursday, September 15, 2016, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.; and*
- 2. DLC Application For Special Event Permit for Mass Bay Brewing, dba Harpoon Brewery, for a conference at the Vermont Foodbank, 33 Parker Road on Thursday, September 15, 2016, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

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'ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell inquired on the parking arrangements for the upcoming Bridge dedication ceremony on September 24th. Ms. Wang stated Reynolds and Son had agreed to allow parking in their lot. There is concern for individuals walking on the road to reach the destination. Carpooling is recommended.

Mitchell informed the Manager that one of his "bulk trash" signs was missing.

Paul White noted that Myers Trash service is now accepting asphalt shingles which they recycle. He thought this might be a useful piece of information for the Spring Bulk Trash event.

Mr. White noted the barrels at the bottom of Sterling Hill Road have been removed. A school bus driver was having difficulty making the turn onto the road with the larger barrier, thus the barrels (temporarily until a more permanent solution can be found). One thought is the Town could purchase a slightly smaller barrier for this intersection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard