

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA

October 11, 2016

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving October 4, 2016 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items)
7. Consider approving request to place private utilities through a town sewer easement.
8. Consider authorizing a letter of support for the Friends of the Winooski River's grant application.
9. Consider approving updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Phoenix House.
10. Discuss painting road lines on West and Cutler Corner Roads.
11. Consider approving policy for releasing the Grand List as a public record.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, if needed.
14. 'Round the table
15. Executive session - legal
16. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 11, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard was scheduled and held on October 11, 2016 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Paul White. Those not present W. John "Jack" Mitchell.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Donna J. Kelty, and Asst. Town Manager Elaine Wang.

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 Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as printed. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes from October 4, 2016 with the following corrections:

1. Page 1, under Others attending add the name of Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang;
2. Page 2, Resolution, in the motion insert the word "voted" following Selectboard;
3. Page 4, Miscellaneous, 2nd paragraph, add the following to the end of the sentence: "with the VT Agency of Transportation for the Better Roads Grant."

Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Recreation Board is planning a Fall Festival for Saturday, October 22. The Festival will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Town Recreation Area near the picnic shelter. Check the website for details.
2. As your trees start dropping their leaves, remember that the lawn waste site on Holden Rd, a free service for Town residents, is open Wednesday afternoon 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Thursday mornings 9:00 a.m. - Noon and Saturday mornings from 8:00 a.m. to noon. On a few upcoming weekends, the site will be open on Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday Noon to 4:00 p.m. Those weekend dates of extended hours are October 15 & 16 and 22 & 23.
3. As you are probably all aware, the General Election is in just a few weeks, on Tuesday, November 8th. Early voting ballots are available. To have yours mailed, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391 or email dlefebvre@barretown.org.
4. The last day to register to vote in the General Election is November 2nd. You can register to vote in person at the Town Clerk's Office at 149 Websterville Road, or online through the Vermont Secretary of State website. Just type "Vermont voter registration" into your favorite search engine, and click on the link to the Vermont Secretary of State's website.
5. First, the Websterville Fire District, which is a water system despite the name, has proposed that the Town of Barre take over that water system. The Websterville Fire District and Barre Town will hold two joint public hearings on the proposed merger, on October 18th and November 1st during the Barre Town Selectboard meetings which start at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the municipal building. The public is invited to attend one or both of meetings.
6. Next, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the proposed Town Plan Amendment on October 19 during its regularly scheduled meeting starting at 7:00 p.m., also at the municipal building. The affected plan sections are on transportation, preservation, and energy. Some of the proposed changes are intended to influence siting of solar panels. If these are issues you care about, please come to the hearing and provide input. The proposed amendment is posted on the town website (www.barretown.org) on the Planning Commission page under Boards and Commissions.
7. And finally, a public hearing will be held on the East Barre sidewalk project grant application to the Vermont Agency of Transportation on Tuesday, October 18th. During this hearing, the public can comment on the sidewalk plan for Mill Street. The hearing will be held during the regular Selectboard meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m. and takes place at the municipal building.
8. **Do you like to play pickleball?** The recreation board is looking for a few volunteers to help set up and take down pickleball equipment. The volunteer(s) are not expected to help every Sunday during the pickleball season, as some recreation board members have volunteered to cover some of the dates. The board is planning to offer pickleball on Sunday afternoons from 1-3 pm at the BTMES gym, January 15- March 5. For more information or to volunteer contact the town manager's office at 479-9331.

GUESTS - None

REQUEST FOR PRIVATE UTILITIES IN TOWN SEWER EASEMENT

Background: The Town has a sewer easement through Grant Folsom's property (28 Wildersburg Common). He is requesting approval to cross the easement with a waterline and electric line (in conduit) to a proposed garage. The town easement was prepared with the prior property owners who were very cooperative. A staff concern with granting the request would be if the town has to replace or repair the sewer line - the two small pipes over the sewer line would make the digging, backfilling, and compaction more complicated.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the request of Grant Folsom, 28 Wildersburg Common to cross over a Town sewer easement located on the backside of Wildersburg Common that runs downhill to Washington Street, subject to an agreement acceptable to the Town Manager and Town Attorney, said easement details will be recorded in the Barre Town Land Records.

LETTER OF SUPPORT - FRIENDS OF THE WINOOSKI RIVER GRANT

Background: The Friends of the Winooski River is conducting the Quarry Hill and partial Sterling Hill watersheds stormwater management plan study. The Selectboard approved a letter of support for the grant application funding this study.

There is a new application for technical assistance towards the goal of building some stormwater management projects. The Friends of the Winooski River would "conduct limited landowner outreach for the highest priority sites..." No local match or contribution, except staff time and cooperation is expected. Manager Rogers noted that the sample letter of support is acceptable.

Discussion concerns were the State mandating property owners to do and pay for mitigation work as a result of the study, property owners would be unable to afford doing the mitigation work, and enforcement of the study results.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign a letter of support, as amended, for the Friends of the Winooski River's technical assistance stormwater management grant application. The motion passed with Tessier voting no and Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MOU FOR PHOENIX HOUSE

Background: In May the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Phoenix House was reviewed. The intent was to remove reference to a one-year test period allowing Lamoille County residents into the Phoenix House. The test is acceptable. However, the Vermont Department of Corrections asked to change a section to remove language stating the Police Chief would get the prospective Phoenix House residents' admission screening report. There is a confidentiality issue. The only way it can be released is with the individual's signed consent.

A draft was presented for discussion. Only one item is to be amended - Section B, Community relations 3(d), second sentence, delete the words "upon request" and insert the words a request following submit in the same sentence.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Phoenix House, as amended, with an effective date of June 8, 2016. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

LINE PAINTING ON WEST & CUTLER CORNER ROADS

Background: Selectboard member Paul White, asked that an agenda item be added to address TSAC's recommendations (minutes of March and April 2016) of line striping

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being used as a traffic calming measurer. Manager Rogers reminded Board members that in the Selectboard minutes it states a decision on the line painting will be tabled "until they receive information back from TSAC regarding the possible speed limit change on Cutler Corner Road." TSAC's motion at the April meeting does not address the Selectboard decision to table until information regarding a speed limit change on Cutler Corner Road is received. Board discussion will focus on whether or not to rescind the Selectboard action of April 4th, town road line painting policy, and the travel lane width.

After discussion, (road width, benefit to the Town, current year budget), the Selectboard consensus is to revisit this item when working on next fiscal year Road plans, as there may be more roads which should be reviewed as well.

POLICY FOR RELEASING GRAND LIST INFORMATION

Background: During the September 27, 2016 Selectboard meeting there was discussion regarding releasing the Grand List content. As a result, a draft policy for treating the Grand List as a public record is being presented for discussion. The draft speaks to copy type (electronic, paper), format (spreadsheet style, text, etc.), delivery method (email, CD, in-person), and cost.

The Board would like the Grand List to be distributed only in its entirety and staff will not prepare "customized" extractions. Therefore, the policy will be amended to reflect the changes discussed and placed on the next meeting agenda.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of October 11, 2016. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Assistant Manager Wang stated she had missed the deadline for the Cemetery fence grant. No extensions will be given. She has been informed this grant program has been funded annually since 1986 and it is expected there will be another round next year, whereby the Town can reapply. Good news is the majority of application work would be completed.

Wang informed the Board she will be presenting information in the near future regarding the Mill Street sidewalk financing grants.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Paul White inquired if the scheduled paving had been completed. Rogers stated yes, but does not have an answer from the contractor regarding the additional work. Given the weather and time "plan B" is being worked on in the hopes of at least doing Sierra Lavin and Airport Roads.

Paul White stated a resident, and former Board member, was disappointed he had not been invited to attend the Manager's resolution presentation. Hopefully, in the future the Town will do better.

LaClair noted there was a very good article in the Times Argus regarding the Manager receiving a resolution.

Tessier inquired if the surveyor pins on Patch Road were installed. Rogers stated stakes had been placed and the Board might want to consider doing a site visit next week.

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Tessier stated he will not be here next week but will do his own site visit and provide any comments to the Manager.

Tom White noted there will be a public hearing on October 26, 2016, 6:00 p.m. in Barre City regarding the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District per capita rate. He will try to attend.

Tom White provided Board members with some reading material regarding compliance planning. He is requesting the item be on the next agenda for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard found that premature general knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage with regards to legal matters. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 7:58 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard