

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA

November 1, 2016

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving October 25, 2016 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items)
7. Consider Thunder chickens Snowmobile club's landowner permission request for 2016-2017.
8. Public Hearing for November 8 special town meeting ballot questions: a) Plan of Merger with Websterville Fire District; b) Special Assessment District for Fire District.
9. Discuss new sewer vacuum truck purchase.
10. Presentation of C.V. Solid Waste Management District charter amendments.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous, if needed.
13. 'Round the table
14. Executive session - legal (no action expected).
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

November 1, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard was scheduled and held on November 1, 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, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Paul White, Rolland Tessier, and Tom White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk Donna J. Kelty, Asst. Town Manager Elaine Wang, Steve Rubalcaba, Dave Dickinson, Fred Thumm, Jeff Blow, Dave & Donna Rouleau, and Kenneth Carpenter.

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 Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the amended the agenda to move item which will be heard between item 7 and 8.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul Whiter, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes from October 25, 2016 as amended prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Winter on-street parking is now prohibited between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
2. Are you ready to vote on November 8th? The deadline to register to vote is November 2nd, 5:00 p.m. If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, check for your name on the Town of Barre voter checklist, posted at the Town Office and the following stores around town: Lawson's, Graniteville General, Hannaford, or Trow Hill Grocery. If you want to vote early, you can do so in person in the Town Clerk's Office up through Monday, November 7th. If you want to vote early

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by mail, request your ballot soon in order for the blank ballot to reach you, and your completed ballot to reach us. To request you early ballot call the Town Clerk's office at 479-9391. You can also view the sample ballots on the town website.

3. If you are a pickleball enthusiast, you can help make pickleball season a success! 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.
4. The Barre Recreation Board photo calendars are now available for \$10 each. Thank you to the many contributors who participated in the photo contest that made the beautiful calendar possible. Stop by the Town office to pick yours up today. All photos feature views of and from Barre Town recreation facilities. Proceeds will go back to enhancing recreation opportunities in the town.
5. Barre Town property taxes are due on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. The Town Clerk's office will have special hours on Monday and Tuesday (14th & 15th), 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Payments can be made in person, by mail (must be postmarked), online through the Town website (www.barretown.org), or after hours you can place your payment in the secure drop box located at the front the municipal building.

GUESTS - None

THUNDER CHICKENS SNOWMOBILE CLUB 2016-2017 REQUEST

Background: To operate their trail system the Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club must obtain permission from each land owner, which includes the Town of Barre. Each year the Club seeks the statutory permission from the Selectboard to cross town owned land at 11 locations (2 of which use the road right-of-way). All road crossing are perpendicular with the road and the Club will install and remove the crossing signs. The season this year runs from December 16, 2016 - April 15, 2017. Here is the list of crossings:

- Trail to former Hilltop Restaurant. Section of land from Industrial Park on Pitman Road that parallels the railroad tracks toward the Hilltop restaurant - dead end fee, still used as trailer parking, access to VAST trails.
- Pitman Road/DPW Building. This is property within the Industrial Park where the trail parallels the tracks and Norther Power near the former Maine Drilling and Blasting building. Includes the Industrial park property.
- Land below the Pike crushing operation in Websterville.
- Violette Street in Websterville near the Websterville Water District building off Church Hill Road. This is a feeder trail access to Lawson's Store that uses a right-of-way for about 200 feet parallel to Violette Street.
- Graniteville Picnic Area - will be a "Dead End" there - hoping to still groom into the picnic area and turn around.
- Former East Barre Fire District land off Lowery Road - Club will sign with "No Refueling" in this area.
- Land near Wilson Cemetery - new in 2009 to create safer access to Quarry Hill Quick Stop.
- Existing corridors within the Town Forest.

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- Parcel of land on Waterman Street. Club to use orange fence or rope to identify well cover hazard just off trail.
- Land across from Route 14 (Williamstown Pit).
- Approximately 50 yard stretch of Cheney Road to circumvent Berini driveway - is clear line of sight.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club land owner permission request for the 2016-2017 season and to authorize the Town Manager to sign the document.

DEED FOR WATER AND SEWER LINES, EASEMENTS - CARPENTER LANE

Background: In 2008 a subdivision created two new lots on the Carpenter land near the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School. The road (just off Websterville Road) is called Carpenter Lane. Two spec houses were built. The first sale of one of the homes has prompted the need for tonight's request - will the Town accept a deed from the property owner conveying a water line, sewer line, appurtenances thereto, a 50' wide easement over Carpenter Lane and drainage structure as shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Barre Town Planning Commission on May 2, 2008.

The Carpenters installed about 185' of water line and 210' of sewer line with one manhole at the point of connection to the pre-existing line in Websterville Road. A catch basin was installed at the Websterville Road intersection. The new owner of the first house (on the corner) has water service and sewer service connected to those new lines, thus the lines need to be turned over to the Town prior to the closing. Both water and sewer pipes are 8". A clean out is provided at the end of the sewer line and a blow-off hydrant is installed at the end of the water line.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to accept the Carpenter Living Trust deed conveying a water line, sewer line, appurtenances thereto, a 50' wide easement over Carpenter Lane (so called) and drainage structure as shown on a subdivision plan approved by the Barre Town Planning Commission on May 2, 2008.

In other discussion Mr. Carpenter noted that when the sidewalk was constructed 3 survey iron pins were removed. He would like the Town to put them back in place. The Manager stated the records will have to be researched to determine if the pins were pulled by the Town. If there are no records to indicate the town pulled the pins then the Selectboard will need to make a decision with regards to paying for the pins to be replaced at a cost of \$415.00.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR WEBSTERVILLE FIRE DISTRICT/BARRE TOWN
WATER SYSTEM MERGER QUESTION**

Background: This is the second of two required public hearings. The purpose to provide the public with information and answer questions regarding the upcoming vote on November 8, 2016 asking voters to approve a merger between the Town of Barre Water System and the Websterville Fire District as well as implementing a Special Assessment District for said residents of the Fire District.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to open the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the upcoming November 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting ballot questions regarding a merger of the Town of Barre Water System and the Websterville Fire District #3.

Mr. Rubalcaba stated he has spoken with the State and the project for the Fire District is on the 2017 construction season schedule. The water pressure issue they believe has been resolved - trapped air in the line. The control panel project has started.

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This upgrade will automate the plant making operations more efficient and allow for remote monitoring.

Mitchell stated he had spoken with Paul McGinley and will try to present his concerns/notes:

- Concerned the connection of the two water systems (Town and Fire District) will not happen.
- Would like to see the Town upon connection to the Websterville Fire District system go to the top of Church Hill Road and tie into the Graniteville water system even though there are no houses.
- The lot (Green Mountain Boring) next to the Wells Lamson Quarry has a well. When it was drilled the owner hit an aquifer. He thought the Town might want to look at buying the property as a new water source.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted close the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

SEWER VACUUM TRUCK PURCHASE

Background: The Selectboard and Budget Committee have been having an on-going discussion the two cycles regarding how to proceed with the purchase of a sewer vacuum truck to replace our existing one. During the June 21, 2016 Selectboard meeting the Board once again set aside some designated funds to assist with a future purchase and directed staff to bring back more detailed information. DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault and Shop Foreman Mike Martel have provided the following information for Board review prior to the meeting. Discussion will focus on next steps and when.

- The cab and chassis would be a 10 wheeler similar to the dump trucks the Town currently purchases. The cab and chassis could come from several manufacturers.
- There would be no pony motor for the suction or water pressure. Instead the suction would run off a power take-off (PTO).
- The truck would hold 15 cubic yards (same as the truck we have now).
- The unit would use a fan to create suction like the unit we have now (per Selectboard instructions on June 21st).
- Ballpark cost is \$375,000 to \$400,000. Our present until has a trade-in value of about \$20,000 - \$25,000 and is a 2001 Sterling vactor plus.
- Estimated delivery time from date of order is 120-165 days.
- DPW Superintendent stated he is trying to build a truck that would last 15 - 20 years.

DPW Superintendent Tetreault stated he would prefer a new machine instead of a "gently used" piece of equipment. There was discussion regarding cab/chassis pricing, selling our machine outright instead of trading in, warranties, capital reserve, purchasing new versus used, and financing.

Consensus of the Board is the DPW Superintendent should do further research to find the estimated cost(s) for purchasing a cab/chassis separate from the vactor unit, obtain estimates on selling our vactor outright, and more information on warranties (coverage and cost). The information will be presented to the Board in a couple of weeks.

CV SOLID WASTE DISTRICT CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Background: For the past year the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) has worked on draft charter amendments. Their Supervisors have scheduled public hearing on November 9th and 15th. The 15th will be the deadline for submitted comments.

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Manager Rogers informed the Board that it appears as though 20 sections of the charter have a proposed revision, with some section having multiple revisions. This appears to be a "general" cleanup of the CVSWMD charter.

Fred Thumm, Barre Town Representative/Chair for the CVSWMD was present to review the changes and answer questions. He reiterated many of the amendments are in response to Act 148 legislation. Context discussed included eminent domain power, collection districts, authority to call a special meeting, among other small topics.

The Board thanked Mr. Thumm for his hard work. A shout-out was given on the upcoming electronic material collections being held on November 15, 2016 at the ARC (former Times Argus building in Barre).

DATA COLLECTIONS FOR RECYCLING & OTHER SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Background: Board member LaClair recently attended the advisory committee meeting to the CVSWMD as the Town's representative. The CVSWMD and Selectboard are interested in what residents need and want in terms of recycling services. In notes to the Board they could include mandatory (bottles) or voluntary (tires) recyclables. Assistant Town Manager Wang was requested to get input from residents. A one-page draft survey was compiled for the Board to review. The hope is to ask residents to complete the survey during the General Election, weather permitting.

The Board stated there may want to be questions regarding used motor oil, educational services, and adding bulk metal to question 6.

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 November 2, 2016.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

'ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier noted the orange cones at the bottom of Sterling Hill Road are all over the place. Perhaps it is time to remove them.

LaClair stated he had been asked if the Board might be willing to enter into a multi-year dispatch contract. The item will be placed on a future agenda as this requires discussion.

Mitchel noticed there has been a red pick-up truck parked next to the metal container at the DPW garage since the summer. Why is it still there? Manager Rogers informed the Board the vehicle was abandoned. The Police attempted to contact the owner with no success. Our next step is to get a title through the State salvage process and sell/dispose of the truck.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair the Selectboard found that premature general knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage with regards to legal and personnel matters.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 8:58 p.m. for legal and personnel matters.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:42 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:42 pm.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

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