

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
December 6, 2016

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda
4. Consider approving November 29, 2016 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items)
7. Discuss 22 Buick St. property
8. Discuss Vactor purchase
9. Revisit work list
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous (liquor license)
12. Executive session -(personnel)
13. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
December 6, 2016

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

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

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Asst. Town Manager Elaine Wang, DPW Superintendant and Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre.

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 Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda with the addition of a legal item for executive session. LaClair 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 November 29, 2016 as presented. LaClair was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Town Selectboard is seeking registered voters to serve on the Barre Town Budget Committee from the last Tuesday of January through the last Tuesday of March. The Budget Committee reviews the entire budget for Barre Town, including the General Fund, Ambulance Fund, and Highway Fund. Serving on the Budget Committee gives you a say in all fiscal year 2017-2018 town budgets, and is a great way to learn about town operations and budgets. If interested please send your letter or email of interest by 4:00pm, Friday December 30th, to the Town Manager's office. More information about the responsibilities of the Budget Committee is in the Barre Town newsletter that just went out. If you have questions please contact the Town Manager at 479-9331 or one of the Selectboard members.

Selectboard Minutes of December 6, 2016 continued:

2. Winter sand is available for Barre Town residents outside the public works fence. This service is only offered to residents. Please follow instructions posted at the sand pile. Plan ahead because when you will most want it is when everyone else will, too! More information is in the November 2016 newsletter.
3. A reminder that Sterling Hill Road is closed for the season. Vehicles must use either Quarry Hill Road or Graniteville/Middle Road to travel to points west.
4. Looking for locally-themed holiday gifts? The Barre Town Recreation photo calendars are available for \$10 each from the town office, Lawson's Store in Websterville, and Quarry Hill Quick Stop on Quarry Hill Road. Proceeds benefit Barre Town Recreation.
5. Two weeks ago action was taken in executive session. The Selectboard approved a new 3 year EMS labor contract on November 15 and it was signed on November 29, 2016. It also included a trial period to change staff scheduling to try and reduce overtime and as a request by EMS staff.

GUESTS

None

DISCUSS THE 22 BUICK STREET PROPERTY

Background: The Town acquired Clyde Austin's property on 20-22 Buick Street in a tax sale when no one else bid on it, paying \$39,058.05 in back taxes, attorney fees and mailing costs. After waiting the usual year for any heirs to redeem the property, the Town took title on October 18. The property required extensive cleanup to be saleable, including the fire-destroyed house, a large volume of old household goods in the house, mobile home and garage on the property. The Town incurred \$2,929.40 to rent an excavator and dumpsters (~17 packed loads were hauled) for the cleanup. The DPW crew also leveled and cleared the property. Bulk metal was recycled and cedar trees were saved to make posts. Mr. Cody Deforge, great-grandson of Clyde Austin, has since expressed interest in buying the property. Note that 20 and 22 Buick St should be merged for us to sell.

The Town Manager reviewed the history of the events leading up to the town acquiring this property. The costs to clean it up so far are \$17,934.00. The property currently has a drilled well (in unknown condition) and the cost to run the water connection to the lot for Town water would be about \$2832.00. The lot is on Town sewer and has a grinder pump whose location would need to be determined. He also presented the assessed values of other lots in the surrounding area for comparison.

There was discussion about how much the town should do with the lot before trying to sell it. It was generally agreed that DPW could do some work trimming trees and smoothing up the lot to make it more presentable. Tate also suggested they could try to hook onto the well pump and see if it works and if so let it pump for a while to get some fresh water in it. It was agreed to have the DPW go ahead and do the site work as time permits and try to get the well pump working. If they can get it working, then the town should get it tested. Also will determine where the sewer grinder pump is. Carl Rogers will also check with Chris Violette to see if this needs to go to the Planning Commission to merge the lots (20 and 22).

Mr. Deforge was not present at the meeting.

DISCUSS VACTOR PURCHASE

Selectboard Minutes of December 6, 2016 continued:

Background: The quote without the extended warranties is \$292,909.00, about 2% lower than the budget price they previously gave us. There will be a 3% increase in the price if ordered after December 15th. Tate confirmed that the Town only has to *place* the order by the 15th; the payment does not need to be made nor does the chassis need to be ready. The extended warranty coverage came in late on Friday; Tate will discuss that and whether he recommends any length of extended warranty. The included limited warranty covers 10 years for water tank; 5 years for debris tank, centrifugal compressor or housing; and 2 years for the pump.

Although the town will likely forego what it would get from them in trade-in if it places an order against this quote, Tate is confident the town will be able to get the trade-in estimated value (\$20-\$25K) selling it ourselves, even in Vermont.

A reminder that the chassis estimates came in between \$105,915 to \$110,000. The chassis specs should be released next week.

Richard Tetreault recommended that the town not spend the money on the extended warranty. The company representative says that with the good regular warranty, the extended warranty is not worth the expense.

He will also check with them to see what they would offer for a trade in.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to place the order for one Vactor 2100 Plus module, (no extended warranty) per the quote from C.N. Wood on November 28th, 2016. LaClair was not present for the vote.

WORK LIST

Background: The Selectboard reviewed this work list on May 24, 2016. A copy of the work list included the Assistant Town Manager's notes on what has been completed and what is postponed; almost everything else is in progress. Regarding the Cyr survey, Elaine Wang has been asking Bob Townsend for an update and will bring any information to the meeting.

The Selectboard reviewed the list and agreed that good progress had been made with a good majority of the items completed or in the works. It was also agreed that having this list was helpful all the way around to see what is going on with regards to projects and matters that required action by the board.

Elaine Wang reported that Mr. Townsend was planning to set pins this week, weather permitting.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for the week December 6, 2016. LaClair was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve a request by Abbey Pub & Restaurant to cater Malt, Vinous and /or Spirituous Liquors on December 7, 2016 at 1 Conti Circle Suite 2. LaClair was not present for the vote.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Lefebvre noted that the Town Clerk's office had received a petition today for a revote of the Act 46 School Question from the November 8 election, so there would be a revote of that, coming up sometime in the next 60 days. She also noted that absentee ballots for this revote would automatically be sent to any voted who received them for the November election.

Mitchell noted that in the DPW Quarterly report that there were again some issues with the EMS generator. He is hoping it does not take as long as in the past to resolve this. He

Selectboard Minutes of December 6, 2016 continued:

also hopes that Jeff Blow watches the meeting tomorrow and sees that the board has ordered the Vactor.

Wang noted that the jersey barriers which were of concern last week have been removed. She also attended the haulers meeting which discussed the collection of food scraps. It was well attended and there were a variety of opinions expressed. There will probably be some public hearings on the topic to get input, so stay tuned for that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 7:50 p.m. for personnel and legal matters and invited the Town Attorney Michael Monte to attend. LaClair was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. LaClair was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town to pay an administrative penalty of \$4,500 to ANR related to the town water system. The motion passed 3 to 1. LaClair was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:16 pm.

Deborah Lefebvre- Assistant Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard