

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
March 30, 2010

PILOT: Discuss DPW Shop

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order. 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of March 23 meeting.
4. Announcements.
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Consider adopting Resolution #4-10 accepting the State's grant agreement for the VCDP on behalf of SB Electronics.
7. Consider approving and authorizing the Town Manager to sign loan documents for SBE Grant funded loan.
8. Review draft of junk ordinance.
9. Consider authorizing a letter of intent to order a fire tanker for the Fire Department.
10. Consider continued participation in regional public safety services discussion.
11. Consider approving warnings for Town Meeting and Annual Election.
12. Consider approving unregistered vehicles road crossing permits.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous: consider approving liquor and tobacco licenses.
15. 'Round the Table.
16. Executive Session: (if needed)
17. Adjourn

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
March 30, 2010

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 30, 2010 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:03 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeff Blow, Jeff Newton, Marion Fish, and William Wolfe.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna Kelty, Town Management Intern Kelly Murphy, Zoning Administrator Chris Violette, Paul Malone, George Malek, Darren Winham, Sam Matthew, Brad Gordon, and Paul McGinley.

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MINUTES

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2010. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The winter street parking ban will end on April 1, 2010.
2. Every ten years the US Census Bureau sets out to count every person residing in the United States. Residents are counted through mailings, phone calls, and door-to-door visits. In the 2000 Census 72% of households that received a mailing mailed it back. 2010 Census mail-back participation rates are being tracked as we speak. Forms will be issued throughout the month of March. We encourage all residents to take 10 minutes and answer 10 questions. The information will benefit everyone. The more accurate information the Census Bureau receives about our town, the more fairly we will be treated.
3. Do your part to help maintain the roads during mud season by limiting heavy deliveries (i.e. oil, building supplies, large household purchases) and by consolidating trips back and forth.
4. Reminder: HS-122 Homestead Declarations are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Filing this form identifies you as a resident homeowner, a designation for tax purposes. Be sure to file on time to avoid penalty.
5. Reminder: Early voter ballots for May Town Meeting will be available mid-April.
6. Notice: the Board of Recreation is still looking for a member to fill a vacancy on the Board.

### GUESTS - None

### RESOLUTION #4-10 FOR GRANT AGREEMENT

Background: The Town has applied for and received an award for funds under the Vermont Community Development Program. This resolution approves and accepts the grant agreement (#IG-I-2009-Barre-00001). Proceeds will be loaned to S.B. Electronics.

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #4-10, Grant Agreement Resolution, Vermont Community Development Program. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

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### **SBE LOAN DOCUMENTS**

Background: The various loan documents (promissory note, VCDP Loan Security Agreement, Priority Agreement, UCC-1 form) associated with S. B. Electronics (SBE) were developed by the CVRPC; the Town Attorney and Manager reviewed and finalized them.

The Manager informed the Board one document has yet to be finalized, the Employment Agreement. It is anticipated to be complete within the next couple of days. Approval authorizing the Town Manager to sign the document when ready is requested.

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the loan documents for the S. B. Electronics grant funded loan. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

### **REVIEW DRAFT OF JUNK ORDINANCE**

Background: During the zoning re-write, by-laws controlling the accumulation of junk were omitted due to the specific nature and enforcement subjects. The intention of a stand-alone ordinance is to define and clarify regulation of junk and junk vehicles. The draft ordinance has been adapted from a model VLCT ordinance to meet the needs of Barre Town. In early 2009 the Board was presented with a junk ordinance that failed to be adopted due to certain questions of applicability.

The Zoning Administrator was present. Points of interest included: clarification of the word "abandon," salvage yards, enforcement to include adding language "so that in the absence of the Zoning Administrator the Police Chief will be the Enforcement Officer", and the ticketing/collection process.

The changes will be made and the draft will be amended and brought back to the Board.

### **FIRE TANKER - LETTER OF INTENT**

Background: The Budget Committee (Selectboard plus 5 members from the public) made a decision to purchase a new fire tanker. The staff and members of the Fire Department have been working to capture competitive pricing to capitalize on purchase price savings. The Fire Chief contacted Deep South to determine if they would honor pricing set in Barre Town's most recent fire truck purchase. The vendor stated they would honor the price provided the Town issued a letter of intent immediately to reserve the last 2010 Kenworth chassis. Seeing the time sensitive nature of this purchase a letter was sent on Thursday, March 25, 2010. Selectboard affirmation is needed to make the letter official.

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to affirm the release of the Letter of Intent to Deep South Fire Trucks Inc. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

### **PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES DISCUSSION**

Background: During last week's meeting "Report #1 of the Public Safety Committee" was given to the Selectboard for review. Before proceeding with more in depth work, the committee is seeking Selectboard approval. No funding is being requested at this time.

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Upon review of the document the Manager made the following comments for the Selectboard's consideration:

1. The committee should invite (now) towns that abut the four communities to join in the discussion, making them full partners.
2. Governance - there would be board appointed representative from each municipality, additionally, three would be elected at large (according to the report specifications) to consider interest of entire territory. At large appointments would run the risk of putting their municipality's interest ahead of regional interest.
3. Finance - development of formulas would disregard (separate of each service) important factors, input, and statistical makeup of each town. Single factor billing will not be the fairest method.

Paul McGinley, George Malek, and Fire Chief Chris Violette were present.

Discussion included the Manager's comments. Eight years ago eight (8) communities came together to form a regional ambulance service. Barre Town residents voted down the request. The consensus of the Selectboard is get together a list of items they want the committee to look at. In approximately one month the list will be presented to our representatives (McGinley and Heath).

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to continue the Regional Public Services Committee study. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

#### **WARNINGS FOR TOWN MEETING AND ANNUAL ELECTION**

Background: The warnings for the Town Meeting (Monday, May 10, 2010) and the Annual Election (Tuesday, May 11, 2010 by Australian ballot) are submitted for approval. Language in the warnings pertain to setting property tax and sewer use charge due dates, the application of the Homestead property taxes, election of officers, not-for-profit agency funding requests, General and Highway Fund Budgets, and several charter amendments.

*On a motion by Newton, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Town Meeting Warning for May 10, 2010 as presented. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Warning for the Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian Ballot on May 11, 2010 as presented. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

#### **UNREGISTERED VEHICLE PERMITS**

Background: State law requires owners of unregistered (off the road) vehicles to get Town approval, if the unregistered vehicles must cross Town roads. Rock of Ages has 11 vehicles (loaders, super-sized dump trucks-often called Eucs for Euclids - forklift, and crane) that work in the quarries but sometimes must cross a Town road. A permit is issued for each vehicle. Rock of Ages lists 7 road crossing locations, but most vehicles will not use any more than a few crossings. The permit conditions are the same as in the past. Rock of Ages has been very cooperative in repairing road damage at the most heavily used crossings. The State-mandated fee has been paid.

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*On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 11 Rock of Ages Unregistered Vehicle Permits. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

#### **WARRANTS**

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant as presented. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Manager informed the Board this Friday is the deadline to submit the list of equipment to be sold at the State auction. He is looking for approval to sell Truck #27 (2001 International Dump Truck), Truck #37 (International Lo-Pro), and a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (police car).

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the sale of Truck #27 (2001 International Dump Truck), Truck #37 (International Lo-Pro), and a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (police car) at the State auction. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

Truck #56, the shop S10 pickup is also slated to be sold. However, after reviewing the selling price and deducting the State auction fee it is not worth sending to the auction. The Manager is requesting he be given permission to sell the vehicle without going to the auction.

*On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the sale of Truck #56, the shop S10 pickup. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

The environmental testing on the Wilson Depot has been received. Rogers stated everything was clean and the report has been forwarded to the CVSWMD.

#### **'ROUND THE TABLE**

Wolfe inquired if there was any update regarding school zone designation. The Manager there is no new information at this time.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel, legal, and real estate. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:51 p.m. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

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**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Gagne was not present for the vote.*

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Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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