

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 1, 2010

P.I.L.O.T. Review Wilson Depot operation

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order

7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of May 25

4. Announcements

5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).

6. Report from Aldrich Library Board of Trustees.

7. Consider appointing liaison to Aldrich Library Board of Trustees.

8. Discuss proposed junk ordinance.

9. Discuss Wilson Industrial Park covenants and property condition.

10. Consider introducing (first reading) of an ordinance reducing the speed limit to 35 mph on all gravel roads with a 40 mph limit.

11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.

12. Miscellaneous: (fireworks permit, if any)

13. 'Round the Table

14. Executive Session: (if needed)

15. Adjourn

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 1, 2010

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 1, 2010 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeffrey Gagne, Jeff Blow, Jeff Newton, William Wolfe, and W. John "Jack" Mitchell.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Town Management Intern Kelly Murphy, Zoning Administrator Christopher Violette, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, Hans Asoera, and John Potan.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vermont Railways expects to begin hauling rail cars from Websterville to Montpelier Junction on June 1. According to Rock of Ages (the rail customer), there should be railroad traffic between Websterville and Montpelier Junction 5 days per week for 3 months. In Barre Town, the short trains will cross Websterville Road by the DPW gate, Pitman Road in the Wilson Industrial Park, Patch Road near Thunder Road's back entrance, and Quarry Hill Road below the restaurant. There are many, many more road crossings in Barre City, Berlin, and Montpelier. Please heed caution signs now that the railway is active.
- Barre City and Barre Town Recreation Departments are co-sponsoring a youth track program again this summer. Children ages 7 - 14 may sign up. Forms are available at the Town Office. The fee is \$25.00 per child. Participants will practice at the Spaulding High School track on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., from June 15 to July 22. There are two track meets, July 10 and 24.
- On Father's Day, June 20, the Barre Town Fire Department is holding a Chicken Bar-B-Que at the East Barre Fire Station. Serving hours are noon - 2:00 p.m. Reservations or advance ticket purchase are not necessary. Come out for a taste of an East Barre tradition!

GUESTS - There were no guests.

ALDRICH LIBRARY REPORT

Background: Hans Asoera sits on the Aldrich Board of Trustees and wishes to give the Selectboard a report on library services and policies. Given the discussion around the library this report is being given. This agenda item is solely informational, for discussion only.

Mr. Asoera and East Barre Branch Librarian John Potan were present. Mr. Asoera informed the Selectboard it is the intent of the Aldrich Library to come before this Board at least 3 - 4 times a year in an effort to keep everyone informed on Library business.

He noted June is a busy Library season. It is the beginning of the children's summer reading program and the Authors at the Aldrich series (which coincides with the weekly Opera House concert events).

Over 500 patrons used the Library this past month and 3700 individuals used the wi-fi services.

He stated misinformation had been given during the budget process regarding the East Barre Branch. Operating cost is \$4,200.00. Usage is significantly higher than 44 adults and 37 children.

Mr. Potan stated the East Barre Library will be celebrating it's 100th anniversary. Events are being planned for sometime in July or August.

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The East Barre Library is open 3 days a week, (10 hours per week), and average two (2) new patrons a week. Every Tuesday a story hour is held (year-round) which accommodates a couple of day care businesses. Since January 936 adult books and 460 children's books have been loaned. This means around 40 books being dispersed on a typical day.

During the budget discussions Gagne noted one of the reports stated there were approximately 2000 Library non-resident patrons (not living in Barre City or Barre Town). Currently these individuals are being charged \$10. If they were charged a per capita rate of \$12 (like the residents) this could be additional revenue. Blow further stated that many nearby communities pay other libraries in the area. When he inquired why they did not contribute to the Aldrich Library he was informed "because they had not been asked." He recommends the Library Board look at petitioning other communities (based on non-resident usage) and ask for financial support. Mr. Asoera stated both ideas were good and will pass the information along.

There was brief discussion with how the Aldrich Library works with our schools.

APPOINT LIAISON TO THE ALDRICH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Background: Currently Marion Fish is the Town's liaison to the Library Board. In the most recent past, a member of the Selectboard has acted in this capacity. Seeing that Marion is no longer on the Selectboard, it is necessary to make a statement to re-appoint her or consider appointing someone else. The Manager noted that Ms. Fish is already integrated with members of the Library Board and it would seem wise to re-appoint her to the position; however, the role should be defined.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Marion Fish as the liaison for Barre Town to the Aldrich Library Board of Trustees.

The consensus of the Board is the Town should continue to have representation on the Library Board. The Manager will place the discussion of defining Ms. Fish's role on the next meeting agenda.

PROPOSED JUNK ORDINANCE

Background: The Selectboard reviewed a draft of this proposed ordinance several months ago. Since then a new law regarding junk cars was adopted. The draft ordinance has been re-written to account for the new legislation which gives car "hobbyists" protections. The plan is to review this draft for feedback. A final draft/first reading would be presented at the June 8th meeting. Town Attorney Monte will be evaluating the new law to ensure our draft complies.

Items discussed included enforcement, definition changes from the last review, the Town Attorney's comments, and the Manager's comment.

DISCUSS WILSON INDUSTRIAL PARK COVENANTS AND PROPERTY CONDITION

Background: There has been concern the grounds at Poulin Aluminum creates a bad impression of the Wilson Industrial Park. The lot is at the entrance to the park, and the lot is wide open and very visible from the road. The dumpster is situated between the building and Pitman Road. Debris sometimes blows out of the uncovered dumpster onto the

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adjoining lot and Poulin property. Windows removed from jobs are placed against the building facing Pitman Road.

In late April, early May, the Zoning Administrator communicated with Poulin regarding the overflowing dumpster and litter. It was cleaned up at the time.

Poulin's lot is an original Wilson Industrial park lot subject to covenants. Barre Town is an owner in the original park. The covenants adopted in 1976 are valid for 50 years.

Rogers stated the owner of Poulin Aluminum is unavailable to attend the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

The issues outlined in the background were discussed and the covenants reviewed. Consensus of the Selectboard is to have the Manager speak to and encourage Poulin Aluminum to move the dumpsters and old windows/doors inside the fenced area next to the Cemetery.

FIRST READING - REDUCING SPEED LIMIT ON ALL GRAVEL ROADS

Background: During it's April 21st meeting the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) reviewed gravel roads posted at 40 mph. The discussion resulted in a May 19th public hearing. After the duly warned hearing TSAC voted to recommend lowering the speed limit on all gravel roads whose existing speed limit is 40 mph to 35 mph.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont, Amending Sections 7-61 Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances By Reducing Established Speed Limits."

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont, Amending Sections 7-61 Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances By Reducing Established Speed Limits" to a public hearing (second reading) on June 15, 2010.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

A motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, to approve the accounts payable warrant. Newton abstained from the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the fireworks permits for Elizabeth and Paul Perreault to hold a display on July 3, 2010 at 42 LittleJohn Road with the standard conditions.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell stated in the meeting packet there is information seeking individuals to serve on the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Blow inquired on the status of the phase one environmental testing of the Pike Crusher property. There are no results to date. However, the Manager has been speaking with the State regarding possible test results and whether or not the Town should enroll in the Brownfield program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss contracts and personnel. The Town Engineer attended the executive session.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard