

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 15, 2010

P.I.L.O.T. Discuss setting priorities

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of June 8, 2010.
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Consider first reading (introduction) of an ordinance regulating junk
7. Public hearing: Ordinance to reduce the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on gravel roads.
8. Consider pole location requests:
 - a) GMP request for a pole on Windy Wood Road
 - b) WEC request for three poles on Snowbridge Road
9. Consider authorization to sell Chevy S-10 pickup truck
10. Consider authorizing payment from Building Fund to General Fund.
11. Christine Williams' request regarding Allen Street.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous: (fireworks permits)
14. 'Round the Table
15. Executive Session: (if needed)
16. Adjourn

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 15, 2010

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 15, 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, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, and William Wolfe.

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, Betty Cyr, Roger J. Cyr, Kevin Cyr, Christine Williams, Cary Smith, Jan Smith, and Jeremy Cyr.

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 June 8, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Vermont Railways has begun hauling rail cars from Websterville to Montpelier Junction. Please heed caution signs now that the railway is active.
- 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.
- The Assessor's Office lodged the Grand List on Thursday, June 10, 2010. Parties who wish to appeal the Grand List must do so before 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 24th by submitting their claim in writing to the Assessor's Office. Please note that appeals received at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 24th will not be accepted, regardless of postmarked date.
- Census workers are going door to door to collect information from people who may have missed the survey in the mail. If you have not been counted yet, please contact the Census Bureau, www.census.gov or 1-800-923-8282.
- Notice: S.D. Ireland, paving contract #1 will begin work paving Hillside, Panther, and Waterman Streets on Tuesday, June 22 - 23, 2010.
- Notice: Gorman Brothers is slated to begin full-depth reclamation work on Old Quarry Hill, Nuissl, and Pierce Roads beginning Monday, June 21 - 23, 2010.

GUESTS

Roger Cyr informed the Selectboard a survey had been conducted by Chase and Chase regarding Fisher Road and Old Quarry Hill Road. The result is there only appears to be 22' left of Old Quarry Hill Road and one property owner losing 36' of land. The questions are was the Town aware of the survey and exactly who owns what with regards to Old Quarry Hill Road. The Town Manager will check on this and report back to the Board.

FIRST READING - JUNK ORDINANCE

Background: The past couple drafts of the proposed Junk Ordinance have been presented and reviewed by the Selectboard. The ordinance will regulate the accumulation of junk and junk motor vehicles and will further codify public health standards. Definitions, enforcement measures, and penalties have been identified and clarified.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre Adding Article IV, Regulation Of Junk, To Chapter 5 Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances."

Blow asked to have the proposed ordinances posted on the website.

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Not having read the proposed ordinance Jeremy Malone inquired about enforcement action. The Zoning Administrator will be the enforcement officer and civil fines could be issued through the Judicial Bureau.

The Manager reviewed the highpoints of the ordinance.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre Adding Article IV, Regulation Of Junk, To Chapter 5 Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances" to a second reading (public hearing) on Tuesday, June 29, 2010.

PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND READING) AMENDING SPEED ORDINANCE

Background: The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) voted (after a duly warned hearing on May 19, 2010) to recommend the reduction of the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on certain gravel roads. The amendment was introduced on June 1st. The purpose of the public hearing is to take testimony.

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 Section 7-61 Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances By Reducing Established Speed Limits."

The Public Hearing opened at 7:21 p.m.

Cary Smith, Upper Usle Road resident, is in favor of the speed reduction. He noted there is a steep hill and cars traveling at 40 mph have difficulty stopping at the intersection. He has spoken with one of the farming neighbors on Lower Usle (who could not make tonight's meeting) and stated he too is in favor of the speed limit reduction.

Jeremy Malone, Phelps Road, does not see where a 5 mph speed limit reduction will make an impact and is opposed to the change. Pete Lamberti, a neighbor, could not make the meeting but also stated he is opposed to the change. Mr. Malone inquired if a speed survey had been completed on any of the roads?

Chair Blow stated it is difficult to do speed surveys on a gravel road as the gravel destroys the tubing placed on the road. He noted that TSAC selected these particular roads due to growth and increased traffic.

Resident Pam Malone, Phelps Road, was unable to attend the meeting and asked that a message be given to the Selectboard. She stated she is opposed to the speed limit reduction. She travels the back roads of Barre Town regularly and has no issues with speed because she is a respectful driver and alert to those using the road (pedestrians, bicyclists, animals). Her feeling is this speed limit reduction is just a change to make change, noting the 5 mph speed limit reduction would not make much of an impact.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont, Amending Section 7-61 Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances By Reducing Established Speed Limits" to the third and final reading on June 22, 2010.

POLE LOCATION REQUESTS

Background: The first request is from Green Mountain Power who is requesting one pole (#45) relocation and a new service pole (#45-50) to be placed opposite the new Harrington driveway. The Engineer recommends approving the request.

The second request is from Washington Electric Cooperative who is requesting to erect three (3) new service poles on Snowbridge Road. The transmission line will be placed on the Lessard and Constantini properties. The Engineer recommends approving the request.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Green Mountain Power's request to relocate Pole #45 (76215) 2' further back from the center line near its current placement (19' from the road center line) of Windy Wood Road and to install a new service Pole #45-50 (177349) to be placed opposite the new driveway into the Harrington's property along the westerly side of Windy Wood Road, to be set at a distance of 22' from the road center line with the conditions the Permit to Work in the Town Right-of-Way is filed with the Town Clerk's Office along with the required filing fee.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Washington Electric Cooperative's request to install three (3) new poles on Snowbridge Road: 1) Pole #R-24 to be located diagonally across the road from Pole #-23 and located 27' from the road center line; 2) Pole #R-25 is to be placed along the Constantini property (easterly side) with the pole set at a distance of 25' from the road center line; and 3) Pole #R-26 to be placed along the Constantini property (easterly side) with the pole set at a distance of 28' from the road center line with the conditions the Permit to Work in the Town Right-of-Way is filed with the Town Clerk's Office along with the required filing fee.

SALE OF PICK-UP TRUCK

The item was passed over as payment has not been received.

BUILDING FUND PAYMENT

Background: The windows and doors at 22 Wilson Street were planned for replacement during fiscal year 2011-2012 using the Building Fund. The tenant wanted the work completed sooner and paid for the improvements. The Selectboard agreed at their last meeting to give the tenant a credit for the work completed in the amount of \$6,539.58. Because of this agreement the General Fund will not receive the rent money and the Building Fund will not have to pay for the doors. To keep the general ledger straight the Building Fund should pay the General Fund.

On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Building Fund to pay the General Fund \$450.00 per month commencing May 2010 and ending with a partial payment (remaining balance) on June 2011.

ALLEN STREET - CHRISTINE WILLIAMS

Background: Christine Williams lives at 194 Allen Street. There is a low spot in the road that allows water to affect her driveway. The Town reviewed the situation last summer and thought the fix would be done prior to winter; it was not. Ms. Williams was then told the Town would do it in the spring. However, with getting roads ready for paving

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and working on Parker Road the DPW has been unavailable. Ms. Williams is not happy that the Town has not fixed the problem.

Ms. Williams was present and inquired what the schedule is for completing this 2½ year problem. The Manager informed Ms. Williams and the Board the DPW saw cut the pavement today. A crew of 5 (flaggers, truckers, excavators) will remove 2' of the road base. Fabric, drainage hose to the ditch, backfill will be added. To allow for good compaction the repair will not be paved until the Fall.

Ms. Williams inquired when the heaved culvert in her driveway would be fixed. The culvert issue is a result of the Town's drainage. She was under the impression, after speaking with the Town staff, it would be repaired or replaced. Rogers stated it is typically the homeowner's responsibility for culvert repairs. He is not aware of this drainage issue and will speak with the DPW. The Board and Ms. Williams will be informed of the findings.

Other items noted were: the Booth property across the road is very wet; there is a spring under the road; and during the winter there is ice build-up on the road.

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 Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign the following fireworks permits with the standard conditions:

- 1. Roland Hayford, 9 Snowbridge Road, on July 3 and/or July 4, 2010*
- 2. Brad Lawson, 40 Church Hill Road on July 4, 2010*
- 3. Thunder Road, at the gravel pit near the racetrack on July 4 (raindate August 26, 2010).*

'ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell noted the police car light installation is being done by an outside company and inquired as to why? He was informed that due to the complexity of the new light it was more economical and efficient.

Mitchell noted the "Trucks Entering" sign across from the Pike Crusher Plant on Websterville Road. He has also witnessed a couple of DuBois Trucks (loaded) traveling down Church Hill Road to the train landing. Was this part of the agreement? Rogers was unaware of this and will inquire as to what is happening and report back to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss contracts at 7:52 p.m.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m.

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ADJOURN

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard