

DRAFT**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**

July 28, 2009

PILOT: Site Visit

6:15 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of July 22
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Consider awarding contract for a new zero-turn mower.
7. Report from the Ancient Roads Committee.
8. Consider approving TSAC recommendations: gate post, stop sign on Phelps Road at Sunset Road.
9. Discuss negotiation of emergency serves.
10. Consider approving Animal Nuisance control Agreement with Williamstown.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous: fireworks permit, catering permit
13. 'Round the Table
14. Executive Session: real estate, and labor contract negotiations.
15. Adjourn

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 28, 2009

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of July 28, 2009 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:01 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Town Management Intern Kelly Houston, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, George Malek, and Attorney Michael Monte (7:37 p.m.).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Town owned building, formerly Shepard's Garden Daycare, located at 22 Wilson Street in South Barre is for rent. This 36X30 one story building is behind Hannaford's Supermarket and is an ideal location for a local aspiring business. Please direct all inquiries about this property to the Town Manager's Office, 479-9331 or crogers@barretown.org.
2. The first installments of the property and sewer bill bills are due on Monday, August 17, 2009. To better accommodate Barre Town taxpayers and encourage timely payments the Town Clerk's Office will be open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 14th and Monday, August 17th.
3. Notice: tax and sewer bills are enclosed in one envelope.
4. Fish informed the Board the American Legion Baseball Tournament had been held this past weekend and will finish tonight. With the exception of the scoreboard not working it was a great weekend. Fish noted the scoreboard is need of replacement (cost estimated at \$7,000). She is would like to see if some the big businesses might help with the replacement.

GUESTS

There were no guests.

CONTRACT - ZERO-TURN MOWER

Background: The new 09/10 budget includes money for a new zero-turn mower used by the Recreation Department. The Director checked out a couple of machines and requested bids for specific models (Kubota, John Deere, and Scag). The low bid, after trade-in allowance for our used Scag zero-turn mower, is from Harvest Equipment for a John Deere 2830A. The bid amount is \$72,42, which is less than budgeted. John Deere gives a 2-year bumper to bumper warranty on its machines. Extended warranties are available, at a cost of \$1,080, which is not recommended. Harvest Equipment is a local vendor and the local vendor allowance is not a factor in this purchase.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the contract for purchase of a new John Deere, model 2830A, zero-turn mower to Harvest Equipment for a net price of \$7,242.00.

ANCIENT ROADS COMMITTEE

Background: The Town received a grant, (\$4,500), to research existence of ancient (unknown roads that still are legally Town Highways) roads. The committee consisting of Alice Bartlett, Wayne Pelkey, Tom Anderson, Keith Pelletier, and the late Charles Fantoni worked with the Town Engineer to identify the roads. There are deadlines to complete the grant work and for the Town to declare what unknown roads will be acknowledged as Town Highways, and to give up any claim to roads that remain unrealized.

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Town Engineer Hinrichsen was present. He informed the Selectboard there have been some legislative deadline changes. Identification of unobservable roads (those difficult to identify due to little or no use) will need to be made by July 1, 2010. On July 1, 2015 there will be an automatic discontinuance for unidentified corridors/roads.

The Ancient Roads Committee has a preliminary list of roads. Sometime in September they will meet to begin reviewing the list. It was noted that paper streets (side rights-of-way that are off existing roads, but not developed) should be included in the list of roads the Town will want to keep. The final list should be available for this Board sometime in October 2009.

The committee has expensed \$300 of their grant proceeds. The remaining balance will be used for surveys and additional research.

The Selectboard would like to find someone to replace Charles Fantoni. The Manager will begin the search.

TSAC RECOMMENDATION - SUNSET/PHELPS ROADS

Background: The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) reviewed the Stop Sign situation at the northerly end of Phelps Road upon request. The concern is with the vehicular traffic patterns and habits which have results in several near misses and people going off the road as they come around the corner onto Sunset Road from Phelps.

The TSAC recommended gate posting the stop sign at the location by installing a second sign to the left of the intersection directly opposite the normal location to the right side of the intersection. This will reinforce the fact that motorists must stop at the intersection for either the left or right turn coming off Phelps Road.

The second recommendation was to relocate the existing Stop Sign by pulling it back 25' southerly from its current location. This will allow for it to be more visible from the approaching traffic headed north into the intersection.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the gate posting of the stop sign on Phelps Road, northbound, at Sunset Road and approve the relocation of the existing sign on the right side of the road.

NEGOTIATION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Background: The Board will hear information as a follow-up to the Chamber's regionalization meeting in June which was attended by Jeff Gagne, Marion Fish, and the Town Manager.

Chamber President, George Malek, was present. There are approximately 450 members with the majority residing in Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, and Montpelier. Over the past five years intermunicipal cooperation has been a major topic of conversation. Cost efficiencies and more/better services are priorities with residents. The Chamber feels now is the time to discuss and possibly begin the process.

Since November 2008 the Chamber has sponsored three forums. Mr. Malek feels that with continued discussion there is room for short term improvements while working on long-term items.

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Blow noted the Barre Town Selectboard is dealing with numerous large. He noted that only four short months ago the four (Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, and Montpelier) agreed to talk regarding these same issues and he sees no reason at this point to disband these talks.

Mr. Malek noted the committee is not empowered to take any action, but to begin the process of gathering, discussing, and suggesting how such an entity may/may not function.

Fish stated she would like the chamber committee to proceed as well as hear from the public.

The Manager was asked to place this item on a future agenda (within the next two regular meetings) for further discussion.

ANIMAL NUISANCE CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMSTOWN

Background: The Town had an Animal Control Officer (ACO) agreement with Williamstown prior to the last ACO quitting. A new ACO has been hired and Williamstown would like to use his services. This agreement before the Board is the same as the previous, except the term is a full year; retroactive to July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and the hourly rate changes on the last agreement that were specific to the former ACO. The Williamstown Selectboard has signed the agreement.

On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and sign the 2009-2010 Animal Nuisance Control Agreement with Williamstown.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

A motion was made by Gagne, seconded by Wolfe, to approve the accounts payable warrant as presented. Blow and Newton abstained.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Manager thanked Kathie Felch and committee members for the great job they did on the Barre Heritage Committee. Also, congratulations to the Paquet Family for the success of their Friday night, 100th Anniversary event. It was a wonderful family night with good food, lots of fun, and spectacular fireworks.

Blow stated he enjoyed the Friday night event and the exhibits were incredible. He also attended the Rotary breakfast (over 1200 served), watched the great parade on Saturday...the weather was really good.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Gagne congratulated Chair Blow for winning the jousting match against Barre City Mayor Lauzon this past Sunday during the Family Fun Days at the Barre Town recreational facility. Blow thanked all City and Town residents who participated in making "Barre" look so good.

Fish thanked Don Gainey and his crew for the great job in maintaining the recreational facility this past weekend during the Legion Baseball Tournaments.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss labor contract and real estate. Attorney Michael Monte attended the Executive Session.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:13 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard