

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA October 13, 2009
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PILOT: Regional Planning Commission appointment 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of October 6 meeting
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Consider adopting Resolution #8-09 in appreciation of Sam Hutchins' service as Town Health Officer.
7. Consider the third (final) reading of an ordinance regarding yield signs.
8. Report from Fred Thumm on Central Vermont Solid Waste District.
9. Discuss Regional Planning Commission vote for SB Electronics.
10. Discuss plow, wing and body for Mack replacement.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous
13. Round the Table
14. Executive Session: legal
15. Adjourn

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BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
October 13, 2009

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of October 13, 2009 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

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

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Town Management Intern Kelly Houston, CVSWMD Representative Fred Thumm, DRB Member Paul Malone, Daniele Picard, Nicole Blair, Margaret Hutchins, and Samuel Hutchins.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Holden Road lawn waste site will be open as usual (Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Noon, and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon). Starting October 10th through October 25th, there will be special extended weekend hours. The site will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Noon - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
2. There is an opening on the Board of Recreation. The Board is responsible for the management of Barre Town's playgrounds, facilities, and related recreation programs. This Board meets the first Wednesday of the month in the lower conference room of the Municipal Building at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in serving the remainder of a term to expire in 2012 please contact the Town Manager's Office 479-9331 or khouston@barretown.org.
3. Notice: Effective November 1, 2009 the Central Vermont Solid Waste District (CVSWMD) will be increasing the fees charged for trash AND recycling disposal. Trash bag prices will increase 50 cents bringing 15 gallon bags to \$3.00 and 30 gallon bags to \$4.00. Household recyclables - mixed paper, aluminum, glass, plastic, etc., will cost \$1.50 for a 15 gallon bag, \$2.00 for a 30 gallon bag, and \$3.00 for anything over 25 lbs.
4. Reminder: Mill Street waterline is still under construction and will be for the next couple of weeks. The road will be closed to thru traffic. Please alter your travel patterns accordingly.
5. Reminder: As the calendar year comes to a close plan ahead for filing your HS-122 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment form. Information is available on your property tax bill. For tax bill copies contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391 or dkelty@barretown.org.

GUESTS

George Plumb was present representing the International Day of Climate Action. He informed the Board on October 24, 2009 there will be a rally. Bicyclists will ride from Montpelier and Barre to the VSECU building on the Barre Montpelier Road. A rally will be held for about an hour regarding what municipalities are doing to reduce the carbon footprints in our area. He is asking Barre and Barre Town to provide one police cruiser each to accompany the bicyclists along the Barre Montpelier Road.

RESOLUTION #8-09 FOR SAM HUTCHINS HEALTH OFFICER

Background: Sam Hutchins has been Barre Town's health officer since 1971. He is the 3rd Health Officer to have served Barre Town - 38 years of service. Over the years

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he has worked on: ensuring properly working septic and sewer systems; enforced Rental Housing Health Code; prevented improper garbage storage; has responded to animal bites; and played an important role in responding to disease outbreaks and emergency related public health concerns. Over the years Sam has fulfilled his duties as health officer with a large degree of professionalism and practical knowledge. He has been a great asset to the Town. A little know fact is that Sam Hutchins is only the 3rd individual to serve as Health Officer for the Town of Barre.

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On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #8-09, A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Honoring Samuel Hutchins III, DVM and Extending Sincere Appreciation to Him for Thirty-eight Years of Service as Town Health Officer.

After reading the Resolution, Sam Hutchins was presented with a plaque thanking him for his many years of service.

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - STOP AND YIELD SIGNS

Background: The first reading of the ordinance amendments was September 22, 2009. The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommends installing three yield signs to be placed on Teja Road and East Cobble Hill Road and to remove one stop sign at the intersection of East Cobble Hill and Route 302 (East Barre Road).

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Amending Section 7 - 44 (C) of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances by Adding Three New Yield Streets."

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Amending Section 7 - 44 (C) of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances by Adding Three New Yield Streets" as written.

REPORT FROM CVSWMD

Background: Fred Thumm is Barre Town's representative on the Central Vermont Solid Waste District. He asked to come to this meeting to give the Selectboard a report on fee increases and the per capita rate.

Fred Thumm stated the CVSWMD revenues are down due to the loss of grant funding and having to pay for disposing of recyclables (used to receive revenue for recyclables). Staffing has been cut to the bare minimum. The biggest drain is the recycling depots. The CVSWMD is looking into the possibility of privatizing the recycling depot operations. An RFP is being put together. Mr. Thumm stated the budget data will be forthcoming shortly but will not be available for the Selectboard meeting packet.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE FOR S.B. ELECTRONICS

Background: Development in the Wilson industrial Park, more specifically S.B. Electronics' plans to construct a manufacturing facility in the park, is in full swing. Regional and district Act 250 Committees have met. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) Act 250 Committee has given the proposed S.B. Electronics facility the green light to proceed with development and construction plans. The CVRPC committee's vote was 5-1, with a Barre Town's representative voting against the project

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citing concern that green building techniques were not being implemented at an acceptable manner. The Manager noted discussion should focus on the "regional significance" of the project, noting job creation, efficient energy use, and technological advancement of manufactured products reducing harmful emissions. The discussion is to inform the public and Selectboard about the benefits of the new facility and disseminate incorrect information.

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Chairman Blow informed the public that S.B. Electronics is a big project which everyone, from the Governor down, has worked hard to see through. Barre Town is the biggest recipient with S.B. Electronics purchasing 10 acres of land in the Wilson Industrial Park, where a 50,000 square foot building will be constructed. This will increase the tax base for the Town as well as provide job growth in the area. Mr. Blow conceded that he and Ms. Daniele have differing opinions on many things and this is okay. However, voting no at the Act 250 hearing was not in the best interest of the Town.

His concern is at the Act 250 Hearing the Barre Town Central Vermont Regional representative Jeanne Daniele, voted no for this project. Blow understood the no vote was due to the new building not being LEEDS certified. LEEDS is a very strict standard which entails a lot of paperwork and would increase the building costs \$25,000 +/- . The business will be almost zero waste.

Jeff Gagne stated Ms. Daniele does a great deal of community service. However, he has taken issue with comments regarding calcium chloride, the Knapp Airport, and the Act 250 vote.

William Wolfe stated the Act 250 no vote was not in the best interest of the community, but a personal agenda vote.

Paul Malone stated the Barre Town Development Review Board will be taking up this application very shortly. He noted the project is on a fast track and confirmed the LEEDS process is an expensive one. It was further stated the Department of Energy have given the company a \$9,000,000 grant for the electric motor initiative. This business is a leader in the "green movement." S.B. Electronics building on a green scale is well above the other companies already located in the Wilson Industrial Park. Mr. Malone asked if the Board had been notified of the possibility Ms. Daniele would vote no. The Board was not.

Fred Thumm stated Ms. Daniele could not be present this evening as she had a CVRPC meeting. He noted that Ms. Daniele's vote was the last one cast. She did so knowing the Act 250 application would pass, but was of the opinion that green technology should also include being green in building.

MACK TRUCK REPLACEMENT DISCUSSION

Background: The discussion is to identify what items from the totaled Mack truck will be recovered for use on the new truck. Items in question include: the plow, plow wing, hydraulic oil tank, spreader components, and body. It would be to the Town's benefit to reuse the plow, plow wing, hydraulic oil tank, and spreader components in an effort to minimize cost. The manager is looking for direction on which items are/are not worth keeping.

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The consensus after discussion is the Town Manager should obtain quotes on a new dump body, with new hydraulic oil tank and spreader (installed) versus refurbishing the current dump body, hydraulic oil tank, and spreader (installed).

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

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

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MISCELLANEOUS

There was no miscellaneous.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Gagne stated he would like to see the Regional Planning Commission vote for S.B. Electronics on next week's agenda again, so Ms. Daniele can be present for the discussion.

Gagne expressed concern that with CVSWMD raising fees there could be a lot more stuff on the roadside for the DPW and Green Up volunteers to dispose of.

Wolfe was displeased with the amount of dog feces on the Barre Town Bikepath. He asked pet owners to please remember to take a bag with them and clean up behind their pet. It was noted the holder for bags to collect the dog feces was empty.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss real estate, legal, and personnel.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:12 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard