

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA
November 3, 2009

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PILOT: Update from Barre Partnership

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of October 27 meeting.
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Appoint new Recreation Board member.
7. Consider terminating the Sewer Vactor Agreement with Barre City and payment of used vactor.
8. First introduction (first reading) of an ordinance prohibiting the deposit of snow in public sidewalks.
9. Approval of the 5-Year Gravel Road Plan.
10. Approval of the 5-Year Building Plan.
11. Consider authorizing acceptance of BlueCross BlueShield Health insurance coverage for 2010.
12. Approve appreciation for lawn waste volunteers.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous.
15. Round the Table.
16. Executive Session: real estate, legal, personnel.
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 3, 2009

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of November 3, 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,

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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 Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2009 with the following corrections:

1. *Page 3, CVSWMD, 1st paragraph, next to last sentence delete 50 cents and insert \$1.50;*
2. *Page 3, CVSWMD, 3^d paragraph, second sentence, delete the word "loosing" and insert losing.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Holden Road Lawn Waste Site will be closing for the season. The last day is Saturday, November 7, 2009.
2. In an effort to restore flag standards to graves of veterans, the Barre Town chapter of Flags for Veterans asks that families please leave the flag standards on the graves throughout the entire year. This will assure that every veteran will be honored every day of the year.
3. Reminder: Taxes are due Monday, November 16, 2009.
4. Notice: Starting November 1st the winter parking ban will be in effect from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
5. The Barre Town Municipal Building Offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in observance of Veterans Day.
6. The Barre Town Fire Department is selling calendars for \$15.00. The proceeds will go to the Fire Department Auxiliary. For more information contact Fire Chief Christopher Violette at 479-2595 (Monday - Friday) or email him at cviolette@barretown.org.
7. Barre Town has just installed a new drop box to accommodate residents and taxpayers. The box is located in the front of the municipal building.

GUESTS - None

APPOINT RECREATION BOARD MEMBER

Background: The deadline to submit a letter of interest for the vacancy on the Recreation Board was Friday, October 30, 2009. Only one person is interested. Lisa Pariseau was interviewed by the Selectboard a couple of weeks ago.

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On a motion by Fish, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Lisa Pariseau to the Board of Recreation for the remainder of an unexpired term ending May 2012.

TERMINATE SEWER VACTOR AGREEMENT

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Background: An offer was made to the City of Montpelier to purchase their sewer vactor truck for \$55,000 and was accepted. They are expecting to receive their new truck in February 2010. In the interim two things must happen: 1) the Sewer Vactor Agreement with Barre City needs to be terminated and 2) a determination needs to be made how this unbudgeted purchase will be made.

Per the Agreement with Barre City "the parties desiring termination must submit a written notice at least 270 days prior to the proposed termination date. The municipality not requesting the termination shall (1) work with the requesting party to quickly complete the conditions of termination, and (2) have first choice of buying the vactor."

On a motion by Fish, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to initiate the sewer vactor process per the Agreement with Barre City.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to fund the purchase of a vactor from Montpelier, using an RFP for lease-financing with payments in arrears.

AMENDMENT - DEPOSITING OF SNOW IN SIDEWALK

Background: Depositing of snow on public sidewalks has not been a real issue to date. However, with the increased number of sidewalks being constructed there needs to be an ordinance prohibiting this action. Currently there is no ordinance stopping residents or other entities from transferring snow from driveways onto sidewalks.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre Amending The Town Code Of Ordinances, Section 6-2, Prohibiting Depositing Snow On Public Sidewalks."

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance "An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre Amending The Town Code Of Ordinances, Section 6-2, Prohibiting Depositing Snow On Public Sidewalks" to a public hearing on November 17, 2009.

5-YEAR GRAVEL ROAD PLAN

Background: The 5-Year Gravel Road Plan assists with preparing the 2010-2011 budget while providing a tool to better account for road work that needs to be done. There were minimal changes in years one through four. Of the roads that were removed from the plan the maintenance was completed early. The adjustments include the removal of Sterling Hill Road (year 1) and Holden Road (year 3). In year five issues on Lyman Road, Belding Road, Taplin Road, and Hunt Road are addressed in accordance with plan specifications.

Blow asked the Manager why the short section of Cheney Road is not being paved noting it seems fiscally unsound to send two trucks to maintain the road (one for paved roads in the area and one for small gravel section). The Manager noted he will bring this

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up during staff discussions. The planned road reconstruction will have to take place prior to any paving be completed.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 5-Year Gravel Road Plan (2011-2015).

5-YEAR BUILDING PLAN

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Background: Annually the 5-Year Building Plan is updated and will be used to prepare the 2010-2011 budget. The department heads were asked for input. Changes to the Building Plan (2011-2015) include moving Municipal Building carpet replacement (year 2) and the repointing (masonry grouting) project for the cemetery vaults moved forward (year 1). Additions include: the maintenance on the fuel tank in East Barre (year 5), fuel tank replacement in South Barre (year 3), fixing/repairing the Wilson Street building (year 2), and repairing the softball field lights (year 4).

Items of interest for the Board included: the decaying poles supporting the lighting at the recreation field and the impact to public safety, cemetery vault repairs, and options for the Wilson Street building versus property improvements.

Fish stated there are problems with the scoreboards and she would like to ensure this item is in our budget for next fiscal year somewhere. The Intern informed the Board the Recreation Board will be meeting November 11th and this item is on their agenda for discussion.

The two fire stations need to have their underground storage tanks were installed in the mid to late 1970's. Currently the tanks do not meet code and are nearing the end of their useful life. To be pro-active replacement is being planned. Due to the expense associated with replacing underground tanks the Board asked if the tank(s) could be placed above ground. The possibility will be researched as the replacement date comes closer.

On a motion by Fish, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 5-Year Building Plan as presented.

ACCEPT 2010 BC/BS HEALTH INSURANCE

Background: The Town of Barre received notice that health insurance premiums will increase 17% for 2010. The Selectboard is needed to sign the acknowledgment documents. At this time the Town cannot change health insurance plans or carriers; due to coverage requirements within the four union contracts. Two unions will not change coverage, one has stated they will have discussion next spring when it is time to work on the new contract, and one agreed to look at changing insurer.

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the BlueCross BlueShield coverage documents for 2010.

APPRECIATION FOR LAWN WASTE SITE VOLUNTEERS

Background: In past years the Town has award the hard work of the Holden Road Lawn Waste Site volunteers with \$50.00 gift certificate to an area restaurant. This year there were three volunteers: Wayne Pelkey, Joe Coates, and Cliff Coates. The \$150.00 in

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gift certificates does not begin to repay their efforts it is a gesture of gratitude. Selectboard approval is needed to take this appreciative measure.

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Town manager to purchase and distribute three gift certificates in the denomination of \$50.00 each to Wayne Pelkey, Joe Coates, and Cliff Coates, for the purpose of expressing thanks to the 2009 Holden Road Lawn Waste Site volunteers.

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WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Two weeks ago the Selectboard rejected the one bid for the winter snowplowing of sidewalks. Rogers informed the Board he has begun re-advertising the contract. The bid can be for all five (Trow Hill, South Barre, Lower Graniteville, Lower Websterville, and East Barre) sections or as few as one.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Gagne inquired if the Town has any future plans for bike path and sidewalk maintenance. Rogers stated there are none at this time. However, the bike path and sidewalks were built very well and the specifications were stringent. Fish stated she would like to see some of the bike path funds (from the Semprebon Estate) to be set aside for future maintenance/repairs.

Gagne also encouraged individuals to visit the Town's website, www.barretown.org, as there is a lot of very useful information.

Fish thanked the Selectboard for allowing her to attend the presentation last week to accept a \$1,000,000 Community Development Block Grant from the Vermont Community Program. However, she was very disappointed the Times Argus Newspaper did not write a single thing about this fantastic award as it will greatly benefit the residents and businesses in Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss real estate, legal, and personnel.

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

ADJOURN

On a motion by Newton, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard