

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
December 1, 2009

PILOT: Executive Session: personnel

6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of November 24 meeting
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Consider adopting resolution and authorizing signing of lease-financing documents.
7. Consider approving changes to the Local Vendor Agreement.
8. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
9. Miscellaneous
10. 'Round the Table
11. Executive Session: legal.
12. Adjourn

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
December 1, 2009

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of December 1, 2009 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:06 p.m.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and Management Intern Kelly Houston.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## MINUTES

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2009.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Barre Town Fire Department is selling calendars to benefit the Fire Department's auxiliary. The calendars are fifteen dollars and can be purchased at the Municipal Building.
2. Budget season is right around the corner. The Town Manager's Office is now taking names of residents who would like to be on the Budget Committee. If you or someone you know is interested, contact the Town Manager's Office (479-9331) or [crogers@barretown.org](mailto:crogers@barretown.org).
3. Notice: The November edition of the Barre Town Newsletter will be mailed this week.
4. Reminder: Barre Town provides residents with access to winter sand. Sand is for public use and is located just outside the DPW yard gate on Websterville Road. Stock up before winter conditions arrive.

## GUESTS - None

## RESOLUTION & AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN LEASE FINANCING DOCUMENTS

Background: In the early summer the Selectboard selected Charlebois Inc. for the purchase of a new cab and chassis for a budgeted 10-wheeler. In late September the DPW's Mack truck was damaged and Charlebois agreed to honor the price given for the early summer purchase (\$92,269) which the Selectboard agreed to. At the November 10, 2009 meeting the Selectboard selected Municipal Lease Consultants (MLC) as the lease-finance company. The final lease-finance documents are now due.

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 9-09 authorizing the lease financing of a 6x4 International Truck with Municipal Leasing Consultants.*

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the signing of the Municipal Leasing Consultants financing documents for the purchase of the 6x4 International truck.*

## LOCAL VENDOR ALLOWANCE POLICY AMENDMENT

Background: A couple of weeks ago the Selectboard reviewed the Town's purchasing policy, more specifically the Local Vendor Allowance (LVA). After discussing the benefit to local vendors, it was determined this practice is costing the Town more to buy local. There is concern that in some cases vendors are bidding to LVA specifications rather than being competitive with their bid proposals. While the local vendor should benefit, so should the Town, not only in supporting the local economy but also by getting a quality item at a lesser cost. The Board decided to make the following changes to the policy: delete

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the LVA allowance up to \$50,000 (3%); delete the \$100,000 to \$250,000 LVA allowance (1%); and insert the LVA of \$50,000 - \$250,000 at 1%.

*On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Local Vendor Agreement changes as presented.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS - None**

### **'ROUND THE TABLE**

Gagne inquired on the Peloquin Road culvert repair. He is concerned the winter elements will erode the rebuilt area of the unpaved roadbed.

Blow asked the Intern to prepare an update on the McLeod Road culvert replacements.

Blow asked for an update from the Bikepath Committee. The Intern stated the bikepath committee is looking at three possible connections to the Barre City path:

1. Down Quarry Hill along the railroad tracks in accordance with the 1997 plan. This is not a favorite due to the recent revitalization talks regarding activating use of the track.
2. Down over Sterling Hill Estates to connect with East Parkside Terrace (Barre City Elementary School).
3. Down Wilson Street (South Barre), a roadway path along Route 14, turning onto Bridge Street and connecting with the South Barre bikepath.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:15 p.m. to discuss legal.*

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS (2)**

Chair Blow stated Doug Farnham (East Barre at the Route 302 roundabout) contacted him stating he has not heard from the State regarding winter sidewalk maintenance and plowing. The Intern will look into this.

Chair Blow asked the Selectboard to consider taking action (for the record) stating that whatever budget the Budget Committee finalizes the Selectboard will support without changes. The consensus of the Board is to have the Budget Committee Meetings held on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with the regular Selectboard Meeting to follow. Wolfe is recommending the Selectboard meeting agenda, during budget season, be limited to five items.

Resident Marc Bernier came before the Selectboard regarding an incident (approximately 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. today) involving the Barre Town Police Department and Barre City Dispatch. This is not the first time Mr. Bernier has had issue with Barre City Dispatch. Officer William Dodge was thanked for the professionalism and due diligence in resolving the incident.

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.*

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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**Barre Town Selectboard**