

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

May 29, 2018

1. Call to order (at East Barre Fire Station) 6:15 p.m.
2. East Barre Sidewalk Project site inspection
3. Recess (drive to Municipal Building) 6:40 p.m.
4. Reconvene (at Municipal Building) 6:45 p.m.
5. Pledge of Allegiance
6. Consider approving agenda.
7. Consider approving minutes from meeting of May 22, 2018.
8. Announcements
9. Receive guest (for non-agenda items).
10. Consider accepting real estate deed from Barre Town School District.
11. Public Hearing for proposed layout of East Barre Sidewalk project on Mill Street and Websterville Road.
12. Consider accepting layout of East Barre Sidewalk on Mill Street and Websterville Road.
13. Consider approving special event permit for RockFire.
14. Consider Center for Ecosystems Studies request and agreement to conduct study at Town Forest vernal pool.
15. Consider appointments to Boards and Commissions.
16. Consider accepting tax collector's deed for lot on Snowbridge Road.
17. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for May 29, 2018.
18. Miscellaneous: a) fireworks permit for 13 Lisa Drive on July 21, 2018; b) any other licenses and permits, if needed.
19. 'Round the table.
20. Executive session: (labor contract negotiations).
21. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 29, 2018

The duly warned meeting of May 29, 2018 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 6:15 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Tom White, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Norma Malone. Paul White was not present.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang (by phone during the sidewalk presentation), Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Roger Dickinson, Jerry Dunbar, Pierre Couture, Elizabeth Morse (ECO AmeriCorps), Steve Faccio (VCES), Danielle Owczarski, Jim Deshler, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Site Visit: The Selectboard did the site visit of the East Barre Sidewalk Project.

RECESS AND RECONVENE

The meeting was recessed at the site and Paul White and Nelson were not present for the vote.

Chair Tom White reconvened the meeting at the Barre Town Municipal Building at 6:47 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to accept the meeting agenda as amended: Add item 16A - Consider approving the accounts payable warrant for May 29, 2018.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of May 22, 2018 with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Barre Town Forest Walks on Sundays and Tuesdays have resumed. They are led by volunteers from 9:00 a.m. to about 10:30 a.m. starting at the 44 Brook Street parking lot. If it is raining hard enough for an umbrella, the walk will be canceled. For more details contact Marianne Koch at 802-476-4185.
- Registration is open for the private Vermont Voltage and Capitol Soccer summer camps this June and July that will be held at the Barre Town Recreation area. For more details visit www.barretonw.org or call the Town Manager's office at 802-479-9331.
- Barre Town Recreation will offer summer tennis lessons July 10 -13 and 17 - 19. Take one or both weeks of lessons. Open to beginner and intermediate players, youth aged 7 to 12 and adults ages 12 and up. Lessons will be held at the Barre Town Recreation area tennis courts next to Barre Town School. For more information call the Town Manager's office at 802-479-9331.
- The 4th Annual Caws 4 Paws Pet Expo and the Barre Town Recreation Board's Spring into Summer Fest for Families will both be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Recreation area. Spring into Summer Fest features bounce house, face painting, games, B-Recs Challenge, crafts, and more! Save the date.
- The 61st Annual Barre Town Fire Department Father's Day Chicken Bar-B-Q is Sunday, June 17, 2018, Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the East Barre Fire station. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$8 for children. Plenty of sides. Eat in or take out.
- And finally, register for the Barre Beach Volleyball Fundraiser Tournaments that will be held Saturday, July 7, 2018 at the Barre Town Recreation area sand volleyball court. The \$100 fee for a 4 to 6 person team, includes t-shirts and lunch. The rest goes to support Dragonheart VT and Integrative Therapies at the UVM Cancer Center. For more information contact the organizer, Brett Haug of Snap Fitness at 203-470-0323.

GUESTS

Richardson Road resident Jerry Dunbar was present. At the last meeting the Selectboard denied his request to place a moveable shed in the Town sewer easement based on his presentation. Mr. Dunbar provided new drawings for the Selectboard regarding new placement configurations. He will be going before the Development Review Board (DRB) to ask for a 6' variance from the road right-of-way.

After discussion, Board consensus is to go with whatever the DRB decides.

PUBLIC HEARING - LAYOUT OF EAST BARRE SIDEWALK PROJECT

Background: The Town began developing the East Barre sidewalk in 2005. Planning and discussion with abutters proceeded smoothly until 2010 when the owner of 129 Mill Street (daycare building with apartments), challenged their loss of some parking spaces.

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The former third party municipal project manager, Town Manager, Town Attorney, and current Assistant Town Manager all made many attempts to reach an agreement with them.

The Town has warned and notified as required the site inspection done earlier this evening and this public hearing where it is anticipated the Selectboard will formally accept the layout of the sidewalk.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to open a public hearing on the layout of the East Barre Sidewalk Project at 7:07 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

Asst. Manager Wang (joined the meeting via phone) and Roger Dickinson (Project Engineer) were present to answer questions. Topics included a brief overview of the sidewalk layout, the time line for completion, and the construction bid is to be mailed the end of June/beginning of July.

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to close the public hearing on the layout of the East Barre Sidewalk Project at 7:17 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

EAST BARRE SIDEWALK - LAYOUT ACCEPTANCE

Background: After taking testimony from the public hearing the Board will decide whether to accept the proposed layout for the East Barre Sidewalk project.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to accept the layout of the East Barre Sidewalk on Mill Street and Websterville Road as shown on the contract plans dated May 22, 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

REAL ESTATE DEED FROM BARRE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Background: The Town and Recreation Board have had a long-standing agreement with the Barre Town School District to operate and maintain the recreation facilities located on the grounds of the school district. For various reasons, the two parties have decided to subdivide the School's property and deed the recreation fields (68 acres) to the Town of Barre. The School will maintain a right to use the facilities. The School District is also retaining 20 acres of land that will have the school, any other buildings directly related to the school, and the parking areas. The school also retains three to four acres of largely wooded land to the Southeast. The 20 acres will allow the school to expand in the future if needed and still maintain percent of lot coverage. The Town will own all the land that we currently operate and maintain. The Town will have to obtain access and utility easements. The Development Review Board has approved the required subdivision to make this happen, the School District has noticed the proposed conveyance for the requisite 45 days, and their Chair will sign the deed if approved tonight. Upon Selectboard acceptance of this conveyance the final step will be to record the deed in the Barre Town land records.

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to table this item regarding the warranty deed from Barre Town School to the Town of Barre to allow a minor change to be incorporated (a provision to protect the Schools use of the fields).

CENTER FOR ECOSYSTEMS STUDIES AND AGREEMENT FOR VERNAL POOL

Background: Per Selectboard request representatives from ECO AmeriCorps Vernal Pool Monitoring Program and Vermont Center for Ecosystem Studies (VCES) will be answering questions and concerns regarding their proposed vernal pool monitoring program in the Barre Town Forest.

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Those present included Steve Faccio, Liza Morse, Danielle Owczarski, and Jim Deshler. Danielle and Jim are the individuals who will monitor the pool.

The Board thanked VCES for the Memorandum of Understanding as it answered many questions, noting it would have been advantageous to have the document at last week's meeting. Mr. Faccio stated this is the pilot year for this statewide program to monitor the environment, population, and breeding of vernal pool amphibians. Other points of interest included: studies are being conducted on both public and private lands, the pool in question is not along a trail, the individuals monitoring the pool have visited the site, the pros/cons of placing signage in the area to alert users of the study, the monitoring equipment will let them know if there is increased activity in the area by people so issues can be quickly resolved, and VCES would be happy to conduct and/or provide educational materials for the general public regarding the study.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the request of the Vermont Center for Ecosystem Studies to monitor/study the Barre Town Forest vernal pool number NEW318. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ROCKFIRE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Background: The Recreation Board has approved use of the Town Forest and the 44 Brook Street parking area for the RockFire event which will be held on Friday, June 29th and Saturday, June 30th. They asked the Selectboard require RockFire to pick up luminaries and any firewood and burned wood they put out for the event in any forested area (i.e. not just the Town Forest, since the presence of any such can give the wrong idea to others that fires are allowed in the Town Forest). The event requires a Special Events Permit under the Town Ordinance. The Manager provided the Selectboard with the information required by ordinance.

It was noted the venue this year will be on two nights. Friday will be family oriented and moved from the Granite Museum to the Millstone Lodge. There will be a Heritage Walk on Pierre couture's land by the lodge. There will be a concert starting at 7:00 p.m., and a couple of food vendors at the Lodge on Littlejohn Road. The Heritage Walk route will be the same as last fall's Scout event (FallFire) except in reverse direction. The route does cross Littlejohn Road. Fees are charged for the walk. There will be camp fires on the route and actors portraying key events in the granite industry's history. One police officer is needed at the Littlejohn/Donahue Road intersection from 6:30 p.m. - Midnight. The Fire Department is not needed as there will not be large fires.

Saturday night is Rockfire. It will be the same as in the past, except they will not release sky lanterns and there will be no fireworks. Rockfire is requesting use of the 44 Brook Street parking lot starting at 6:00 p.m. for their performers. The Fire Department will have 4 firefighters work from 7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. and 4 more from 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. The Police will be stationed at Littlejohn/Donahue Roads 6:00 p.m. - Midnight and Church Hill (at Violette Street) from 9:00 a.m. - Midnight. New this year there will be warning signs on Church Hill Road by Violette Street.

Mr. Couture stated he would tell the Clarks (neighbors on Littlejohn Road) about the road being closed both nights. They will be given a card to show they live there so they can get through the traffic control. This event will pay for fire and police service per the Selectboard policy. RockFire will also need to provide an insurance certificate naming the Town as an additional insured for both events is needed.

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve Special Event permit #2-18 for RockFire on June 29 and 30, 2018 with the conditions that they pick up luminaries and any firewood and burned wood they put out for the event, that

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no sky lanterns will be allowed, and a certificate of insurance naming Barre Town as an additional insured be provided. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to authorize the closing of Littlejohn Road from Sabetto Street to Donahue Road, per Title 23, Section 1010 of the Vermont Statutes, from no earlier than 6:00 p.m. to midnight on June 29, 2018 and June 30, 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to waive the \$500 deposit that would assure compliance with all conditions of the Notice of Compliance and Special Event Permit #02-18. Paul White was not present for the vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to appoint Angela Valentinetti to the Development Review Board for a 3-year term to expire May 31, 2021. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to appoint Chris Neddo to the Development Review Board for a 3-year term to expire May 31, 2021. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to appoint Jim Fecteau and Bill Wolfe as alternates to the Development Review Board for a term of 1-year each, to expire May 31, 2019. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to appoint David Oles to a 3-year term on the Housing Advisory Committee to expire on May 31, 2021. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to appoint Byron Atwood to a 4-year term on the Planning Commission to expire on May 31, 2022. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to appoint Terry Smith to a 3-year term on the Recreation Board to expire May 31, 2021. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to appoint Rolland Tessier to the Recreation Board for a 3-year term to expire on May 31, 2021. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to appoint Bill Kirby and Shaun Corbett to 3-year terms each, for the Transportation Safety Advisory Committee, said terms to expire May 31, 2021. Paul White was not present for the vote.

The Manager noted there are vacancies on the Cemetery Commission, Recreation Board, and Housing Advisory Committee. For more information visit the website or call the Town Manager's office at 802-479-9331.

TAX COLLECTORS DEED FOR SNOWBRIDGE ROAD PROPERTY

Background: On April 20, 2017 the Town held a tax sale for a parcel of land known as Tax Map 5, Lot 140 between Snowbridge Road and Route 63. There were no bidders except for the Town's bid in the amount of taxes due. The owner did not redeem the taxes (\$11,444). The next step is to record a Tax Collector's Deed which would make the Town the legal property owner. At this point in the process the Town could offer the lot for sale. The Town Attorney has prepared the deed for Board approval.

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On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to accept the Tax Collector's deed for Tax Map 5, Lot 140 along Snowbridge Road. Paul White was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant for May 29, 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign a fireworks permit for Patrick York, 13 Lisa Drive, to hold a display on July 21, 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell:

- He may not be available for the July 3, 2018 Selectboard meeting.
- There are drainage issues on Milano Hill at the Rubalcaba Driveway. Water flows onto the road and freezes in the winter. There may be a swale issue that could remedy the situation. Rogers will pass along the information.

Nelson stated he was thanked and to pass the word along for getting the Church Hill Road issues taken care of.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge of labor contract negotiations would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss labor contract negotiations. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

 Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

 Selectboard Chair
