

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 19, 2018

1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of June 12, 2018.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guest (for non-agenda items).
7. Discussion about shooting in Richardson Road - Goldsbury Woods Road neighborhood.
8. Consider awarding contract for guardrail work along Quarry Hill Road.
9. Consider approving 3-year dispatch service contract with Lamoille County Sheriff's Department.
10. Discuss policy for approving catering permits.
11. Report on emergency management activities.
12. Review budget reports: General, Highway and Equipment Funds.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrant for June 19, 2018.
14. Miscellaneous: liquor licenses and fireworks permits, if any.
15. 'Round the table.
16. Executive session: (contract and personnel).
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 19, 2018

The duly warned meeting of June 19, 2018 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, David LaCroix, Nancy LaCroix, Llewelyn (Evan) Hughes, Joshua Turner, Joe Illuzzi, Brittany Ramsay, Jeff Goddard, Peter Kelly, Michelyne LaRoche, Richard LaRoche, and Evan Craig.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

APPROVE THE AGENDA

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to accept the meeting agenda as amended:

- *Item 14 Miscellaneous, add a Catering permit for JWD Corporation, dba as Gustos for an event to be held on June 22, 2018 at Wilkins Harley Davidson, South Barre Road.*
- *Item 14 Miscellaneous, add approval/acceptance of deed from the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School to Barre Town for around 60 acres (Barre Town Recreation Fields).*

Paul White was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of June 12, 2018 with minor spelling and grammatical changes. Paul White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Town is still looking for people to serve on our Recreation Board, Cemetery Commission, and Housing Advisory Committee, and represent the Town on the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee and the newly formed Central Vermont Internet Board. Town Citizens voted to join the Central Vermont Internet Board which gives us the right to shape this effort to bring community-owned internet to our region, but the Board has met twice without Barre Town representation. See our website, www.barretown.org, for more information, including how to submit your letter of interest.
- The Barre Town Grand List was lodged on June 12th. Owners whose property appraisal value changed were mailed a notice on the same day. Whether or not the appraised value of your property changed this year, anyone may contest their appraised property value by writing a hard copy letter that states your desire to do so. Emails do not count. The hard copy letter must reach the Assessor's

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office by 8:00 a.m. on June 26th. If you are not sure of your property’s appraised value, contact the Assessor’s office at 802-479-2595. For more information on the tax grievance process, read the article in the last Barre Town newsletter or call the Assessor’s office at 82-479-2595.

GUESTS - None

RICHARDSON ROAD – GOLDSBURY WOODS RD – SHOOTING

Background: The Town has received complaints regarding shooting on land owned by Patrick Tessier who has a small shooting range. The property is located off Richardson Road (Lot 11) and abuts the Goldsbury Woods Road subdivision. The owner of the small shooting range is not the person shooting on the rear part of the lot. David and Nancy Lacroix’s land (Lot 12-01) abut Tessier’s land and have complained about the frequent shooting.

The Police Chief has walked the area and has spoken with the Lacroix’s and person(s) doing the shooting. He states the range is safe. The Town does not have ordinances to regulate shooting or noise. However, a Police Officer can enforce the state law about noise.

The following testimony was given by numerous residents/guests who were present:

- Lacroix - The noise from the ongoing shooting impacts the use of their property and creates issues for an autistic child.
- Lacroix - Until the last few years there did not seem to be an issue – now shooting includes semi-automatic firing of weapons.
- Jeff Goddard – lives at 18 Goldsbury Woods Road and oversees the shooting range for Mr. Tessier. He stated he has attempted to resolve the issue with no success.
- Due to the topography the sound from the shooting does travel. It was noted that the Barre Fish & Game Club is located next door as well.
- Peter Kelley – Berlin resident, states he can hear the shooting from his home as well. He provided a petition from other Berlin residents to inform the Barre Town Selectboard of the noise issue created by “high intensity shooting.”
- This is a private gun range on private property. It is unclear if the property owner has insurance covering this or if it is needed. There is no charge to use the facility, users are friends and family, and there is signage to “warn” there is a gun range. It was also noted that deer/turkey hunting take place on this property as well.

Tom White and Bob Nelson have agreed to meet with all parties, inspect the site, and would ask that it be at time where they could hear shooting from the LaCroix property. The goal is to find a solution so all parties can use and enjoy their respective properties. Mitchell stated he would like to information ahead of the meeting in case mediation does not work recognizing this is going to be a contentious issue.

Llewelyn (Evan) Hughes, VP of the Vermont Sportsman Club and Barre Town resident, was present. He has testified before Vermont Legislature over the years with respect to firearms. He noted Title 24, that definitions are very broad, and there is no permitting process in place.

GUARDRAIL WORK ALONG QUARRY HILL ROAD

Background: The current year budget includes \$14,000 for guardrail replacement on the west side of Quarry Hill Road. Bidding specifications were mailed to seven bidders and two were received. The low bid was Lafayette Highway Specialties. They do most of the town’s guardrail work.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to award the Quarry Hill Road guardrail contract to Lafayette Highway Specialties based on their per unit cost bids, with an estimated total of \$12,003.75. Paul White was not present for the vote.

LAMOILLE COUNTY SHERIFF’S - DISPATCH CONTRACT

Background: On March 6, 2018 the Selectboard voted to agree to a 3-year dispatch service contract with Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department. However, the document was not ready at time. It is now time to sign the contract.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to execute the 3-year contract with the Lamoille County Sheriff’s Department (approved on March 6, 2018) for dispatch services. Paul White was not present for the vote.

POLICY FOR APPROVING CATERING PERMITS

Background: At the June 5, 2018 Selectboard meeting the Selectboard was asked to adopt a policy for the local approval of the State of Vermont Request to Cater Malt, Vinous, and/or Spirituous Liquors permit. As directed, the Clerk presented a draft policy to the Board for comment.

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Discussion points included:

- Responsibility for Clerk to determine when additional information is needed from Public Safety;
- Procedures #5 – changing immediate approval to within 48 hours
- Reporting process – frequency to be at minimum of once a month. The intent for the verbal report is to inform the public of upcoming events that may be in their neighborhood. The Clerk can report more frequently if needed.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adopt the “Request to Cater Malt, Vinous, and/or Spirituous Liquors Policy” with the amendment to Procedures #5, deleting the word ~~immediately~~ and be replaced with the words within 48 hours, said policy to become effective immediately. Paul White was not present for the vote.

REPORT - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Background: The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan states there will be a progress/activity report every June. Even though it has only been a few months since a new plan was approved (April 2018) the report is being given to start this annual routine.

Manager Rogers provided information on varying hazard assessment (type of hazard, frequency, scoring); and projects and activities the Town is doing to minimize/reduce/eliminate some hazards.

BUDGET REVIEWS – GENERAL, HIGHWAY, AND EQUIPMENT FUNDS

Background: Year-to-date reports for the General, Highway, and Equipment Funds were given to the Board prior to the meeting for review.

Bookkeeping practices and transactions which have not been completed were highlighted. Discussion on fund balances and use will be discussed soon.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve the weekly accounts payable warrant for June 19, 2018. Paul White was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by, Malone, the Selectboard voted to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign the Request to Cater Malt and Vinous/Spiritous Liquors for JWD Corporation, dba Gusto’s for an event to be held on June 22, 2018, 663 South Barre Road, (Wilkins Harley Davidson). Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Malone, seconded by Nelson, the Selectboard voted to accept the deed from the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School as presented for the purchase of 60 (+/-) acres of land. Paul White was not present for the vote.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Nelson thanked the Rogers and Wang for their assistance this past week.

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 personnel and contracts 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 8:08 p.m. to discuss personnel and contracts. Paul White was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Nelson, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:22 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 9:22 p.m. Paul White was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair