

Signatures, MS 636 (state form for reporting proposed budget), Warrant

Plan for motions at deliberative session: The Board traditionally makes a decision at the Selectmen's meeting before the deliberative session as to who will move and second a motion to put each warrant article proposed by the Board onto the floor for consideration. The petitioners would move their motions onto the floor. The reason is to keep the meeting moving and to help the Town Clerk with recording who made the motions and second. ***Does the Board wish to plan who will make motions?***

Vote to recommend or not Public Safety Garage:

Town Report: ***Does the Board wish to do a dedication or in memorium to George Musler, long term selectman who was very involved in local government and who died in 2016?***

Fire Detectors: Red Cross provides Fire Department with smoke detectors to provide free to residents. We give them out and install some them for those who don't want to do it themselves. They are free with a 10 year battery. They are not hard-wired. When we have given away these, we get more. ***Does the Board approve this continuing?***

Land Sale on 125/Substitute/Green Hill: Proposal a. construct the entrance off 125 and onto the adjacent property to the standard required by the Planning Board; b.at the same time minimize impact on wetlands and c. construct in such a way that future development of the road is not hindered? ***Is this acceptable to the Board as conditions to complete the land transfer?***

Outside Detail Rate: Currently we charge \$70 per hour for outside details (a car is included because for liability reasons we want officers in town vehicles). The 8 neighboring communities (6 abut and 2 others close (Durham, Northwood) average \$76 with a car. We would like to increase the rate to \$75. ***Does the Board approve?***

Young Road: ***Does the Board agree to enter into a construction administration contract with HTA for the work on Young Road?***

Young Road: Norma Bearden owns a 66 acre parcel next to the Young Road Culvert. We need a small piece of her land for a small permanent easement and a temporary construction easement. She lives in Alabama and is not responding to our requests. The tax office has recently received notice of a change of address. While we expect the earlier ones were forwarded (like the tax bill was), we have sent another copy. We do not have a phone number. I believe the only option to also proceed the eminent domain route, which we can stop if she sends back the signed forms. The eminent domain process is the town hires an independent appraisal of the property, puts that value with the court when we file there and have her served. She could accept the money or fight in court over the price. It is not likely to be a lot of money given that of her 66 acre only 1,581 square feet will be permanently under easement and 5,917 square feet will have a temporary construction easement. ***Does the Board approve proceeding with this?***

Payment Manifest: I realize that a full review of financial policy won't happen until after the election based upon the last Board meeting. Given Andy's concern, I believe there is a relatively simple solution

that I have discussed with Lynne and Peter Royce, provided the Selectmen are willing to sign every week. We will continue to prepare the manifest to pay AP on Thursday, but will not mail the payments until Tuesday. Then the manifest can be approved at the Monday meeting if there is a meeting or the second option is a non-contemporaneously signed manifest signed by a majority of the board. This means that after the manifest is prepared, individual Select Board members can go to the town offices, review the manifest, and approve the manifest one at a time. Once the manifest has been so approved and signed by a majority of the Select Board, the town would then the issuance of payments as prescribed in the manifest. I would like there to be the very rare exception to be where there is a penalty for late payment (e.g. credit card), loss of discount or some other financial pressure like that. We have built a good reputation of timely payment and would not want that damaged. ***Would the Board like to do this and a majority commits to sign the manifest timely every week before Tuesday?***

Discussion of Snow Removal Policy: The town has a written snow policy. In practice the Town goes well beyond the minimum of that policy in sanding and snow removal. This costs money but does result in roads that are generally safer sooner than the state roads or most neighboring communities. I would suggest the Board would need legal review to cut back on the written policy. If the Town wants to cut back on what is done over and above the minimum in the policy, it have that discussion with the Road Agent and issue a written memo (also reviewed by our attorney) giving instructions on reducing the level of service. (See policy at end of this report)

Accept and Expend. The town has received a \$500 grant for wellness activities that can only be used to promote wellness. Examples of projects in the past included CPR training, reward for health activities, blood pressure machine, scale, etc. ***Will the Board vote to accept and expend the funds?***

NONPUBLIC FOR LEGAL

Information:

Metrocast is scheduled to come to a meeting where the public is also invited to discuss Metrocast. The I-Net extension that we seek is the major issue from town management standpoint to allow mirroring the server with new software. I would expect they will seek an extension of the agreement or other concession in exchange for Metrocast paying for the I-Net amendment. If that is the case the Board will have to decide if their request is worth the cost of Metrocast's work which is under \$5,000. I have notice of this running as a scroll on Channel 26 that runs on each slide in the schedule slide show. I am sure there are public issues on channels, cost, etc. over which the Town has NO control that the public will want to discuss.

Veteran's Article: I have added the tax impact statement. Passage of this article is anticipated to raise the property taxes on a \$250,000 home \$27.50 (11cents/\$1000 assessment).

Employment article: DRA indicates the Board cannot put a recommendation or not recommended on this article so I have removed it.

Veteran's expansion language. DRA indicates the wording of the petition is defective. Here is our auditor's comment: Use the legally required language: Shall the Town of Barrington vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$450, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Barrington under RSA 72:28.

SNOW REMOVAL AND ICE CONTROL POLICY

POLICY

It is the goal and intent of the town to provide timely and effective winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control on the Town's roadways for the safety and benefit of the town's residents and general motoring public.

PROCEDURE

The objective stated above will be achieved and executed by the procedures and tasks outlined in the Town of Barrington's Snow Removal and Ice Control Policy. Due to the many variables in New England Weather each storm or weather event may require a slightly different effort on determining the overall winter snow removal and ice control strategy.

LEVEL OF SERVICE

It is not possible to maintain a black or ice-free surface during storm events. It is the intention of the town to provide as safe as practical travel during the storm event given the conditions at the time.

PLOW ROUTE

The plow routes range from eight to twelve miles depending on the location or the route from the highway garage. The routes are designed so that each route can be covered in four hours or less. With this in mind, if the truck starts plowing with two inches on the ground by the time the truck finishes its route three or four hours later there is the potential for up to six to eight inches of snow back at the start of the route. The first priority, depending on the storm event, is to keep the roads on

the school bus routes in the best possible condition during travel hours and to maintain the most traveled roads during commuting hours.

FREEZING RAIN STORMS

Freezing rainstorms are the biggest challenge. During a freezing rainstorm salt and sand have very little affect. There is very little the Barrington Highway Department can do to change road conditions during freezing rainstorms.

COMMAND

Direction of all winter maintenance activities for the Town of Barrington is vested with the Road Agent or his/her designee.

EXECUTION

The Policy outlined above is intended to serve as a normal operating guideline for winter maintenance, snow removal and ice control for the Town of Barrington. One or more of the following may delay or prevent the implementation of this policy:

- Equipment breakdown
- Snow accumulation in excess of one inch per hour
- Freezing rain or other icing conditions
- Traffic congestion
- Emergencies
- Personnel illness

PARKING

The Town of Barrington has a year round parking ordinance. During the winter months, maintenance crews require unobstructed snow removal and ice control routes to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts. Vehicles obstructing snow and ice removal operations will be towed at the direction of the Police Department.

DAMAGE TO PRIVATE PROPERTY

The Town of Barrington is not responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way. The right-of-way can be up to fifty feet wide and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most

cases the right-of-way extends ten to twenty feet on either side of the paved or gravel road. Homeowners often cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes or erect fences or stone walls in the areas which can obstruct maintenance being done on the roadway. In the event of property damage, the Town of Barrington will not be responsible for damage of obstructions in the right-of-way.

PLACEMENT OF SNOW

The Town of Barrington has an Ordinance against snow being plowed, shoveled, blown or placed onto a Town road or across the road to the opposite side. The Police Department will do enforcement.

POST STORM

As determined by the Road Agent, the snow banks resulting from previous storm accumulations shall be pushed back or shelved to make space for future snowstorms.

MAIL BOXES

Mail and newspaper boxes are allowed at the owner's risk within the right-of-way for the purpose of convenience. The United States Postal Bulletin states:

The postal service suggests using a semi arched or extended arm support which allows snowplows to sweep near or under the mailboxes without damaging supports and provides easy access to the mailboxes by carriers and customers.

The following are suggestions for resolving the possibility of damage and liability.

1. Mailboxes should, whenever possible, be installed a minimum of at least three feet from the edge of the pavement.
2. Installation should be sufficiently sturdy to withstand the weight of heavy snow resulting from plowing operations.

TRASH

There are residents that have their trash picked up. When you set your trash out for pick-up, it should be at least ten feet in your driveway from the edge of the pavement. The town will not be responsible for any damage done to the

buckets or bags and will not pick up any trash resulting from snowplow operations.

Approved: April 20, 2009

In addition the following ordinance applies to pushing snow onto streets

Town of Barrington Ordinance to Prevent Hazards to public safety
caused by snow or ice in the Town's Right of way

1) Purpose; Authority

Pursuant to RSA: 41.11, RSA7.17, VII and every other applicable source of authority. The Board of Selectman for the Town of Barrington hereby establish this ordinance to prohibit the placement of snow within the Town's right of way, and the accumulation of water within the Town's right of way that may than freeze and create a hazardous ice covered surface within the Town's right of way.

2) Prohibition on the Placement of Snow or Water

Effective immediately with this ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

- a. Place or cause or allow to be placed any snow or ice within the Town's right of way.
- b. Place or direct or cause to allow to be placed or directed any water onto the Town's right of way, by the use of pumps or other means to drain a cellar or any part of a building or any flooded area of land.

3) Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a civil penalty of \$100 for the first offense with a maximum of up to \$1000 for additional offenses.

As amended, January 1, 2014 originally adopted December 27, 1990

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