

NOTE MEETING LOCATION HAS CHANGED TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. Meeting room is the Library (enter through main front doors).

Public Hearing acceptance of LEOP Project (Fire/Rescue): Town has been awarded a grant. Will the Board of selectmen vote to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of up to \$4,000 to do a mandatory update of our emergency management plan and does the Board acknowledge that the total cost of this project will be up to \$8,000, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (much of a soft match in cost of salaries) (\$4,000)? ***Will the Board vote to accept it?***

Tower: School has agreed to delay paving 2 weeks if the Board makes a decision at the June 15 meeting. We have an estimate from Public Works that charging outside rates we would expend about \$10,000. The total value of the work done would be about \$57,000. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Blog Policy: A blog is a website on which people are able to post comments and have discussions. It runs a double risk of a lawsuit against the town. First there can be First Amendment issues related to the town editing comments based upon some standard. Second there is the risk of being sued for allowing something to stay up that is libelous. There is a subcommittee of the Envisioning Committee (as such it is considered a town committee) that is associated with a website with a blog. Our attorney is concerned with the risk that creates. I suggest the Board vote to make clear no website associated with the town is allowed to have a blog feature without specific authorization and policy approved by the Board of Selectmen. If people in town wish to proceed with a blog, they can do so as long as it is not a town sanctioned committee. The Board could request that wording be placed on sites that are not sanctioned by the governing board that "This is not an official Town of Barrington government site." ***What does the Board wish to do?***

RFP Demolition. *What does the Board think of proposed RFP?*

American Legion: I had a very nice conversation with the new American Legion Post 114 commander, Dr. Paul Silver. He requests the Board send a representative to speak at the Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies on behalf of the town. He would like to place small wood flag collection boxes in the Town Offices and Public Safety buildings. He would like the Board to support an increase in the Veteran's tax credit. He is interested in finding out about veterans in need and other social agencies whom the veterans can help in providing services. He would like a link from the Town's website. The post has entered an agreement with the Catholic Church to renovate and have their meetings in the basement there. They are interested in focusing on service rather than building a new building. Therefore they would like to enter into discussions about returning the land from Clark Goodwill to the town. They would also like tax deferment without interest or penalty until the transfer of the land occurs. The town sold the land to them with a reversion clause that the town can buy it back for \$1 plus the cost of improvements. We do not have a figure for that cost, but that could be part of the negotiation if the Board authorizes proceeding to negotiate. We have a line in the operating budget for purchase of land. The town voted a generic article in 2014 to authorize the Board to accept back land sold with the \$1

reversion language. The Legion also thanked the Town for support in allowing it have a concession voting day and for making Memorial Day Parade and flag burning a success.

I suggest the Board plan to have the chairman or other representative at the Veteran's and Memorial Day ceremonies; support the flag collection box placement; consider the Veteran's tax credit increase during the budget process this fall since it a Town meeting issue; encourage the Legion's support of people and organizations who can be helped by the Legion; authorize the town administrator to enter into discussions for the transfer of the land back to the town; agree to amend the Town's website policy to add the American legion, and agree to an abatement of tax and interest if and when the transfer occurs. ***What does the Board wish to do?***

Nonpublic Personnel:

Information:

Green Hill Road Bridge note from HTA: The next step in the process is to wait for the NHDOT to approve our Engineering Study. Once they approve the study, with the recommended replacement alternative, they will update the Bridge Aid Status report. We will then submit our scope and fee for preliminary and final design to the Town and NHDOT for review. Once approved, we will discuss the project schedule and get started on the design. The NHDOT has been moving some projects around in the program as some Towns have fallen behind in design or construction funding. If the Town has any interest in completing the project prior to FY2022, we recommend that you send Nancy Mayville a letter to that affect and she may be able to move the project up sooner.

Registration fees: The state legislature has passed a bill (HB 258) that increases the fees to the town by \$1 per registration, assuming the governor does not veto it. This should raise an additional \$11,000 for Barrington.

Barrington Board of Selectmen Rules of Procedures: I suggest in the light of the recent decision in Alton on Public Comment that the Board of Selectmen review and revise Rules of Procedure. I believe the public comment section needs to be addressed and it is good to regularly review procedures, last reviewed in 2013. While it has not been a problem, it is better to set the procedures now when it might be perceived as directed at an individual. Our current procedure does not address the Public Comment section of the meeting, but does address public hearings and comments during the meeting. I will plan to put this on the July 6 agenda with a proposal.