# Town of Barre Board Meeting

August 11, 2021

Present: Supervisor Sean Poque

Councilman Lynn Hill Councilman Tom McCabe

Councilwoman Kerri Richardson Councilwoman Margaret Swan

Others present: Maureen Beach; Town Clerk, Lee Preston, Supervisor Book keeper, Lance Mark, Town of Barre Attorney, Larry Gaylard, Susan Gaylard, Kirk Mathes, Jessica Walsh, George McKenna, Iva McKenna, Bill Eick, Orleans County Legislator, Scott Burnside, Gary Palmer, David Waters, Adam Wingard, Amy O'Brien, Carmen O'Keefe.

Public invited to listen by calling into the Town Hall and selecting the appropriate entry.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Supervisor Pogue with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the July 14, 2021 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

### SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES:	Maj	or	receipts	were:
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Town Clerk Fees	1,141.88
Justice Fees	3,571.00
Sales Tax (2qtr)	45,683.50
Solar Funds	10,000.00
ARPA Funds	95,762.58
Metered Sales	2,270.90
Maintenance Fees	690.00
Water Penalty Fees	21.50
Other Revenues	103.99

Total receipts for the month were: \$159,245.35

#### **EXPENSES:**

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$336,569.25 Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$485,230.66

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# HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No Report

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue, along with the check for the local share.

### ASSESSOR'S REPORT

No Report

## ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

No Report

## PLANNING BOARD

Kirk Mathes reported that the Town of Barre Planning Board has revised the application forms for the Planning Board and Zoning Board. Upon the Zoning Officer's request, they are reviewing the regulations for small plazas.

## BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account En	ding Balance
General Fund \$3	04,998.09
Highway Fund 8	39,755.04
Highway Equip.	98,108.92
Water Dist. #1 Oper, 2	76,185.67
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	17,008.96
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	10,835.91
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	45,204.39
Water Dist. #5 Oper	51,339.19
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	31,807.14
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	17,501.65
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	19,301.86
Water Dist. #9 Cap	18,333.59

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#### BILLS

General Funds \$ 21,400.35 Highway - Town Wide \$319,940.45 Special District-Water \$ 74,045.82 Total Outflow \$415,386.62

### PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #42 Pay Bills

Tom McCabe made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by Lynn Hill. Vote 4-1, (Richardson abstains) Motion passed.

## OLD BUSINESS

# Hemlock Ridge Solar

RESOLUTION #43 PILOT/Hemlock Ridge Solar

Lynn Hill made a motion to allow Supervisor Pogue to enter in negotiations with COIDA and others regarding the PILOT for the Hemlock Ridge Solar Project, Tom McCabe seconded the motion. Vote 4-1, Richardson opposed.

#### Baird Solar Project

RESOLUTION #44 County Planning Board/Baird Solar Project Margaret Swan made a motion to present the Baird Solar Project to the Orleans County Planning Board, Kerri Richardson seconded the motion. Vote 5-0.

## Battery Energy Storage Law

RESOLUTION #45 Lead Agency/Battery Energy Storage Law Lynn Hill made a motion to have the Town of Barre Town Board act as Lead Agency for the Battery Energy Storage System Law, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 5-0, passed.

The Town of Barre Town Board decided to table the SEQR review requirements at this time.

RESOLUTION #46 Battery Energy Storage Moratorium/County Tom McCabe made a motion to send the Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium to the Orleans County Planning Board, seconded by Lynn Hill. Vote 5-0, passed Town Board/Town of Barre August 11, 2021 Page 4

# Battery Energy Storage Law Con't

RESOLUTION #47 Public Hearing/Battery Energy Storage Margaret Swan made a motion to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:30pm, to discuss the Battery Energy Storage System Moratorium, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 5-0, passed

## Heritage Wind Road Use Agreement

RESOLUTION #48 Orleans County Resolution/Heritage Wind RUA Lynn Hill made a motion to have the Town of Barre Supervisor, Sean Pogue sign the Orleans County Heritage Wind resolution regarding the Road Use Agreement, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 4-1, (Richardson). Motion passed.

Kerri Richardson made a motion to have the Barre Town Board members review this resolution at the next workshop. There was no seconded. Motion died.

# Water District #9

RESOLUTION #49 WD#9/Project Complete

Whereas, the construction of the improvements for the Town of Barre Water District No. 9 have been completed. Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Town of Barre accepts the projects as constructed, and has previously made final payment to the contractor. Be it Further resolved that the Town of Barre hereby designates a NYS Certified operator, Dale Brooks (License No. NY0040647) to serve as the operator for the water system.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Hill. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #50 September, 2021 Workshop Kerri Richardson made a motion to hold the September, 2021 Town Board Workshop on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 5:30pm, motion seconded by

Kerri Richardson made the following motion, she raised that Sean Pogue should not sign on behalf of the Town for the road use agreement because he is listed by the developer as being conflicted. And that failure to recuse taints the entire town board. There was no second. Motion failed.

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RESOLUTION #50 Budget Adjustments
Lynn Hill made a motion to authorize EFPR Solutions Bookkeeping to
do the Budget Adjustments for August 11, 2021, seconded by Tom McCabe.
Vote 4-1, (Richardson opposed) Motion passed.

## CORRESPONDENCE/DISCUSSION

Dr. George McKenna requested that the Barre Town Board request a new Comprehensive Masterplan survey. Allowing the Wind Turbines is a mis-representation of our Comprehensive Masterplan. There are conflicted members on the Barre Town Board and on the Barre Planning Board. At Public Hearing the town board should be listening to all residents.

Margaret Swan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom McCabe. Vote 5-0, passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk