



# Town of Barre

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October Updates

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## **1. Elections**

Early in-person voting at the Henry Woods Building ended on Thursday, October 29. Currently, over 1,500 registered voters in Barre have voted, either in person or by mail, in the 2020 Presidential Election. The polls will be open on Election Day at the American Legion and the Senior Center from 7 am - 8 pm.

## **2. Woodard and Curran Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project**

Last Wednesday I met with the consultants who are working on the feasibility and design of putting sidewalks along Broad Street and South Street. They submitted several different options of varying difficulties that would allow for sidewalks to be built. I will be going over their plans with the Police and Fire Chiefs along with the DPW Superintendent. Our National Grid partner has also been contacted to discuss options in regards to the potential of moving polls that have been identified as obstructions to a sidewalk. I have invited the consultants to the Selectboard's November 16th meeting to discuss their findings and recommendations. Their next step is to complete a final design.

## **3. Sidewalks around the Common**

MassDOT contracted Balthazaar to redo portions of the sidewalk around the Town Common that had blistered when they were initially installed a couple of years ago during the Common renovation project. This is being done at no additional cost to the Town.

## **4. Liquor License and Motor Vehicle Renewals**

All liquor license and motor vehicle license renewals have been sent out to local license holders. We have already received several back.

## **5. Fire Station Building Committee**

The Committee met for the first time on October 28. They discussed the possibilities of providing the fire department with a new space, including looking through feasibility studies that were completed in the past.

## **6. Rutland Regional Dispatch Task Force**

Chief Rogowski and I have met with the task force twice since its inception. There has been some transition in personnel in some of the Towns, which complicates the progress that can be made. After the two meetings, it has been agreed that there needs to be an operations board,



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which consists of emergency management personnel who judge the quality of the services being provided and an advisory board, which provides oversight on other functions, including budgeting. The goal of the task force is to create an updated Inter-Municipal Agreement.

## **7. Barre Scary**

Halloween in Barre came with a lot of treats, but no tricks! The Town's annual Barre Scary Trunk-or-Treat event saw a good turnout despite the cold weather. Everyone was respectful of wearing masks and waiting in line for their turn to go through the line. I thank the Barre Police and Fire departments along with MEMA for their services at the event.