



# Town of Barre

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September Updates

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We have made it to October and the temperature is changing about as fast as the leaves on the trees are.

**Voltrek Contract for EV charging station:** Because we received grant funding for the EV charging station, we are required to provide data to the Mass Electric Vehicle Incentive Program for 3 years, which will be up in 2021. The EV stations are operational without the software. However, we will not receive any of the benefits that come along with a Network subscription. The station would at that point be called a "dumb station". What that means is the station will not have access to a cell signal, it will not be listed on an EV map for people to find, can not generate reports, cannot charge a fee to use the station, and basically it won't have any features except it can give charge to EVs that know where it is. Also, you will lose the ability of "access control" so anyone can plug in.

## FY21 Fuel Bid Results

### Record of Bids Received

#### FY20 Propane/#2 Heating Fuel Bid

Deadline: Thursday August 6, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Firm Name and Address	No. 2 Fuel Oil Prices	Service Fees	Propane Prices	Service Fees	22X Diesel Prices For Generators
R.J. McDonald Inc. 71 Worcester Road P.O. Box 638 Barre, MA 01005	Fixed: <b>\$1.60/gallon</b>  Floating: \$ 1.233 + .375 <b>\$ 1.608/gallon</b>	Ann.Cleaning/Efficiency: \$ 150.00 per unit plus parts Weekdays: \$95.00/hr Evenings: \$125.00/hr Sundays/Holidays: \$125.00/hr	Fixed: <b>\$1.34/gallon</b>  Floating: \$ .783 + .399 <b>\$1.182/gallon</b>	Ann.Cleaning/Efficiency \$ 150.00 per unit plus parts Weekdays: \$95.00/hr Evenings: \$125.00/hr Sundays/Holidays: \$125.00/hr	Fixed: <b>\$2.09/gallon</b>  Floating: \$ 1.286 + .499 <b>\$1.785/gallon</b>
E.P. Wine Inc. 160 West Street PO Box 639 Barre, MA 01005	No Bid	No Bid	Fixed: <b>\$1.25/gallon</b>  No Floating	Ann.Cleaning/Efficiency \$175.00 /hr per appliance Weekdays: \$125.00/hr Evenings: \$175.00/hr Sundays/Holidays: \$ 175.00 /hr	No Bid



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**Flaherty Road:** Attorney Baird is still doing research to determine where the Town owns the road up to and whether it is a discontinued road. He did suggest having the building inspector observe the volume of objects on the property. I am waiting on a report back from the building inspector and copied the Board of Health assistant on the email as well.

**Human Resources:** Mary Markowski, Assistant Collector, Sandy Hood, Administrative Assistant and myself worked together to revamp the onboard process for new employees. In the past, there were many times when incomplete documentation was submitted, incorrect information was inputted and not all documents were being submitted to the right departments. Mrs. Markowski has been steadfastly working on improving the quality of human resources we offer by taking the initiative to take webinars through the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

**Elections:** Ellen received a \$5,000 grant to support purchases for the election that are incurred due to COVID-19. One way she will be using this money to purchase UV light sanitation wands that will eliminate any bacteria and viruses on the surfaces of the voting booths. Additionally, there has been State reimbursement for the ballot drop box.

**MIIA Wellness grant:** The Town was awarded over \$4,000 to purchase sit-stand desk converters and ergonomic mats for employees to use and promote workplace wellness. Benefits of sit-stand desk converters include increased alertness and productivity, along with decreasing health problems like obesity and heart disease. These tools will be delivered soon.

**CAREs Round 2:** I received notice on September 30th that applications open on October 1st. I will be submitting all of the Department's requests with cost estimates at the October 19th meeting.