BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
February 16, 2016

P.I.L.O.T. - Budget Committee - Library Board, review Sewer and Equipment Fund budgets 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from February 9, 2016 meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Barre Town School budget presentation.
8. Discuss use of town vehicles for commuting from home to work place.
9. Discuss CV Solid Waste Management District decision and Town's course of action.
10. Discuss meeting packet material.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous:
   a) Second class liquor license for Graniteville General Store
   b) Liquor Control Board special event permit - Shacksbury Inc. event on March 5.
13. "Round the table"
14. Executive session: contracts, legal
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
February 16, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of February 16, 2016 was scheduled to be held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeff Blow, Tom White, Rob LaClair, John "Jack" Mitchell and Rolland Tessier.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, Police Chief Michael Stevens, and School Representatives Brenda Buzzell, John Pandolfo, Chad Allen and David LaCroix, and Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the amended agenda as follows: a) item #12, Miscellaneous to add an item regarding solar siting legislation and b) to add personnel to item #14, Executive Session

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 9, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The annual School District Elections and Presidential Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town School gym. The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, February 24th. To request
an early voting ballot or for more information contact the Town Clerk's office at 802-479-9391. Sample ballots are available for viewing on the Town website.

2. The Citizen Budget Tour will be on Saturday, February 20th. Citizens are invited to join the Budget Committee on a tour of town facilities where they will talk with department heads. Meet at the town office building between 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Bus transportation is provided. The tour will end between 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.

3. Logging of the Barre Town Forest is underway, consistent with the Town Forest Management Plan. Learn about logging from our Town Forester during a free workshop and tour on Saturday, February 27th. Meet at the Waterman Street water storage tank at 10:00 a.m. Dress to walk in the woods along the trails and skid roads. The tour should end about 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.

4. The Annual Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament will take place Friday, March 4, 2016 through Sunday March 6, 2016 at the Barre Town recreation fields. Games start Friday evening and run until about midnight. Play restarts Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and goes until 9:00 p.m. The final championship day starts on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. There is a cap of 8- teams this year so sign up early if you want to play. Each year the Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament raises thousands of dollars from team registrations, concessions, and sponsorships to benefit Vermont families with a critically ill child. This year's beneficiaries are 22 month old Ryland House of East Middlebury, Vermont, who is battling Neuroblastoma and 11 year old Garrett Peace of East Montpelier, Vermont who is fighting Leukemia. To support these children, register a team or come watch the softball games and purchase concessions March 4th - 6th.

5. The Barre Town Fire Department is sponsoring a rabies clinic for dogs and cats. The clinic will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station. The cost for a rabies vaccination is $15.00. Dogs and cats from neighboring towns are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier or crate. For Barre Town dog owner's convenience, the Barre Town Town Clerk will be there to license Barre Town dogs.

GUESTS - None

BARRE TOWN SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Background: School officials from Barre Town and Spaulding High School will be attending to give an overview of the two school budgets and speak to how they think the school tax rate will change.

School representatives noted that given their respective legislative mandates (universal pre-school and Act 153 transportation), reduction of staffing, capital improvements, and much more the school budgets increases are very modest. A power point presentation provided information on changes from the current year budget and how the estimated tax rate was calculated. For detailed information on the budget see the School Budget Booklet which will be delivered with the Washington World this week and be available at the Barre Town Clerk's Office.

There is one vacant slot on the ballot for a Barre Town Middle & Elementary School Board seat. John "Jay" Paterson will running a write-in campaign. Early ballots are available by contacting the Town Clerk's Office.
Selectboard Minutes of February 16, 2016 continued:

**USE OF TOWN VEHICLES FOR COMMUTING FROM HOME TO WORK**

Background: Several weeks ago the Selectboard discussed Town Department Heads using town vehicles for commuting between home and work. The Board requested the item come back for further discussion during February. The Town Engineer and DPW Superintendent have pickup trucks (equipped with radios). The Police Chief has a marked (and equipped) used police car. All three vehicles are marked with Town of Barre and have the red municipal plates.

Department Heads (Engineer, Superintendent, and Police Chief) spoke to the Board stating their reasons for taking a town vehicle home. A common concern is being able to respond to town needs (staff or resident) more quickly and efficiently, whether it be by radio (not all portables work at the home residence) or in person. Each Department Head gave examples of the things responded to directly from home.

Chair Blow stated that while he recognized that some Department Heads have a vehicle as part of their employment package he was willing to discuss some type of compensation should the vehicle not be taken home. However, this would need to be an executive session discussion.

**CVSWMD RECENT DECISION**

Background: Recently the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) rescinded their decision to purchase property. The Selectboard had decided to look at the option of withdrawing from the District.

The item was passed over until next week to allow our representative (Fred Thumm) to attend.

**MEETING PACKET MATERIAL**

Background: The Manager is seeking Selectboard input with regards to the materials provided in the weekly meeting packet. Items included are: two-week calendar of events, weekly announcements, other notes (supplemental info/correspondence), agenda (to include supplemental documents), and minutes.

The majority of Board members like the 2 week calendar, would like to limit the number of times an item is repeated in the weekly announcements, and to have some of the Department Heads revisit their monthly reports to streamline, and to eliminate some of the reports.

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for February 16, 2016.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Liquor License for the Graniteville General Store.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign the Department of Liquor Control Application for Special Event Permit for Shacksbury Inc. who will hosting a cider-fest at the Harley Davidson dealership, 663 South Barre Road on March 5, 2016.

Manager Rogers stated there is a new solar siting bill, Senate Bill 230 which is a little different. Highlights of the bill include restrictions on building facilities, does not speak to Town permitting, and creates a position within the Public Safety Board (media
relations), and would disallow eminent domain in some cases, and speaks to passing on costs to rate payers with regards to 3-phase power lines, and speaks to decommissioning of projects greater than 15kw. LaClair noted that the House would have to comment before such legislation passes. He will follow-up and report back to the Board.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell stated he will be working with the Websterville Fire District in regards to the water line improvements. He will keep the Board informed.

LaClair stated topics of interest this week were the authority of the Regional Planning Commissions and the divestment from coal holding.

Blow reminded the viewers that Budget Committee meeting have begun for the proposed Fiscal Year 2016-2017. As a result the regular Selectboard meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. though the end of March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to find that premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to contracts, legal, and personnel.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session for contracts, legal, and personnel at 10.00 p.m. and action is expected.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 10:50 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 10:50 p.m.