P.I.L.O.T. Site visit ancient roads, T.H.33, T.H. 34, and T.H. 35 (meeting at end of Maplecrest Road) 6:15 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announce changes to agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of August 12, 2014
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discuss design for Wilson Industrial Park sign and re-classifying Websterville Road (Lower Websterville).
8. Discuss policy for neighborhood notification of sexual offender registry.
9. Consider approving High Risk Rural Road sign recommendations for Quarry Hill Road, Graniteville Road and Cogswell Street
10. Consider approving Warning for November 4 Special Town Meeting.
11. Discuss policy for donating services to events, functions.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
15. "Round the table"
16. Executive Session- labor contract negotiations.
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES August 26, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of August 26, 2014 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, Police Chief Mike Stevens, Joel Schwartz, B.A.D., and Karl Rinker, B.A.D.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett was not present to discuss his work on the Policy for Donation of Town Services.

On a motion be LaClair, seconded by White, it was unanimously voted to remove item #11 from the agenda.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2014 with the following corrections:

1. Add Karen Oles to the Attendance for the regular meeting.
2. Page 2, last paragraph, second line: correct name to Tim Stone.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Guided nature walks in the town forest are offered on Sunday and Tuesday mornings. Meeting at the 44 Brook Street parking area at 9:00 a.m. There is no fee and the walks are 1.5-2 hours.

- The Selectboard is now back on its weekly meeting schedule and will meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

- The fall bulk trash day is on Saturday September 20th from 8am to 2 pm. The event will be held at 129 Websterville Road. Fees are charged and residents are welcome to make multiple trips. Residents should bring a tax or utility bill to verify residency. The town newsletter will be in the mail soon and provides details about the collection.

- The City of Barre’s contractor is replacing the water pipe along West Cobble Hill Road. Next week the contractor expects to turn the corner onto East Cobble Hill Road. There will be one lane traffic around the zone; expect delays. We suggest residents find an alternate route and avoid East Cobble Hill Road if possible.

- Mr. Mitchell expressed the need for new volunteers to work on the bulk trash day, as many of the same volunteers have been working them for many years. If you are interested you may contact Jack at 476-7073.

GUESTS

Chairman Blow stepped aside as Chairman for this guest as he is related to the guest. LaClair chaired the meeting for this item.

Kevin Cyr was present to request that at some point in the near future an item be added to the agenda to discuss a solution to the stormwater runoff that is constantly eroding his property on Quarry Hill. Says he has contacted the town and Carl Rogers in the past about the problem but has not received any satisfaction. The stormwater comes from three directions and is constantly eroding his driveway; would like to work out a solution to the problem.

The board thanked Mr. Cyr for his input and Mr. Blow resumed as chair.

DISCUSS DESIGN FOR WILSON INDUSTRIAL PARK SIGN AND RE-CLASSIFYING WEBSTERVILLE ROAD (LOWER WEBSTERVILLE)

Background: The past Selectboard was concerned about the W.I.P. sign at Pitman Road and Websterville Road. One wish was having a directory (list) sign of all businesses. Joel Schwartz (Barre Area Development) surveyed the WIP businesses and there is interest in a more attractive sign. At the town office our concern was making the sign more noticeable; people drive by it and then stop at the office to ask where the WIP is. Someone Joel knows provided the enclosed concept using steel and granite. (Joel says the cost to build it could be in the 5 figures).

At some time the intersection of Pitman and Websterville needs to be widened for a third lane on Pitman and in the east bound direction on Websterville Road. Joel is trying to line up facts to help the town get VTrans help with the intersection construction. He found that section of Websterville Rd is not classified as a collector, which is needed for some funding programs.

Joel Schwartz from Barre Area Development was present to discuss both the sign and road re-classification. A sketch of a proposed sign design was presented and discussed. The design was of a mix of granite and steel which would make it long lasting.
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and the design made a statement. The design included a section of directory signs for businesses in the industrial park. It was noted that there needed to be enough room for these directory signs to allow for future growth in the park. It was suggested there might need to be a "plan B" to allow for added names.

Joel indicated that the design presented would be expensive, but has not priced it out until he got some feedback from the board. White agreed that the W.I.P. needed better visibility and that this sign could achieve that. LaClair thanked Joel for all the work so far on this.

Tessier questioned the cost, but did like the design being good for the long haul. Mitchell was glad to finally see a drawing and some sort of plan taking shape. Blow liked the concept but was not crazy about the cable in the sign design.

It was agreed to have Joel continue looking into price for the sign and keep other options open for dealing with expansion of the directory sign to accommodate growth in the park.

The second half of this discussion dealt with the possible need for upgrading the roads at the entrance to the industrial park. At some point in the future, the traffic volume may require the addition of a turning lane on Websterville Road and maybe Pitman Road, per the Act 250 permit. Doing some planning ahead on this may help when it's time to obtain funding. Part of that planning could be to get that section of Websterville Road reclassified as a collector. This could give the town more priority for improvements and make it eligible for state funding. It was agreed that being pro-active on the traffic issue made sense.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously voted to have the Town Manager and B.A.D. pursue this classification change for Websterville Road.

Carl added for clarification and for the benefit of new board members that the town had originally borrowed money from sewer fund to pay for road and infrastructure and would repay the money by selling lots. There is enough money projected from sales to pay for the infrastructure that remains to be done.

DISCUSS POLICY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATION OF SEXUAL OFFENDER RESIDENCY

Background: The statute regarding the sex offender registry can be found at Title 13, Chapter 3) Crime Victims), Sub chapter 3, Section 5401-5415. The web site for more information is at www.vcic.vermont.gov/sex_offender. VLCT's Municipal Assistance Center had no research on policies on this subject. I surveyed 8 larger VT municipalities and didn't find a written policy. Chief Stevens said he found tidbits on the subject but not a written policy. A first draft by Chief Stevens was presented for discussion and review.

It was noted that Chris Locarno was not present for the meeting and has not yet seen the draft prepared by Chief Stevens. Chief Stevens summarized some of the distinctions between the High Risk classification of sex offenders and others. Most of the notification options to the town are governed by the law. What a resident wants to know and be notified of may not be allowed by law. Cannot give an address unless there can be provided a specific concern for personal safety. Can direct them to the VT sex offender registry, but that will not give an address either.

Options for providing information to the residents were discussed. They included using the GIS system to select an area to notify. Ways to distribute information; posting to website and at police station, community meetings and education were discussed.
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It was agreed that feedback from residents would be needed. Also present a draft of the proposed policy and educate about the limitations the town has when it comes to notifying residents about sex offender in the area. Mitchell would like another draft, and for it to be sent to the residents who initiated this conversation, so that they would be included.

It was also noted that some of the options for distributing information to the public would require considerable man power and other expense. When it is budget time we need to remember that there is a cost to this to the police department.

No other action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVING HIGH RISK RURAL ROAD SIGN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QUARRY HILL ROAD, GRANITEVILLE ROAD, AN COGSWELL STREET

Background: VTrans operates the High Risk Rural Road program. They have surveyed several other town roads. Most of the recommendations have been accepted. This survey started at the city/town line on Quarry Hill Road and proceeded to a point near Wilson Cemetery; it then skipped to a point at the back edge of Churchill’s swamp along Graniteville Road and continued to Middle Road. Lastly, it covered all of Cogswell Street.

Harry, the Town Engineer, Tate, DPW and Carl Rogers have reviewed the recommendations and made notes about each sign. The VTrans’ sketch lists three different actions: Retain means keep existing; Remove means just that (although it might be replaced by a sign) in a nearby location; New means a new sign (but it can replace an existing similar sign).

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the high Risk Rural Road Signs as presented with the staff recommended changes and comment of Tessier noted. Blow voted no-waste of tax dollars.

CONSIDER APPROVING WARNING FOR NOVEMBER 4 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept and approve the warning for the November 4, 2014 Special Town Meeting

Discussion: Should move a public hearing on the Special Town Meeting items up to September 16 so that early ballot voters can participate before they vote. Can still add another hearing if wanted or needed.

POLICY FOR DONATION OF TOWN SERVICES (1)

Item removed from agenda.

WEBSTERVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #3

The Websterville Fire District #3 has expressed interest in having the town take over the district. Carl Rogers has had three meeting with them so far. One meeting of WFD residents was very well attended. Also met with 2 Prudential Committee members and their treasurer to learn about their budget, expenses and a little about operations.

Key facts about the Websterville Fire District:
1. 124 billing customers (Town has about 470 now)
2. Own 2 properties
   a. .1 acre pump station and office
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b. 31 acres- part of a quarry (water source) and treatment plant (road to maintain

3. Treatment plant uses sand filtration and chemicals and was built in 1997 (Weston
and Sampson Report). Requires Class IV operator license. 1000,000 gallon storage

4. Annual budget of $115,000

5. No known leaks in distribution system, but mostly undersized and it is old.

6. About 1/3 of house meters have been replaced. Money is budgeted to replace
balance during 2014. Meters have been purchased.

7. Two USRDA loans; both paid off in 2037. Annual P&I on both are about $12,500

8. Current Rates charged
    a. Water-$14.00/1000 gallon
    b. Bond=$27/quarter
    c. Capital reserve=$58/quarter
    d. Meter charge=$10/quarter
    Note: this is one of the reasons the district is interested in having the town take
over, as their water is about double the cost of water in other areas.

9. Plant operator works plant daily, One-two hours per day under normal circumstances.

10. December 31, 2013 had $37,300 cash on hand (Treasurer's Report for Year Ending
December 31, 2013).

Plant is a limiting factor in making additional connections.

Could connect easily to our system. Mitchell asked if we would need a pump station.

Next steps: Need to come up with a cost per unit to provide water in this system.

Need to get operators to meet and review systems.

See what the combined water system budget would look like.

The consensus was to continue looking into it.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard unanimously
approved the accounts payable warrants for August 19, 2014 and August 26, 2014.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell- Has the town done anything for the summer help that was leaving? Yes
Are we paving on Church Hill Road? No
Can we do something about the patch on Church Hill Rd that has sunken?
Catch basin on Gregoire St needs some work.

White- Challenges residents to get out and vote and to participate in the upcoming public
hearings.

LaClair- nothing

Tessier- Pan handling--- think the town should look into what if anything it can do about it.
Not sure that there is anything the town can do. Mitchell suggested starting by looking at
the City ordinance on the subject.

Blow- the Graniteville playground fence is completely apart in one section, any chance to
get it repaired before winter? Carl thought they were to use repair funds for the
Websterville playground this year, but will ask Tim if there is money to fix that fence.

Bulk trash day- they are looking for volunteers that would be interested in working
and then receive monies for their organizations from the donations.

Are we any closer on getting the Town Report? Carl-Getting closer I guess, working
on Selectboard report. Jeff would be in favor of doing an abbreviated Selectboard report
in order to expedite the report's completion. The rest of the board agrees.

Next Selectboard meeting will be September 2nd.
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The plaque for the South Barre Bridge to acknowledge some of those whose efforts helped secure funding for the bridge should be forthcoming soon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -
On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard unanimously agreed that the Selectboard should go into Executive Session to discuss labor contract negotiations so as not to jeopardize those negotiations.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss labor contract negotiations at 9:55 pm.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session at 10:05 pm

ADJOURN

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

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Deborah J Lefebvre, Assistant Town Clerk  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard