P.I.L.O.T. Town Assessor, Joseph Levesque  

1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Announce changes to agenda.  
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of August 26, 2014.  
5. Announcements  
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
7. Award roll-off contract for fall bulk trash.  
8. Voting delegate for VLCT Town Fair.  
9. Discuss charges for municipal services policy.  
10. Accept salt offer from American Rock Salt.  
11. Authorize Town Manager to sign Quit Claim deed for old English School lot.  
12. Authorize Town Manager to sign release of Fairpoint’s bond.  
14. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
15. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.  
16. "Round the table"  
17. Executive Session – police labor contract negotiations.  
18. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
September 2, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of September 2, 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 Manager Andrew Dorsett, and Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to revise the agenda as follows:

Item #7 - add naming the group who will received donations on Bulk Trash Day; and  
Item #10 - discuss adding a second vendor.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2014 with the following corrections:

Page 1, Changes to the Agenda, 2nd paragraph, first line delete the word “be” and replace with the word by.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be public hearings on the Regional Public Safety Authority on September 16th and October 7th. Please take note these dates are different than what is published in the Town Newsletter. Due to early voting ballots being available sometime around September 20, 2014 the Board felt it was necessary to change the public hearing dates to ensure voters are well informed.

- The City of Barre’s water pipe contractor is working on West Cobble Hill Road now and as of next week should be beginning work on East Cobble Hill Road. Please expect delays resulting from one lane traffic and consider finding an alternate route for the next month or so.

- 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 has been mailed. Detailed information regarding fees and what can and cannot be collected is included.

- Front Porch Forum is a free community-building service. Barre’s forum is only open to the people who live in Barre. It can be used to connect with neighbors for a variety of purposes and announce important information. Please watch for important municipal information on Front Porch Forum (www.frontporchforum.org).

GUESTS - None

ROLL-OFF CONTAINER CONTRACT FOR FALL BULK TRASH

Background: Each Fall and Spring the Town goes out to bid for containers to be used at the Bulk Trash events. This year two companies responded to the bids [Casella ($178 per ton) and Myers Containers ($185 per ton)]. Both companies have worked with the Town and did a good job.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the 2014 Fall Bulk Trash roll-off container contract to Casella Waste Management based on their bid price of $178.00 per ton and to designate the Barre Town Recreation Board as the group who will receive the donations which will be used for the Websterville Playground renovations.

VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE 2014 VLCT TOWN FAIR

Background: The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) is holding their annual business meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014. As a member the Town must select a voting representative. In prior years the Town Manager has been selected. If no other candidate is available Manager Rogers is willing to serve for this meeting.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Town Manager Carl Rogers as Barre Town’s 2014 VLCT voting delegate for Town Fair.

CHARGES FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES POLICY

Background: Assistant Town Manager Dorsett has provided the Board with a draft policy for donation of town services. The policy will be for charging for services with a provision for waiving a portion of those charges, under certain circumstances. The Board will be focusing on what those circumstances are and what portion should be waived under those circumstances.
The consensus of the Board is this draft is a step in the right direction. Suggestions were made regarding clarifications in Chart A, definitions, and a need to refine the "procedures" after the discussion. Dorsett will make the recommended changes and bring the policy back to the Board for review.

PURCHASE OF WINTER SALT

**Background:** The standard practice has been to allow municipalities to piggyback on the State's road salt bid. This year American Rock Salt is not extending the State's quoted price of $75.52 per ton to municipalities. However, we did receive 2 unsolicited bids for the 2014-2015 season. Cargill's bid was $83.52 per ton and American Rock Salt at $76.76 per ton. Our current year budget is for 2,400 tons ($62.50 per ton). Based on the low bid price we would be over budget by $34,224.

The Manager informed the Board that late today (Tuesday) a fax was received from Cargill stating they would reduce their per ton price to $75.52 per ton.

Discussion centered on the fluctuation of salt pricing; the unpredictability of weather patterns; supply and demand; tonnage used/needed by the Town annually; perhaps now is a good time to discuss the Town's practices of salt/sand use; and the issues associated with annual budgeting for this product. However, the Board did state they would like the DPW Superintendent to try some of the "clear lane" treated salt during a storm or two, to see if it is beneficial to us.

A motion was made by LaClair, seconded by Tessier to authorize the Town staff to purchase the first 250 tons of road salt from American Rock Salt at their bid price of $76.76/ton and 2,250 tons of salt from Cargill at their bid price of $75.52 per ton.

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Tessier, the Board voted unanimously to amend the original motion by deleting 2,250 tons and inserting the words “up to 2500 tons.”

The motion as amended passed with Tom White voting no. Mr. White stated he does not like the fact that the staff MUST purchase the first 250 tons of salt from American Rock Salt.

RELEASE FOR THE OLD ENGLISH SCHOOL LOT

**Background:** In the early 1800’s it was common to fund schools and churches by having landowners pay rent on certain parcels of land (commonly known as lease land) to benefit a certain charity. This practice has largely fallen out of use, and in fact many of the named beneficiaries no longer exist. Even though lease land rents are no longer paid, property subject to such a provision does technically have a “cloud on its title” in that the owner does not hold title in fee simple because they are subject to the lease.

The Town has been contacted regarding cleaning up the cloud for a property located on Beckley Hill Road. The lot beneficiary is the English School lot. The Selectboard was provided with a copy of the various lease land lots and their respective beneficiaries. The College Lots are controlled by the University of Vermont.

Town Attorney Monte stated in his opinion “that since the town does not gain anything from retaining these leases, it would be best if the Selectboard signs a Quit Claim deed conveying the Town’s interest in said lease land. The deed has been reviewed and is acceptable.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign a Quit Claim deed and associated documents with Greg and Sharee Harms regarding the release of interest in the lease land relating to the English School; said lot being described as 359 Beckley Hill Road.
RELEASE OF FAIRPOINT’S BOND

Background: Fairpoint Communications Inc. is updating their records. The former Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC is now part of Fairpoint. Their surety bond for various work completed in Town needs to be released. A new bond (SU07998) replaces the old one (41172963). The request is for the Town to sign a discharge for the old bond.

The Board noted there is a telephone/power pole at the corner of Baptist/Graniteville Road which has been broken for 5 or 6 years. All wires have been removed from the pole but it is unclear as to who is responsible for the removal (the pole owner or the one whose lines were removed last).

The Selectboard decided not to sign the release until it is known who is responsible for removal of the telephone/power pole. This item may be on the next meeting agenda.

DISCUSSION OF WILSON RECYCLING DEPOT

Background: During the August 12, 2014 meeting it was noted the Wilson Recycling Depot lease expires October 31, 2014. The Board discussed options and requested the Town Manager have our Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) representative Fred Thumb come to a meeting to explain how they will be complying with the new Act 148 and whether or not they may need space at the Wilson Recycling Depot. Copies of the original and current lease agreements with Earth Waste were provided as well for Board review prior to this meeting.

The Manager stated the CVSWMD is not sure how they are going to comply with Act 148 at this point in time. They stated the town should proceed with selling the parcel to Earth Waste. General consensus is a conversation regarding sale of the lot should continue in executive session. The 5.5 acre lot is located in the Wilson Industrial Park, is very flat, in a prime location, and has municipal services (including power).

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously approved the accounts payable warrants for September 2, 2014.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell stated he would like to attend the VLCT Municipal Budget workshop. The Manager’s office will register him.

Mitchell noted if there are any savings in the paving budget he would like to see the wheel ruts by the Cemetery fixed. This conversation led to a discussion on the role of the Budget Committee and Board approved policies such as the Paved 5-Year Road Plan.

LaClair stated that he would like to discuss and plan on how information is going to be presented at the September 16th Public Safety Authority public hearing. Rogers stated the item will be placed on next week’s meeting agenda.

Blow left the table as the next topic involved a relative of his. LaClair chaired the meeting. Tessier inquired about the issue which arose last week regarding Kevin Cyr. Rogers stated there is a lot of information the Board needs to know so it will be placed on next week’s meeting agenda. Blow returned to the meeting and resumed his role as Chair.
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Blow asked that when Department Heads come in for their quarterly meetings in October he would like them to be prepared to answer a question: How many times do they have to respond to citizen issues after the normal work day?

It was also noted the throughway from West Road into Williamstown is to be improved. Work is almost complete on the Barre Town side. Williamstown received a grant and their section will not begin until next year in order to allow the them to budget for the grant match. Grant stipulations give a timeline of 2 - 3 years to complete the road project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session to discuss police labor contract negotiations and real estate at 8:57 pm.

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard unanimously voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:28 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:29 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer                Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard