P.I.L.O.T. Critique September 16 public hearing and plan for October 7th hearing 6:30 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 September 16, 2014.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider authorizing letter of support for the Montessori School of Central Vermont's application for a U.S. Rural Development grant.
8. Consider Traffic Safety Advisory committee recommendations: a) driveway sign on Allen Street; b) signs on Bianchi Street; c) seven (7) streetlight requests.
9. Consider authorizing Manager to sign Fairpoint's bond release form.
10. Consider authorizing remainder of Upper Websterville picnic shelter budget for other Upper Websterville playground expenses.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
13. "Round the table"
14. Executive Session – if needed.
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 23, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of September 23, 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, Tom White, and Rolland Tessier.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Kristen Martin, Charlie Martin, and Tom Mancini.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

- Item 8, add and additional item which is not related to those on the agenda;
- Item 11, discuss the unauthorized rate increase to the Town regarding Barre City water bills.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2014 with the following corrections:

1. Page 4, Section 48 - Withdrawal, 2nd bullet, last line delete the number 1014 and replace with 2014; and
2. Page 5, first checked bullet on the top of page, second line, delete the fourth word in "be."
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The second public hearing on the Regional Public Safety Authority will be on October 7th at 7:00 pm.
- It's time to prepare for the heating season. Please be sure to clean your chimneys, stovepipes and have your furnace serviced. These items should be serviced at least once a year.
- The Lawn Waste site on Holden Road is currently open on Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 pm and Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:00 am to noon. The Town will be expanding the hours for fall cleanup, from the second weekend in October through to the end of the month; the site will be open Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sundays from noon to 4:00 pm. For more information refer to the most recent newsletter.
- The Town will be flushing the water lines starting on Monday, September 29th for the Barre Town water system. This process may cause water to appear cloudy or discolored. If you notice this run your faucet for a few minutes to clear the water.
- Reminder - October 1st a new state law goes into effect banning the use of a cell phone while driving.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF CENTRAL VERMONT

Background: The Montessori School of Central Vermont (MSCV), currently operating in Montpelier, is interested in buying the Knights of Columbus building on Pine Hill Road. The building would be renovated to teach about 80 students, grades preschool through 6. MSCV is preparing an application for a U.S. Rural Development Agency loan. USRDA requires a statement of community (host municipality) support.

Kristen Martin was present. The school goal is to provide an educational program for children ages 3 – 12, which includes practical activities to teach social responsibility and independence. The first year enrollment is anticipated to be around 78 students and to increase to around 100 in 3 years. There are 8 staff. Before and after school programs are available and hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. The organization is a 501 C 3 entity. Funding is through tuition and some grant funding. They have recently partnered with the Barre Supervisory and Montpelier School systems which help to pay for students.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of community support for Montessori School of Central Vermont in association with their loan application(s).

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Background: There are 3 requests before the Selectboard: 1) Allen Street - site visibility from a driveway; 2) Bianchi Street - speed of traffic; and 3) One request for 2 new streetlights and 6 requests for re-installation of lights removed before the LED replacement work began. The Manager stated that 86 streetlights had been removed and there have been approximately 12 requests for reinstallation.

1) Allen Street: The resident at 212 Allen Street expressed concern about traffic coming from the west (Barre City end of Allen Street), where he has a shortened
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sight distance from his driveway. The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) recommended install a “Hidden Drive - Left” sign.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (minutes of August 13, 2014) and to authorize the installation of a “Hidden Drive - Left” sign to be located as designated by the Town Engineer approximately 250 - 300' west of the driveway located at 212 Allen Street.

2) Bianchi Street: East Barre resident Chris Locarno is concerned about the speed of traffic. In the past the TSAC had denied a request for speed humps(s). Mr. Locarno has renewed his concern and asked about a stop sign on Carnes Road at Bianchi Street. Several sign recommendations were made.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (minutes of September 17, 2014) and authorize the installation of a set of advance warning signs commonly mounted on one post at a located to be determined by the Town Engineer on the hill approach at a distance that meets the separation necessary from the 25 MPH speed limit sign (relocating the speed limited as needed); the sign package would include a side ride symbol, a Carnes Road name sign, and an advisory speed of 15 MPH.

During the motion discussion the consensus of the Board is to ask the TSAC to look at the possibility of adding a stop sign at the Carnes Road/Bianchi Street intersection.

3) Route 14 North, Route 14 South, Graniteville Road, and Waterman Street: All four of these requests are for re-installation. The plan that was carried out was for review of all streetlights and compare to the streetlight policy. TSAC did recommend certain lights be removed as not being warranted under policy. The Selectboard approved the list of changes (including removal or relocation). A dozen or so requests for re-installation were taken. Those making the request were asked to be patient until the LED change-over was complete. They did wait and the TSAC is taking up each request.

Mr. Mancini was present regarding the reinstallation of the East Montpelier Road (Route 14 North) streetlight reinstallation. The location would be approximately in the area of L&D Safety and Just Good Auto.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation (minutes of August 13, 2014) and to authorize the placement of a streetlight on GMP Pole #17 on the East Montpelier Road (in the vicinity of L&D Safety and Just Good Auto).

The next item is on the South Barre Road (Route 14 south) just beyond the Linbrooke Storage units. There is a history of crashes at this corner and it contains a paved pull-off area. There have been fatalities in this area of the road due to the darkness (large field with no homes).

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation (minutes of August 13, 2014) and authorize the replacement of two streetlights on the South Barre Road, on GMP Poles #78664 and #78669.

There is a section on the Graniteville Road in the vicinity of houses #696 and 700. This location is a cold spot and in the winter and sometimes has black or icy road conditions where they might not exist on other road sections. It is also at the only
hydrant on this stretch of road. This spot there is also a change in the horizontal alignment of the road and is where drivers are applying brakes coming down the hill into Lower Graniteville.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation (minutes of August 13, 2014) and authorize the reinstating of the streetlight at GMP Pole #79289 for Graniteville Road.

A light was previously located on Waterman Street across from the Waterman Street Operations building and near Estes Construction. The snowmobile trail crossing is also nearby. The light reinstallation would help to identify where the service road is for our building.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation (minutes of August 13, 2014) and authorize the reinstating of the streetlight at GMP Pole #78609 on Waterman Street.

4) Middle Road: The request was for reinstatement of a streetlight on Middle Road (near #150) as requested by John Salvador & daughter Brenda Buzzell. It was noted there are 4 driveways in the immediate area (2 on each side) of the road. Nearby is the snowmobile crossing as well as a game trail where deer often cross. Speed limit in the area, pedestrian use of the road, and no shoulders were also mentioned.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation (minutes of September 17, 2014) and authorize the reinstating of a streetlight on GMP Pole #40275 on Waterman Street.

A second item on Middle Road is regarding truck traffic signage in the vicinity of Graniteville and Middle Road near the Rock of Ages Visitor Center. The TSAC discussed several options to include size of signs.

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendation (minutes of September 17, 2014) and to authorize to install an additional I-89 sign to the right side of the assembly directly above the sign for Vermont Route 14 and under this place a Truck Route sign with an arrow.

During discussion the Board noted there must be a better sign package to direct trucks over 24,000 lbs. to Quarry Hill Road; the reason Middle Road is not used is due to steepness with no pull-off and winter road conditions causing issues; and traveling down Middle Road from Rock of Ages the vehicle site distance problem associated with turning left (south) onto South Barre Road. The consensus was to ask the TSAC to come up with other signs to look at the Middle Road/Graniteville issue as well as review the issue of turning left onto South Barre Road from Middle Road.

5) Daniels Drive: There has been some additional housing on Daniels Drive. As a result GMP has already placed a light at the end of the Street (#182613) which has not been approved. The builder is also request that another light (Pole #49875) be located at the end of the older section of road near the back side of the cul-de-sac. This is a high density neighborhood.

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (minutes of
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August 13, 2014) and to authorize the installation of streetlights on GMP Poles #49875 and #182613 on Daniels Drive.

FAIRPOINT’S BOND RELEASE FORM

Background: Fairpoint maintains a $10,000 bond on file in case it does not complete work that the Town has to correct or finish. Several weeks ago Fairpoint sent a new bond and asked the Town to sign a release of the old bond. The Selectboard hesitated because of a broken utility pole left standing a very long time along Graniteville Road. The question was who is responsible for removal: Fairpoint or Green Mountain Power? The Selectboard was provided with notice (emails) whereby Green Mountain Power confirmed removal of the pole is their responsibility.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to take Fairpoint’s Bond Release request off the table. This item was tabled during the September 2, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to sign Fairpoint’s bond release form.

UPPER WEBSTERVILLE PICNIC SHELTER BUDGET & PLAYGROUND EXPENSES

Background: In the 2014-2015 Building Fund budget $15,000 was allocated for the Websterville Playground picnic shelter. The concrete work (labor & materials) were donated. A volunteer is building the shelter. Picnic tables were also donated. The cost of the shelter materials was about $2,000. The Recreation Board is asking if the Selectboard would agree to allow the remaining $13,000 in the Building Fund to be used for fence work, a paved path (intended for wheelchair access), and for playground equipment if the first two items do not use the full remaining balance.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the use of the remaining Upper Websterville picnic shelter FY 2014-2015 budgeted funds to be used for fence work, a paved path, and remaining amount for playground equipment.

Mitchell inquired about the repair of other fencing around Town. Rogers stated in each year’s budget money is available for fence repair.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

The Town Manager presented the Selectboard with a copy of an Agreement signed in 2009 with Barre City regarding water billing. The City water bills being presented tonight include a 6% rate increase. According to the agreement, Section 4 (a) and 4 (b) the City must provide the Town with a final budget for the Water Fund and Enterprise Fund and notice the Town prior to approving General Fund budget. The budgets must be accompanied by a complete copy of the annual audit of the City (if available). When the bills were received and new rates noticed the Town Manager contacted the City at the beginning of September and reminded the City of their notification obligations. As stated in the Water Agreement, Section 4 (d), "Should the City refuse to provide the documents within fourteen (14) days of notice from the Town, then no increase in water rates or base charges shall be applied to the Town or to Direct Bill Customers until the documents are provided.” The City did provide only a small section of the complete audit and there was no budget.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the payment of the Barre City water bills at the former rates.
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Mitchell expressed his sadness to see this issue coming to the forefront once again when so much time was spent on trying to ensure a resolution. There was brief discussion with regards to the dispute clause.

On a motion by Tessier seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for September 23, 2014 excluding the Barre City water bill which was authorized in a separate motion.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rogers stated that Bulk Trash this past Saturday was a success. He would like to thank those residents who did such a great job packing their construction. Handling was easy. Even carpets had been cut and rolled to make disposal easy. This really facilitated unloading more quickly. The Websterville Playground was the recipient of donation money and collected $409.00.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell inquired if yellow lines will be painted on the newly paved roads. Rogers stated yes, painting will tentatively begin in mid-October.

Mitchell read the memo from the Town Engineer regarding repairs to the drainage on Quarry Hill Road between Hilltop Restaurant and the Cyr property. With a recent heavy rain he was wondering if things were working better. Rogers stated he did not hear of any complaints.

Mitchell asked for an update on the Websterville Road Solar project. Rogers stated construction will start soon and should be on-line by the end of November.

Mitchell noted there has been no action on a developer’s agreement with Windy Wood Housing LLC. Rogers stating he is working with the principles regarding the securities.

LaClair stated he was amazed by the number of cars on Sterling Hill Road. He was there this weekend and noticed 2 vehicles going up the hill (which is one way down). Unfortunately, he was unable to get a license plate number. Given all the road changes, to include narrowing at the bottom, the cars still come down the too fast and then have to brake hard for the speed humps.

On a personal note Tom White thanked Justice of the Peace Chris Violette for officiating his wedding even though he has been ill.

Tessier wanted to remind those watching that the next public hearing regarding the Public Safety Authority ballot question will be Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard