P.I.L.O.T. Executive session for contract discussion 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 23, 2014.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider awarding contract for installation of guardrail.
8. Consider adopting Resolution #7-14 calling for 2-year freeze on state education property tax rates.
9. Consider adopting 5-Year Gravel Road Plan.
10. Consider adopting policy about charging for municipal services at events and functions.
11. Consider first reading of ordinance reducing the number of Recreation Board members from eight to seven.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
14. "Round the table"
15. Executive Session - if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussion contracts and personnel issues. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:08 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 30, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of September 30, 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, Tom White, and Rolland Tessier. Members absent include: W. John "Jack" Mitchell.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and David Vanderlinde-Abernathy.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend the agenda as follows:
1. Item # 6, add David Vanderlinde-Abernathy to discuss the Thanksgiving 5-K race.
2. Item #13, add the approval of the Windy Wood Housing LLC performance bond and letter of credit.
Selectboard Minutes of September 30, 2014 continued:

3. Item #13, add discussion on the DRAFT Regional Public Safety Authority Memorandum of Understanding.

Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2014. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The second public hearing on the Regional Public Safety Authority will be on October 7th at 7:00 pm. More information is posted on the Town's website.

- The Town will continue to flush the water lines the week of October 6th 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.

- The General Election and Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. Early ballots are now available. Contact the Town Clerk's office for more election information or to request a ballot.

GUESTS

For the past 11 years the Barre Congregational Church has conducted its Thanksgiving Day Gobble Wobble 5K race. The past 2 years the Church has used the Municipal Building as a base. Even with the bitter cold weather last year there was a great turnout. The Town facilities (DPW Yard and Town Offices) handled the event well.

Reverend Vanderlinde-Abernathy was present asking to use the Municipal Building again this, the 12th year. The race is a fund raiser to support the Church outreach program and youth mission trips. Fees are per person and family. You do not have to be a runner to participate; many just walk, including the family pet(s).

The Church has been very cooperative, managed the race well and cleaned up thoroughly. There might be a need for police to temporarily monitor vehicle/pedestrian traffic on a section of road for a very short period of time.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the request of the Barre Congregational Church to use the Town property (roads, municipal building, cones, signs, and DPW Yard), on Thanksgiving Day (November 27, 2014) with the condition they provide a certificate of insurance covering the event and designating the Town an additional insured.

GUARDRAIL INSTALLATION

Background: The Highway Fund budget includes money for guardrail along a certain section of Richardson Road and Clark Road. Bids were sent. The per linear foot bids are lower than the estimate used to prepare the budget. The low bid is from F.R. Lafayette, which has done more guardrail for us than any other company and does a good job.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the Richardson Road and Clark Road guardrail contract to F.R. Lafayette based on their per unit bid price of $9.70 per square foot.
RESOLUTION #7-14 - FREEZE ON STATE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX

Background: White and LaClair attended a statewide Conference on Education Property Tax and Funding Reform on August 14, 2014 which spoke to the current complex system of financing education and to address how Legislature must make reform to this system a priority. The outcome was a resolution which the Selectboards of Dorset, Killington, Huntington, Fairlee, and Council of south Burlington have passed. The resolution calls for a 2-year freeze on education tax rates. A request is being made to ask the Town Selectboard to adopt the resolution and sent it to our Legislative representatives.

During discussion the Selectboard raised a concern that if rates were frozen for two years and other school districts did not do their due diligence to keep their budgets in check the tax rates could increase dramatically. Especially if the school tax rate system is not fixed.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White the Selectboard voted unanimously to table action on this item until they meet with the School Board(s) for more discussion.

5-YEAR GRAVEL ROAD PLAN

Background: The 2016 – 2017 5 Year Gravel Road Plan is being reviewed. Annually the Plan is updated with roads being re-evaluated and scored every other year. There were some minor changes and the addition of the 5th year. This Plan is necessary to assist with the preparation of the FY 15-16 budget.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 5 Year Gravel Road Plan. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

During discussion Blow raised a concern that Budget Committee (5 Selectboard and 5 citizens), as it did last year, revised the Road Plan during hearings. He felt it was necessary that the Selectboard members defend this Plan that staff has worked so hard to prepare.

CHARGING FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT EVENTS & FUNCTIONS

Background: The Assistant Town Manager has been working on a policy to assist with charging for municipal services at events and other functions. On September 2nd the Selectboard made some recommendations. The new draft has been presented for the Boards review.

The group opted for a small change in the De minimus definition and adding an asterisk in the Chart A.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the policy “Charging for Municipal Services” as amended. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

FIRST READING - RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS

Background: The existing Recreation Board ordinance calls for 8 members. It has long been understood the reason for 8 members instead of 7 (boards usually have an odd number to alleviate tie votes) was to allow for appointment of a school board member. This has become an issue with regards to a quorum (for 8 members it is 5 versus for 7 members it is 4). The school appointees usually have a low attendance rate because most recreation board business does not pertain to the school.
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The School Board President suggested it is agreeable to appointing an ex-officio member who would attend meetings when agenda item(s) affect the school. An ex-officio can discuss business but does not have a vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only “Town of Barre, Washington County, Vermont, An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Reducing The Number Of Park And Recreation Commissioners From Eight To Seven.” Mitchell was not present for the vote.

There were no comments.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance the “Town of Barre, Washington County, Vermont, An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Reducing The Number Of Park And Recreation Commissioners From Eight To Seven” to a second reading (public hearing) on October 14, 2014. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for September 30, 2014. Blow abstained due to an employer conflict and Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Assistant Town Manager stated he would be bringing a grant application to the Board in the near future. It would require a 50/50 match of which we already have our funding and would be used to upgrade existing playgrounds.

Playground updates: A new picnic shelter has been erected and the area prepared for the ADA paved pathway at the Websterville playground. Good news is at the Lower Graniteville playground many the rail posts can be used again so this will help monies go further with the installation of fencing at the various playgrounds.

Windy Wood Housing LLC: The Town Manager stated the financing is in place regarding the performance bond and letter of credit for Windy Wood Housing LLC. He is seeking approval for the financing package and Development Agreement.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept the Performance Bond/Letter of Credit for Windy Wood Housing LLC. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Development Agreement with Windy Wood Housing LLC. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

Draft Regional Public Safety Authority Memorandum of Understanding:
The draft was just received by the Board. Blow felt it was important for the Board to review the document prior to the public hearing next week. He did stress this is a work in progress.

It was noted the Public Safety Authority did hear our concerns and have addressed a few. One is to not create debt/bonding and only spend the money they have. Additional grants could be applied for if more dollars are needed. This memorandum of understanding (MOU) only addresses the administration side of services and is considered to be an “interim” document.
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Concerns are that the MOU still does not address what to do if we do not agree with the MOU. LaClair feels that any items omitted from the charter should be included in the MOU.

The interim MOU will be posted on the Town’s website for public review prior to the next meeting.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier stated he had been contacted about having a streetlight reinstalled. All requests should be made to the Town Engineer.

White reminded residents that effective October 1, 2014 it will be illegal to use handheld cell phone devices while driving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard