BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
October 21, 2014

P.I.O.T. Department Head visits 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 October 14, 2014.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider adopting Resolution #8-14 in recognition and appreciation of Jeffrey Stratton.
8. Presentation of Vermont Economic Resiliency initiative (VERI).
10. Consider Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendations: a) top of Middle Road truck sign; b) Middle Road advance green light.
11. Consider final reading and adopting an ordinance reducing the number of Recreation Board members from eight to seven.
12. Consider meeting plans for November 4 (Election Day).
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
15. "Round the table"
16. Executive Session – (if needed).
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
October 21, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of October 21, 2014 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:05 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeff Blow, Robert LaClair, Tom White, Rolland Tessier, and 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, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, DPW Shop Foreman Mike Martel, Paul McGinley, Joanne Tibbits, Marion Stratton, Jeffrey C. Stratton, Jacques Martel, Tom Bailey, Scott Lamson, Michael Woodard, Paul McGinley, and Daniel Currier.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend the agenda as follows:
1. Change the order by doing item 9 before item 8; and
2. Item 14, add the Final Interim MOU for the CVRPSA for discussion.

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2014.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Holden Road lawn waste site is open. Hours are: Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - Noon; Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Sunday's Noon - 4:00 p.m.

- With daylight hours in decline; walkers, runners and cyclists using the road in the dark should take precautions to increase visibility. Please be alert and watch for the pedestrians and cyclists while driving in the dark.

- The General Election and Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. Early ballots are now available. The deadline to register to vote in these elections is Wednesday, October 29th. To register or request a ballot contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391.

- There was one clarification for last week's announcement regarding the ban of cell phones. It is not illegal to use a cellphone while driving. It IS illegal to have that cellphone in your hand while driving. Cellphones may be used with a Bluetooth hands-free device.

GUESTS - None

RESOLUTION #8-14 - JEFFREY STRATTON

Background: As is past practice, the Selectboard is being asked to adopt a resolution honoring Jeffrey Stratton for his 36 years of work with Barre Town. He is retiring on November 1st.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #8-14, Expressing Its Appreciation To Jeffrey C. Stratton For Thirty-Six Years Of Service In Barre Town's Public Works Department.

Mr. Stratton thanked the Board for the opportunity to work at Barre Town. The various departments do such a great job and work well together. While it is a little bittersweet leaving, he will not miss having to plow, sand, and salt during the miserable snow storms and will be thinking of the crews and their safety. He introduced his mother Marion Stratton and his sister Joanne Tibbits.

Many retirees (Gino Salvatori, Jack Martel, Scott Lamson, Mike Houston) and Public Works employees (Richard Tetreault, Mike Martel, Mike Woodard and Tom Bailey) were present and recited stories. Some of the more memorable items were Jeff's ability to talk, talk, talk, even though it was 3:00 a.m.; when asked how things were going there was the inevitable "Oh you know....work, work, work, suffer, suffer, suffer."; his ability to operate any piece of equipment with expertise; and his cool, calm, collected manner. Paul McGinley, Barre Town resident and former Town Manager hired Jeff Stratton and expressed gratitude for his many years of service.

Mr. Stratton was given a plaque and there was a photo-op.

CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF DUMP BODY AND PLOW PACKAGE

Background: In the current fiscal year Equipment Fund budget $160,000 was allocated to buy a new 6-wheel dump truck with body, plow, and wing. In July the Selectboard accepted R.R. Charlesbois' offer and authorized the purchase of a 2015 Freightliner to match the one ordered late in 2013. The price was the same: $89,470. That truck should be delivered before mid-November.
This contract is for mounting a dump body and attaching a front plow and wing plow. Specifications were sent to two companies, and we received bids from each. The low bidder was H.P. Fairfield at $59,790. The other bid was from Tenco at $61,381. H.P. Fairfield would sell an Everest body. Tenco offers a Tenco made body.

The DPW Superintendent asked for an option buy a body vibrator to help keep sand, salt, and wet dirt flowing to the spreader or tailgate. Fairfield’s price for that is $900. With the optional vibrator the total cost for this truck (cab, chassis plus body, plow, and wing) comes to $150,160 which is well under budget.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the purchase of a dump body, plow and wing package, with optional vibrator, to H.P. Fairfield at the price of $60,690.

VERMONT ECONOMIC RESILIENCY INITIATIVE (VERI)

Background: VERI is a Vermont Department of Economic Development Project which is grant funded. The Selectboard heard about this last April and agreed Barre Town would participate. The problem the State seeks to address is loss of economic activity after a flood either because the business is damaged, the business is inaccessible due to road damage, or the customer base is scattered due to damage. Barre is one of 5 locations in the State selected for a study. In Barre, the State is looking at the Gunner’s Brook. Dan Currier, Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC), is serving as the local point of contact and will be present to give a 15 minute presentation and take questions.

Mr. Currier’s power point provided the following data:
- The study of Gunner’s Brook will include how to make us more proactive and resilient to recovery;
- Storm events involving flooding are on the rise with 14 events in the past 12 years;
- Debris can impact properties even if they are not in a flood plain;
- There is a need to identify, with the help of the local community, properties in need and take steps to minimize disaster and prepare for recovery;
- The first public forum is October 27, 2014, Aldrich Public Library, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.;
- The final report is expected in March 2015.

Board members raised concerns that the State’s “no dredging” of rivers and streams might be contributing to the flooding in some areas. Perhaps there should be a “State maintenance” program to assist with some of the buildup in streambeds.

Mitchell and blow will try to attend the meeting.

TRAFFIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MIDDLE ROAD

Background: The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) has made recommendations regarding diverting Truck traffic on Middle Road to the designated truck routes. Recommendations are:
- Top of Middle Road at its intersection with Graniteville Road. The truck route sign change was approved. Now the attempt is to send a clearer message that trucks are not permitted on Middle Road. TSAC recommends replacing an existing weight limit sign with one reading “No Trucks Over 24,000 lbs. Except by Permit only” and to place a yellow “state law” sign above it.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Recommendation for the top of Middle Road at its intersection with Graniteville Road and to replace the existing weight limit sign with one reading “No Trucks Over 24,000 lbs. Except by Permit only” and a yellow “state law” sign above it.
b). The second is for the traffic light at the bottom of Middle Road (intersects with Route 14 and Route 63). TSAC recommends directing the Manager to request a green left turn arrow for Middle Road at Route 14 and if VTrans will not make that change then to request an advance green light on Middle Road.

   *On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Recommendation to direct the Manager to request a green left turn arrow for Middle Road at Route 14 and if VTrans will not make that change then to request an advance green light on Middle Road.*

**FINAL READING & ADOPTION OF RECREATION BOARD AMENDMENT**

   Background: This is the third and final reading to reduce the number of Recreation Board members from 8 to 7.

   *On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only “An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Reducing The Number Of Park And Recreation Commissioners From Eight To Seven.”*

   *On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to adopt “An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Reducing The Number Of Park And Recreation Commissioners From Eight To Seven.”*

**MEETING PLANS FOR ELECTION DAY - NOVEMBER 4TH**

   Background: Typically the Selectboard meets on election day, whether it is town meeting day (March) or general election day (November). The Manager is asking this Board if they wish to meet on Election Day.

   The consensus is not hold a meeting on November 4th.

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

   *On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for October 21, 2014.*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

   Blow presented the most recent interim Memorandum Of Understanding for the Central Vermont Regional Public Safety Authority. The City will be voting on this item. He noted that in paragraph 3 it states that if the initial MOU is rejected, the remaining members may continue at their mutual discretion with a revised cost sharing agreement that shares expenses proportionately amongst the agreeing members.

**‘ROUND THE TABLE**

   Mitchell inquired on the progress of the solar farm. Rogers relayed that the project will begin tomorrow, October 22nd. He noted the draining of a retention pond will need to take place prior to any construction. This could be delayed due to the rainy weather forecast.

   Mitchell also noted there are pot holes on a couple of different places on Church Hill Road. The one by the Estes property belongs to the Websterville Fire District and they should be contacted to have it fixed before the plant closes. The second one is near John Carpenter’s house at the top of the hill. Rogers stated the Town removed an old culvert from that section of road and the area is continuing to settle.
Selectboard Minutes of October 21, 2014 continued:

Tessier reminded those watching that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 regarding the Central Vermont Regional Public Safety Authority Memorandum of Understanding to take comment and answer questions for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on November 4, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard