P.I.L.O.T. Budget Reports

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announce changes to agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of November 18, 2014.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discuss response to Richard & Johannah Currier’s firefighting services questions.
8. Discuss 5 Year paved Road Plan.
9. Discuss solar farms: a) consent agreement regarding farm #1; b) site and lease agreement matters for #2.
10. Discuss public survey about Town Report content.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
13. “Round the table”
14. Executive Session – (personnel).
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 25, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of November 25, 2014 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:13 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Fire Chief Christopher Violette, and Times Argus Reporter Dave Delcore.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:13 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 amend item 9A to include taking action.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2014 with the following corrections:

1. Page 1, Minutes, first sentence delete the names of LaClair and White and replace them with Tessier and LaClair, respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The fourth quarter Town Newsletter should have arrived or is in your mailbox. If you have not found yours, visit the Town Office to get your copy.
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- Winter sand is available for Barre Town residents outside of the Public Works fence. This service is only offered to residents. Please follow instructions posted at the sand pile.

- When clearing snow from your property remember that no snow is to be pushed across or into a town road, highway, or public sidewalk. Doing so could result in fines of $60 to $210 per offense.

GUESTS - None

CURRIER RESPONSE TO FIREFIGHTING QUESTIONS

Background: The Town Manager and Fire Chief prepared responses for Richard & Johannah Currier's firefighting services questions. The Board received the responses prior to the meeting for review.

Chief Violette stated the Curriers received a copy of the responses. They were invited to the meeting but were not sure they could attend. He stated the couple seem to be okay with the answers as presented.

5-YEAR PAVED ROAD PLAN

Background: Annually the 5-Year Paved Road Plan is updated. This document is an important tool in preparing next fiscal year's budget. Every other year the staff check and score every paved road. Something new in the scoring process this year is to categorize all roads by priority. Category 1 is the highest priority roads, such as Quarry Hill. Category 6 is the lowest priority roads such as Norris Street (very short dead end residential streets with very few houses). With the help of the paving history book each road category is assigned a life cycle. Categories 1, 2, and 3 have a 10 year life (or interval between paving); and a 12 year life to Categories 4, 5, and 6. The length of each road is included. Using this information category totals and assigned pavement duration produce a target for how much paving needs to be done per year to keep roads in decent shape.

The Year 1 of the proposed Plan (FY 2015-2016) was given to the Board for review. Discussion focused on paving types, spot repairs, category ratings, and currently there is less reconstruction and more maintenance as gravel roads are paved.

The full plan will be approved at a later date.

WEBSTERVILLE ROAD SOLAR FARM(S)

Background: A. The Town Manager received an email regarding the Solar Farm (#1 which is under construction) requesting the Town approve and sign an agreement consenting to transfer the project from one investment group to the financing company. The agreement is 19 pages and the Town Attorney has reviewed it. There are no issues. Action will be needed no later than the December 2nd meeting. B) The Manager and DPW Superintendent met with Novus to look at the siting a second solar farm next to the first one.

A) On a motion by LaClair, seconded to White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager or Assistant Town Manager to sign the Consent Agreement regarding the Websterville Road Solar Farm project #1.

B) Rogers stated the DPW, for convenience sake uses the area Novus wants to use for stockpiling material. The area they would have to move to does have water issues from a group pile and feels there would be some maintenance issues to address. Alex Bravakis stated he knows this section is prime acreage and the backers may be willing to pay a little more in the lease. The consensus of the Selectboard is to get an offer.
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from NOVUS for the second farm and bring the information back to the Board for future discussion.

DISCUSS TOWN REPORT PUBLIC SURVEY CONTENT

Background: A draft survey form was given to the Board for review prior to the meeting. The though was to finish the form and post it on the website. Front Porch Forum would also be used to alert those several hundred users to complete the survey. Copies could also be made and inserted in Town Report books at the stores now. The purpose of the survey is to get public input before December 16. Management is looking for feedback.

During discussion it was noted that the survey can not only be completed in paper form but will be available through Survey Monkey. The Assistant Town Manager stated he would provide copies of a “slimmed down” finance report instead of the full audit being printed in the Town Report.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for November 25, 2014 and to add the City of Barre sewer bill in the amount of $114,784.61. Blow abstained due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier inquired as to the changes Windy Wood Housing LLC was planning to their development plan. Nothing has been submitted for the December Development Review Board. Rogers stated the Engineer and Zoning Administrator will be meeting soon. Information will be passed along as soon as it is available.

Mitchell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mitchell also expressed pleasure with the new color Cemetery brochure. He felt there was an abundance of very useful information. Good job!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously voted to go into executive session at 9:04 p.m. to discuss personnel and labor contracts whereby premature knowledge would put the town at a disadvantage.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:42 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard