BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
December 2, 2014

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 25, 2014.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discussion regarding second solar farm.
8. Consider approving Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendations: a) relocate equestrian sign on Cutler Corner Road; and b) add Hidden Drive signs on Cutler Corner Road near #33.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
10. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
11. "Round the table"
12. Executive Session – (real estate) – action possible

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
December 2, 2014

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of December 2, 2014 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:04 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: Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, DPW Richard Tetreault, Alex Bravakis, Loy Bravakis, and Town Attorney Michael Monte.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend item 10 to include taking action on a catering permit.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2014 with the following corrections:

1. Page 3. Town Report, second sentence, delete the word though and insert the word “thought.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 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.
Selectboard Minutes of December 2, 2014 continued:

- Serving on a Board or Commission is one way residents can volunteer and get involved with their Town government. The Budget Committee recruitment process is now open. If interested in serving the community in this vital role, please submit a letter of interest to the Town Manager's office. Please visit the Town's website or refer to the latest town newsletter for more information.

- The Town is conducting a survey and would greatly appreciate your responses. Your answers will help us build Barre a Town Report that meets the needs of the community and provides a useful format for residents. A hard copy of the survey can be obtained at the Town Office or the survey can be taken online by visiting the Town's website. Surveys must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 16th.

- Please be advised, the Police Department indicates that home burglaries and car reach-ins are on the rise. Remember to remove valuables from vehicles and keep home and vehicle doors locked!

GUESTS - None

DISCUSSION REGARDING SECOND SOLAR FARM

Background: The purpose of this agenda item is to advance discussion regarding a second solar array on town land. Last week the Selectboard heard the site preferences from NOVUS energy and the Department of Public Works (DPW) which include the same area.

Alex and Lou Bravakis were present. A revised Solar Project #2 outline of revenue/cost projections reviewed. Major changes included lease payment of $8,000 for years 1 - 10, and $8,500 for years 11 -20; $9,000 for years 21 - 25; and price to be determined at time of renewal for years 26 - 35. The project will in addition to the annual lease make a one-time payment of $20,000 at the time the system is commissioning.

DPW Superintendent Tetreault stated he was not kept in the loop with regards to the current solar farm siting which has some minor revisions and created some stockpiling issues. For the second farm using the less than prime site would require, at minimum, drainage and clearing of land. There is also a concern there would not be enough cleared area (2 - 3 acres) for DPW material stockpiling (asphalt, sand, rock, etc.).

Lou Bravakis stated he would have his Engineer (at no cost to the Town) visit the site to see if the acreage needed by the DPW could be found elsewhere which would allow NOVUS to use the prime site. Consensus of the Board is to have a site visit this Friday (December 5th) at 10:00 a.m. so everyone can see firsthand what the issue(s) are.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Background: The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) during their November 19th meeting changes to the location of an equestrian sign on Cutler Corner (moving from #289 to approximately #353) and to install a new Hidden Drives sign on Cutler Corner Road.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to relocate the existing “Equestrian” advisory symbol sign from #289 Cutler Corner Road to the top of the hill near the corner at #353 Cutler corner Road for outbound traffic; exact location to be determined by the Town Engineer.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to install a new “Hidden Drives” advisory sign roughly 200’ west of the Equestrian advisory sign for outbound traffic near the #330 Cutler Corner Road at a location to be determined by the Town Engineer.
WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for December 2, 2014 and to add the Washington County Treasurer second installment tax payment in the amount of $26,066.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign a "Request to Cater Malt and Vinous Beverages & Spirituous Liquors: for Cornerstone Restaurant Group Inc. who will be catering an event on December 11, 2014, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at 663 South Barre Road.

Asst. Manager Dorsett informed the Selectboard the Town has been awarded a $24,000 Recreation Grant. The proceeds will be used to complete the Websterville Playground renovations.

In 2015 the join City/Town Recreation Boards Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Barre Town Recreational Facility.

The GIS mobile application being developed by UVM students has finished the first hurdle and will be presented to the Recreation Board at their January 5th meeting. To finish the application Dorsett will be looking for grant funding to continue with the process. One of the students who assisted with the application development would like to continue working with the Town to finish the project.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell stated he may not be available for the Solar Farm site visit this Friday due to schedule conflicts.

Mitchell stated he would like to see a thank-you letter sent to the Fireman who painted the East Barre Fire Station. The Staff will draft the letter and bring it back to the Board for signatures.

Mitchell would like an update on the Ancient Roads progress as the deadline is fast approaching.

Mitchell noted he has a copy of the new Police Union contract at his desk – how are we proceeding. Dorsett stated the contract was given so it could be reviewed and will be discussed at next week's Selectboard meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session to discuss real estate whereby premature knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss real estate and to invite Attorney Michael Monte.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:12 p.m.
REAL ESTATE ACTION

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously authorize the Manager or Assistant Town Manager to sign a letter of intent with the Vermont Foodbank for the purchase of 1.57 acres of land in the Wilson Industrial Park off Parker Road.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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