BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
February 10, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Budget Committee- Sewer, Cemetery, and Highway Fund budgets 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announce changes to agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of February 3, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider purchasing extended warranty for new dump truck.
8. Consider approving repairs to large vibrating roll.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous, including permits, licenses, and legislative report (if any).
12. “Round the table”
13. Executive Session – real estate, labor contract negotiations.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
February 10, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of February 10, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 8:44 p.m.

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

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

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:44 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Barre Town’s Budget Committee meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room (Municipal Building) through March 31st. The public is encouraged to attend. Budgets will be available on the website as they are completed. And remember, while the Budget Committee is active the Selectboard meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m.

• Please make note property tax and sewer payments are due TUESDAY, February 17th. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on tax day to accommodate the taxpayers.
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- On February 21st the Town will host its annual Budget Tour. Join your neighbors, friends, and town staff for this community event. The tour is at no charge and includes coffee, juice, doughnuts, and great conversation. An engaging question and answer session will grow your understanding of Town operations and their relationship to budget requests. All ages are welcome! Tour bus starts rolling at 8:00 a.m. For more information call the Town Manager’s office at 479-9331.

- Home owners must file a Homestead Declaration Form, even if you do not file a State Tax Return, with the Vermont Department of Taxes by April 15th to receive the homestead tax rate, avoid penalties and receive adjustments on their property taxes. For more information contact the Vermont Department of Taxes (1-866-292-2865) or your accountant.

- The first quarter Town Newsletter has arrived in mailboxes. If you have not found yours, visit the Town Office to get a copy.

- This year’s Rabies Clinic will be held at the South Barre Fire Station, South Barre Road on Saturday March 14th from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost is $14 per vaccination. All dogs must be on a leash and cats crated. For more information call 479-2595.

- The Barre Town Selectboard and Planning Commission will be hold a joint public hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Municipal Building for the purpose of taking public comment on the proposed AT&T 120’ cell tower to be located at the end of Fisher Road (gravel pit). If you are unable to make the hearing and would like more information contact the Town Manager’s Office at 479-9391.

**GUESTS - None**

**EXTENDED WARRANTY FOR NEW DUMP TRUCK**

**Background:** When the Selectboard approved the purchase of the 2015 Freightliner 6-wheel dump truck last summer and fall they held off purchasing the extended warranty until the Shop Foreman did some research.

The Town budgeted $160,000 for the truck and it cost $150,160. The DPW Superintendent and Shop Foreman are recommending buying the 96 month Protection Plan 1 (PP1), the Allison Transmission 96 month warranty ($1,530) and the towing coverage ($830) for a total of $9,060.

The Selectboard received information on savings due to warranties that have been purchased in the past. Even with buying these warranties the Town will stay within budget. Mitchell expressed his disappointment that we have to purchase warranties and that equipment is not built to last.

*On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of extended warranties [the 96 month Protection Plan 1 (PP1), the Allison Transmission 96 month warranty ($1,530) and the towing coverage ($830)] for the 2015 Freightliner 6-wheel dump truck for $9,060.*

**REPAIRS TO LARGE VIBRATING ROLL**

**Background:** The Town owns a large 1995 Ingersoll-Rand vibrating roll. CR Woods is now the local dealer for that brand. The Town uses the roll for compacting gravel roads, gravel base before paving, and for compacting utility trenches when wide enough. Last summer the Selectboard approved a $7,000 repair to the equipment rear-end. At that
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Time, research on the internet found comparable machines were selling for $25,000 to $30,000. After that repair another repair (gear box on roll) was needed. Now the roll needs a hydraulic gear pump and is out of time. CR Woods has quoted $11,925 for the repairs.

A new roll is in the proposed FY 2015-2016 Equipment Fund budget. If the roll were in good working order its estimated book value is $25,000. With these new repairs, the repair cost total would be $26,000. A loss of $1,000 (repairs minus sale value). However, if we do not repair it now, the cost will increase to $14,000. The DPW Superintendent and Shop Foreman agree that selling the roll in the “as is condition” the sale price would be $1,000 - $3,000. Looking at the numbers doing another repair appears to be the best way to go. The roll’s motor is strong; rust is not an issue, and the only major system that has not been replaced/overhauled is the hydraulic pump for the vibrator.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize repairing the large vibratory roll in the amount of $11,925 (as quoted by CR Woods) to repair the hydraulic gear pump and to have it timed.

The Selectboard noted the cost of financing a new roll and stated that given the number of repairs the machine has had over the years they would like to have a discussion with the Superintendent on how to proceed with sale/trade-in/keep for a little longer.

RESOLUTION #1-15: RENEWABLE ENERGY

Background: Barre Town is being asked to join Rutland Town and ask the Legislature to amend the law by giving municipalities a more meaningful role in the state decision-making process with regards to permitting a solar farm. If approved the Resolution would be sent to our two Town Representatives and three County Senators.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 1-15, To Increase The Input of Vermont Municipalities Regarding the Siting of Renewable Energy Projects In Certificate Of Public Good Proceedings Before The Public Service Board.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for February 10, 2015. Blow recused himself due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS

Asst. Manager Dorsett stated there was an incident (snowmobiler and cyclist) on the snowmobile trail in the Town Forest this past weekend. The trails, groomed by the Snowmobile Club, are shared with bike users. He would like to remind all users that the trails are shared, to please be respectful of each other, and be mindful when it comes to safety.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier inquired how the Town was doing with the salt supply. Rogers stated with the bills being paid tonight we are right on budget. Further discussion noted the Town did not try the salt additive spoke of earlier in the season. In January when ordering we were told it was unavailable.

LaClair noted he was late for the budget meeting as a result of the public hearing on background checks for gun control at the State House. The hearing began at 5:30 p.m. and it appeared it may go past the 8:00 p.m. ending time.
The Barre Town Charter amendments will come out of the Senate Committee soon and go to the floor for vote.

The next big item for review is the Governor’s Budget (payroll tax) and the proposed increases in State user fees.

White announced he will be on vacation February 17 – 24, 2015.

Mitchell stated he has been receiving phone calls about high snow banks at intersections and the narrowing of village side streets. Rogers stated with the break in snow storms the DPW priority has been restocking the sand. However, the graders have been pushing back banks. They are looking to start snow removal from the village streets, weather permitting, Wednesday or Friday of this week.

Blow inquired if the School Board representatives are coming to a Selectboard meeting to give their Annual budget presentation. No plans had been made. He will contact the Superintendent and Elementary/High School Chairs to see if they could come to our meeting on February 17th.

Blow once again gave a quick reminder of the Citizen Budget Tour on Saturday February 21st. If you have never attended the tour is 3 to 4 hours, a quick and easy way to learn about the Town in a short amount of time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need for executive where premature public knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss labor contract negotiations and real estate at 9:13 p.m.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 10:13 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:14 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer        Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard