BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
March 17, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Budget Review - General Fund 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of March 17, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider designating volunteer group for spring bulk trash collection.
9. Consider approving and authorizing signing of FEMA sub-grant agreement.
10. Consider approving and authorize signing of amendment to Novus Barre Town Solar Construction, Maintenance and Access Easement Agreement.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits and legislative report, if any.
13. “Round the table”
14. Resume budget review 8:20 p.m.
15. Executive session: personnel and labor contract negotiations

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
March 17, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 17, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:05 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Robert LaClair, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Jeff Blow. Those absent were “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 Times Argus Reporter Dave Delcore.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend agenda item #12 to add taking action on a 2015 Liquor License for Quarry Hill Quick Stop and an equipment repair authorization. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of March 17, 2015. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Town of Barre is accepting applications for several seasonal jobs. The jobs include: a full-time, seasonal Cemetery Sexton/Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; a full-time seasonal Cemetery laborer; four summer help positions with the Public
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Works Department: and a summer help position with the Cemetery and Recreation Divisions. To learn more about the jobs visit the Town's website or call 479-9331, applications are due by March 23rd.

- April 1st is the last day to license your dog to avoid paying a 50% penalty.
- The Town is looking for season volunteers to help with maintaining the “butterfly garden” on Websterville Road and volunteers to oversee the Holden Road lawn waste site. Please call 479-9331 for more information.
- The annual Barre City and Barre Town Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Barre Town Recreation Facility on Websterville Road. The egg hunt is for families with children from the ages of 3 to 10.
- The Parks and Recreation Commission is now offering free introduction to Pickle Ball sessions on Sundays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. beginning on March 22, 2015 at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary school. For more information or to sign up call the Town Office. Outdoor session will begin once tennis courts are clear.
- For more information on any of these announcements visit www.barretown.org.

GUESTS – None

VOLUNTEER GROUP FOR SPRING BULK TRASH

Background: This year Spaulding High School 2015 Project Graduation would like to be designated the volunteer group to solicit donations at the spring bulk trash event. Project Grad has been named the spring volunteer group for many years in a row. The seniors and parents provide good help.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to name Spaulding High School’s 2015 Project Graduation the volunteer group to help at the spring bulk trash collection and to solicit donations at the event. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ROCK OF AGES UNREGISTERED VEHICLES ROAD CROSSING PERMITS

Background: Rock of Ages has 10 large, off road trucks and loaders. State law requires owners of the large construction and mining equipment to get town approval, if the equipment must be operated across a public road. The crossing points for all 10 vehicles and the conditions are the same as the Town has seen year-after-year. The permit fee (set by the state) was paid.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and sign 10 Rock of Ages’ permits to operate unregistered vehicles across a town highway at points listed on said permits. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

APPROVE & AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF FEMA SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

Background: This agenda item is for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant which will help pay for a new emergency power generator at the public works truck garage. The primary motivation for seeking funding from the HMGP is to be able to operate our Public Works fuel pumps, (which are also used by the police, fire and EMS), in the event of a power outage.

The local match for the generator and installation costs are included in the proposed FY 15-16 Equipment Fund budget. Work will be completed after July 1, 2015.
There are two (2) grants. The larger grant ($5,175) is for the generator and the smaller one is for our grant management expenses allowed by FEMA ($104). The Town will bear the entire cost of installation.

These are sub-grant agreements because FEMA awarded money to the Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, which is passing the grant money along to Barre Town. The agreements have been reviewed by the staff.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign FEMA HMGP sub-grant agreement #02140-34000-105 which awards $5,175 for the purchase of a generator. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Manager to sign FEMA HMGP sub-grant agreement #02140-34000MC-105 which awards $104 for management costs. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

**APPROVE & AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO SOLAR CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT**

Background: Main Street Power Company, the owners of the solar site (#1), located off Websterville Road, requested an amendment to the Construction, Maintenance, and Access Easement Agreement to provide a legal description that matches the solar farm as built. The Town Attorney reviewed the amendment and found nothing objectionable. The new description now have metes and bounds close and is situated on 3.51 acres: .01 acre more than estimated.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amendment for the Main Street Power Company Construction, Maintenance, and Access Easement Agreement to solar farm #1 (located off Websterville Road) and to authorize the Town Manager to sign said agreement. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for March 17, 2015. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Alcohol License:** On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the signing of the following 2015 Alcohol Licenses:

1. Second Class for Scott & Cheryl McCarthy LLC, dba Quarry Hill Quick Stop.

Mitchell was not present for the vote.

**Excavator repair:** The Public Works has a Cat excavator at Southworth-Milton Cat. The estimated repair cost is $4,025 which is over the threshold for requiring Selectboard approval. The items to be repaired include 2 leaking brake lines over the steering cylinder, re-bush and pin the twist-a-wrist and bucket, and diagnose a cab heater (fan) problem.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the repairs for the Cat excavator by Southworth-Milton Cat. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

Assistant Manager Dorsett stated that he and several Department Heads attended a meeting with the Department of Public Safety for the purpose assessing Town needs for training. It was very productive and more information will be forthcoming.
'ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

LaClair noted things have picked up in Legislature. Cross-over day (where bills move from House to Senate/Senate to House) for bills with no money attached to them was last Friday. Cross-over day for those that have money attached will be this week. There was also a hearing on the PSAP (emergency dispatch centers) consolidations. One big concern is for smaller communities who currently do not pay for dispatch service but will have to pay large dollars for the service if the consolidations takes place.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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