P.I.O.T. Budget Wrap Up 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
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. Presentation by Thunder chickens Snowmobile Club.
8. Public hearing for VCDP grant application on behalf of Central Vermont Montessori School.
9. Consider adopting Resolution No. 2-15 authorizing a VCDP grant application and letter on behalf of Montessori School.
10. Reports from agencies seeking voter approved donations:
   a) Central Vermont Council on Aging
   b) Sexual Assault Crisis Team
   c) Barre Area Senior Center
   d) Project Independence
   e) Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits and legislative report, if any.
14. “Round the table”
15. Executive session: personnel and labor contract negotiations

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
March 24, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 24, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:15 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Zoning Administrator Chris Violette, Dave Rouleau, Linda Mercy, Lulah Lavery, Donna Rouleau, Kristen Martin, Scott Robbins (CVCOA), Ally Manousos (S.A.C.T.), Bob Brault (Barre Area Senior Center), Dee Rollins (Project Independence), Sandy Rouse, Dan Pudvah, & Allison White (CVHH&H), and Times Argus Reporter Dave Delcore.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

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 March 17, 2015.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Town of Barre is accepting applications for several seasonal jobs. The jobs include a full-time Cemetery Sexton/Recreation Maintenance Supervisor; a full-time seasonal cemetery laborer; four summer help positions with the public works department; and a summer help position with the cemetery and recreation divisions. To learn more about the jobs visit the Town’s website (www.barretown.org) or call 479-9331, applications are due by April 1st.

• April 1st is the last day to register your dog to avoid paying a 50% penalty.

• The Town is looking for seasonal 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 ages of three to ten.

• 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, 2014 at the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School. For more information or to sign up call the Town Office. Outdoor sessions will begin once tennis courts are clear.

• Early enrollment for Barre’s summer Tennis Camp is now open. There are sessions for youth, adults, and one for families. For more information contact Coach Cleveland at 802-279-2679. Register early to ensure you get a space.

• For more information on any of these announcements visit www.barretown.org.

GUESTS – None

THUNDER CHICKENS SNOWMOBILE CLUB PRESENTATION

Background: The Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club held their annual ride-in, poker run fund-raising event in early February to benefit the Travis Mercy Skate Park. Over the many years the Club has been doing this they have raised over $20,000 for the Skate Park.

Dave Rouleau informed those present it was an “awesome” event. Mother Nature cooperated beautifully and there were around 60 riders. This year’s donation is $5,342 which more than doubles the average collected amount for the past 14 years.

Linda Mercy stated there were so many businesses and individuals who donated their times, services, and products. Randy Henry donated his cooking time, Maplewood donated the food, and the School (first time held there) was so hospitable.

This year’s proceeds will be used to install a new ramp, do another learn to skateboard event, have a “fun day,” and do some painting. She is so thankful there is very little vandalism at the park. She thanked the Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club for support over the years for this event.

PUBLIC HEARING – VCDP GRANT FOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Background: A few weeks ago the Selectboard gave the Central Vermont Montessori School the green light to start working on a community development block grant application. Julie Bond (Montessori School) decided she would like to try finishing the
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application in time for the April 6th cutoff date. This public hearing is a required step in preparing the application.

The process is that someone (Martin Reality or Associates) would buy the Knights of Columbus building and lease it to the School. The School would get a sub-grant from Barre Town to use for ADA compliance measures (mostly handicap accessibility to the basement). The grant request is going to be about $200,000.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to open the public hearing at 8:24 p.m.

Kristen Martin gave a brief overview of the grant request and how the proceeds would be used.

Manager Rogers stated there would be no local match to the grant application.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION #2-15 – AUTHORIZE A VCDPT GRANT FOR MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Background: The Resolution is necessary for the Town Staff to submit the application that the Montessori School is preparing. It state the Selectboard authorizes submission of the application. The Zoning Administrator will need to write a letter stating the project is consistent with the Town Plan.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve Resolution #2-15, “A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont in Support of and Authorizing the Vermont Community Development Program Grant Application for the Montessori School,” and to authorize the Zoning Administrator to write a letter stating the project is consistent with the Town Plan.

REPORTS FROM AGENCIES SEEKING VOTER APPROVED DONATIONS

Background: In February the Selectboard stated they would like to talk with 4 (of the 16 on the ballot) agencies that receive the greatest amount of donation from the voters, plus the staff was to pick one at random - Sexual Assault Crisis Team. The Selectboard will be hearing reports from the 4 largest donations and the group with the smallest donation.

1. Central Vermont Council on Aging ($6,000) – Scott Robbins
   Mr. Robbins stated the Agency serves 54 Towns - all provide funding for services. Those services include: case management and informational assistance programs (no charge to participants); a senior help line (connects individuals to services they want/need); assist with smaller projects which do not include long-term compliance; provide a nutrition program (big part of budget); assist with Medicare enrollment; and support family care givers.

2. Sexual Assault Crisis Team ($350) – Ally Manousos
   Ms. Manousos stated the agency provides support for individuals/families that have experienced sexual violence. The majority of funding is from Federal dollars and has restricted uses. The monies raised through ballot questions pays for those items not covered by the federal dollars.

   Services include: advocacy, legal assistance, medical reporting, counseling, 24 hours hotline, sexual violence education with schools (healthy relationships and safe sex for older students), and provides shelter for both men and women. The shelter is ADA compliance. This past year 2 Barre Town residents have used the shelter.
3. Barre Area Senior Center ($7,500) - Bob Brault

The Senior Center recently moved to a new location - Wall Street Complex in Barre City. As a result of the added space there has been an expansion in offerings.

There are 350 very active members from Montpelier, East Montpelier, Barre City, Barre Town (around 150 – 200 participants), Berlin, and Williamstown. The program activities provided include: line dancing/exercise, health clinics, tax preparation, meals, and travel trips. Dues are not collected, but the Center does ask for a $25 sponsorship. Those who do not pay can still participate in all offerings. Currently the Center and GMTA are working to create a new/revised route which would include stops at the Senior Center and the Barre Internal Medicine, which is just down the road.

4. Project Independence ($5,500) - Dee Rollins

Ms. Rollins noted the PI serves 23 towns with 19 of those participating consistently. A total of 118 individuals (40 per day) use the facility. The clients have medical issues ranging from stroke, dementia, brain injury, or even Parkinson’s. PI provides breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack and is a certified Adult Days facility.

Bus service is provided at a big cost. Unfortunately, insurance reimbursements fall through the cracks and do not apply for this type of care. Due to constant budget needs private fundraising is an ongoing. PI recently partnered with Gifford Medical Center who will be paying for items like building expenses, phone systems, computers, etc. This will free up funds for PI to allow for better, ever evolving, client needs.

5. Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice ($16,000) - Sandy Rouse, Allison White, and Dan Pudvah.

The Agency is over 100 years old, has 240 staff, sees 2900 patients a year, and operates on an $11,500,000 annual budget. Individuals from 23 communities (including Williamstown, Orange, and Washington) receive services. Their services include Hospice, Home Care, long term care, various clinics, and more. For 6 out of the last 8 years, CVHH&H has received the "Home Care Elite" award. [The HomeCare Elite™ is an annual compilation of the most successful home care providers in the United States. This market-leading review, from OCS HomeCare by National Research Corporation and DecisionHealth, names the top 25 percent of agencies in home health performance measures.]

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SOLAR FARM #1

Background: Last November there was a mistake in the Consent Agreement for the Solar Farm #1 (off Websterville Road). The Town received the corrected version on Friday, March 20th. The loan or financing for the project has been assigned to a new person or entity. Per the Solar Services Agreement, Novus Barre Town Solar LLC has the right to assign the loan. This document signifies our consent to that reassignment. The document has been reviewed by the Town Attorney.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Solar Consent and Agreement with Novus Barre Town Solar and HAT OBS OP A LLC and authorize the Town Manager to sign it.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for March 24, 2015. Blow recused himself due to an employer conflict.
MISCELLANEOUS - None

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell inquired if any discussion needed to take place regarding article language for Aldrich Library ballot article. The Town Manager will craft the language.

Mitchell inquired as to what was happening behind the Mike McGinley property as he is seeing a lot of heavy equipment. Rogers stated the only thing he is aware of is some logging.

White thanked the citizens who participated in this year's budget process: Scott Hutchings, JP Isabelle, Jaimes Fewer, Paul Malone, and Chris Day.

LaClair gave a quick update on what is happening in Legislature. Testimony (and more to come) on the raw milk bill; Corrections capital construction bill; reducing the budget deficit, and doing away with teacher strikes are the hot topics.

Blow noted in the packet there was mention of a Wilson Industrial Park business wanting to cover almost their entire lot with solar panels. He requested the Zoning Administrator look into the Park Covenants to validate the project will comply.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need for executive session where premature public 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 to discuss legal and personnel at 9:43 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 White, seconded by Tessier, 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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