BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
April 7, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Dept. Head visits with Public Works and Engineering 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of March 31, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider adopting Resolution No 3-15 extending appreciation to retired C.V. Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Susan Sinclair.
8. Consider awarding contract for low-profile truck cab and chassis.
10. Consider introduction (first reading) of an ordinance amending the Zoning By-Law.
11. Consider authorizing VTrans structures (culvert) grant application for Peloquin Road.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, including liquor license for Rickie’s shell & deli Inc. and other permits, if any.
14. "Round the table"
15. Executive session: (labor contract negotiations)

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 7, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of April 7, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:00 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, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, Shop Foreman Mike Martel, and Claire Duke.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:27 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend agenda item 15 and add the items of personnel and legal to the Executive Session.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of March 31, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Town of Barre 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.
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- The Town is accepting applications for four summer help positions with the Public Works Department. The starting rate is $9.90/hour and will be from mid-May to late-August, Monday through Fridays, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. To learn more about joining the Barre Town team visit the Town’s website or call 479-9331.

- Green Up Day is coming on May 2nd. The Town is looking for volunteers to help beautify the Town. Please visit the Town Manager’s office to learn more or to sign up.

- Spring is a time for planning projects. If your home is overdue for improvements, but finding funds is a barrier, you may be able to accomplish your home improvement goals with a below market interest rate loan through Central Vermont Community Land Trust now known as Downstreet Housing & Community Development. For more information about safe, creative funding options call (802) 476-4493.

- Pickleball is called the fastest growing sport in America. The U.S. Pickleball Association calls the game “highly contagious.” Barre Town’s Recreation Commission is now sponsoring free lessons on Sunday, April 12th, 19th, and 26th. For more information or to reserve your spot please contact Jan Murray at 802-661-8324.

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

**GUESTS**

Claire Duke read the recent Town newsletter and is concerned with the legislation mandating recycling of food scraps. She is a big supporter of recycling. However, with all the recent notices about removing your bird feeders from your lawn because of bears, it seems like asking for trouble to “recycle your food scraps” during this time of the year as well.

**RESOLUTION 3-15 CVRPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Background: Susan Sinclair was the Executive Director of the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) for 28 years until her retirement. The CVRPC, under her direction, has been a tremendous help to the Town. Her services include assisting Barre Town with Community Development Block Grants (VT Foodbank), assisting with Emergency Operations Plans, assisted with the development and implementation of 5 regional Town Plans as well as Barre Towns, and was instrumental in implementing the coordination of the municipal input into State project planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee to name just a few.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt “Resolution # 3-15, A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont, In Appreciation Of Susan Sinclair's Service To The Town Of Barre.”

The Town Manager and Chair Blow detailed some of the items noted above.

**PURCHASE OF LOW-PROFILE TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS**

Background: The current year Equipment Fund budget calls for the purchase of a new truck which will be lease financed for years at an amount of $40,000 for the cab and chassis. Specifications were mailed to 7 truck dealers and 3 companies (2 manufacturers) provided bids. Part of the specifications included a trade-in option for the 2003 International, 4300LP, 2-wheel drive.

Shop Foreman Mike Martel and DPW Superintendent were present. Mr. Martel stated the Freightliner truck from Charlesbois most closely matches our specifications and with the trade-in is also the lowest price. The cab & chassis bid does not include the
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other accessories. An additional $50,000 - $55,000 would be needed. This would put the truck costing $30,000 - $40,000 over budget. Martel noted that this truck is a 4-wheel drive not a 2-wheel drive which definitely increased the cost. The efficiencies of having a 4-wheel drive versus the 2-wheel drive were noted by the Superintendent. He reminded Board members the past couple of years the Town has run into issues with plow trucks were out of commission. When using smaller trucks more passes are needed to clear a road. That will not be the case with this truck.

Board members expressed concern with the budget overage even though they understood and agreed with this purchase makes sense. Martel stated he is very thorough when providing equipment costs. This was just one of those items that had not been foreseen when the current fiscal year was being put together in the Fall of 2013.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the purchase of a 2016 Freightliner 4 x4, to Charlesbois at their bid price of $94,205, plus warranty and trade in of the 2003 International, 4300LP, 2-wheel drive for a total purchase price of $89,694.00.

WILSON DEPOT LEASE AGREEMENT – EARTH WASTE

Background: Earthwaste Systems has prepared a renewal application to operate the Wilson Recycling Depot. Notice has been received from the State telling us the application is administratively complete. However, the Town needs to renew the lease agree with Earthwaste. The term of the lease would begin November 1, 2014 and end on October 31, 2016.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Lease Agreement and Service contract with New England Quality Service, Inc. (Earthwaste).

FIRST READING – ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Background: Recently the Planning Commission forwarded several Zoning By-Law amendments to the Selectboard. Tonight is the first reading to begin the adoption process.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only “An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Amending Appendix A., Zoning, And The Zoning Map Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances.”

The Town Manager reviewed the changes.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to advance “An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Amending Appendix A., Zoning, And The Zoning Map Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances” to a second reading (public hearing) on April 21, 2015.

VTRANS STRUCTURES GRANT APPLICATION – PELOQUIN ROAD

Background: VTrans offers a Structure grant every spring. This program helps finance bridges and culverts. The grant will pay 90% with a cap of $175,000. The staff is proposing we apply again for a grant for the large Peloquin Road culvert. The Engineer received estimates for 2 types of work: 1) slip-lining the existing culvert; and 2) replacing the existing culvert with a new reinforced concrete box culvert. Option 2 would disrupt traffic for at least 3 weeks and the slip-lining should not close the road. The cost for slip-lining is $227,520 and replacing with a concrete box culvert is $224,061.36. The Town Engineer stated the preferred plan is to slip-line.
The Board discussed the life-expectancy of a PVC type slip-lined culvert versus the concrete box. The advantages of the slip-lined option (lower price - no traffic closure) and disadvantages for the replacement box (higher price - close the road for about 3 weeks) were noted. VTrans grant application is pretty specific in the type of work to be completed. The Board would like to get a little more information on the “life expectancy” issue before making a decision as to the culvert replacement type but understands the deadline issues.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and submit a Structures grant application in the amount of $175,000 to improve the existing culvert on Peloquin Road.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for April 7, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the signing of a 2015 Second Class Alcohol License for Rickie’s Shell and Deli Inc.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell inquired about a recent letter to the Times Argus Editor stating a child had been turned away from the recent Easter Egg Hunt event. Dorsett stated that Stephanie (City Recreation Department) had already reached out to this individual.

Mitchell stated he would like to have a PILOT session with the Budget Committee and Department Heads to review this years’ process. During discussion it was noted there will be a televised budget presentation again this year. The Manager will be contacting everyone with the details.

Board members gave their 3 (three) priority issues they would like to work on during the next year. A list will be compiled and distributed.

Chairman Blow stated he attended the press conference held by Barre City to update the public on the release of a non-compliant, high risk sex offender release from prison - Richards Laws. More information is available on the Town website (www.barretown.org) under Announcements.

LaClair gave a brief Legislative Update - big talks on the H187 which mandates paid sick days/time off for all employees, the Capital Bill (bonding, new state buildings, prevailing wages used by Federal and State funded projects, etc.), and the whether or not to allow Teachers to strike.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find that premature knowledge of negotiation Town DPW labor contract, and legal issues would clearly place The Town at a disadvantage by disclosing its negotiating strategies.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss for DPW labor contract negotiations, legal, and personnel issues under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313(a), (1), (B) and (F) and Title 1, Section 313(a), (3) of the Vermont Statutes.
On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:12 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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