BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
September 22, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Executive Session (real estate, contracts, labor contract negotiations)
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from September 15, 2015 meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discuss winter road salt usage.
8. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
9. Miscellaneous- a) fireworks permit for 23 Jalbert Road; b) other licenses & permits if any.
10. "Round the table"
11. Executive session, (real estate, contracts, labor negotiations).
12. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 22, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of September 22, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:12 p.m.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION (1)

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard unanimously voted whereby premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to real estate, contracts, and labor contract negotiations.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session for real estate, contracts, and labor contract negotiations at 6:31 p.m.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 7:08 p.m.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl R. Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2015 meeting.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Town Recreation Board and Aldrich Public Library are teaming up to offer a Children's Forest Storytime. The program is on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Brook Street parking area. Children up to grade one and their parents will be led on a short walk, hear stories and music, and engage in art activities. The program is free.

2. Forest users might see blue paint and colored plastic ribbon on trees. The Town is planning to have logging done sometime during the coming winter. The markings are in the Donahue Road-Littlejohn Road corner of the forest and in the area between Littlejohn Road and East Barre. The logging is being done following recommendations in the Town Forest Management Plan.

3. The Lawn Waste Site hours are Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - Noon; and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - Noon. The weekends of October 10-11, 17-18, and 24-25 the hours will be Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sundays, 8:00 a.m. - Noon. Leaf season is coming right up. Please unload leaves in the designated area. Take plastic, bags, and boxes home. The public's cooperation in keeping the site clean is appreciated.

4. The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District is seeking participants for a one-time discussion group about a planned recycling facility. There is a specific need for two people from Barre Town. A meeting will be held in Montpelier on October 15, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and refreshments will be provided. Participation in this discussion will allow feedback, opinions and responses to a planned recycling facility that will serve the District including a "hub and spoke" model to serve all 18-member town districts. For more information or to join please call or email: Cathleen Gent (802-229-9383 x110), cathleeng@cvswmd.org; or Cassandra Hemenway (802-229-9383 x 102); cassandrah@cvswmd.org.

5. Chair Blow thanked the volunteers and staff for all the work done at the Fall Trash Bulk Collection event last Saturday. Even with no group present to collect donations patrons donated $194.00. The Selectboard discussed how the donations should be used: a) Trow Hill playground renovations; b) Picnic shelter in Upper Graniteville playground; c) Wilson Industrial Park sign entrance; d) give to the Bulk Trash Event itself.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to designate the donations from the 2015 Bulk Trash Collection in the amount of $194.00 be used for recreation purposes and to have the Town Manager and Recreation Board determine to how it will be used. The motion passed with Blow and White voting no.

Blow and White both believe the funds should be allocated to the Bulk Trash event.

GUESTS - None

WINTER ROAD SALT USAGE

Background: The purpose of this item is to discuss a plan for monitoring the amount of salt being used per storm (event). Possible topics include verifying the spreader calibrations are accurate, weighing a typical load of salt, creating a system for recording use of salt. The Manager is also recommending the Board talk about use of salt on sidewalks, by the school, on parking lots, and other uses.
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DPW Superintendent Tetreault was present. He reviewed the information for the viewing audience and Selectboard with regard to the “winter night crew” hours and duties. Furthermore he would like the Town to use the treated salt being tried this year to be used only for hills (Quarry Hill Road, Beckley Hill, Middle Road, etc.) and possibly the main artery roads. These would be good testing sites.

There was lengthy discussion on calibration of equipment to measure salt disbursements, weighing of truck unloaded/loaded with salt, use of scales versus a bucket loaders bucket full of salt for measuring, and new technology designed for measuring for road salt distribution.

Other discussion topics were:
- Sidewalk salt is different than road salt and measured more accurately as it comes in pre-weighed bags.
- Changing weather patterns and driver habits
- Increase in the number of paved roads in Town
- Challenges of fiscal year budgeting for road salt
- Salt shed – separation of regular versus treated road salt storage

The consensus of the Selectboard is the DPW Superintendent will do some research and provide to obtain the costs for: purchase of truck scale and downloadable apparatus for measuring salt. It was noted this is a priority request.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for September 22, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign a Fireworks Permit for Diane Atwood, 23 Jalbert Road for an event to be held on October 10, 2015.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell remembered that there may be some excess funds in the paving contract which would allow for additional projects to be completed and asked if the Manager had a number yet. Rogers stated the final paving contract was just completed last week. The Town’s cost for flood repairs (10%) is around $19,000. The excess should cover at least that. He will keep the Board informed.

White thanked Upper Graniteville resident Lori Bernier for the great job of securing a $2,500 grant to assist with building a picnic shelter at the playground.

LaClair stated there is great concern regarding solar farm project siting and local control within the process.

Tessier inquired on the status of repairing/replacing the guardrail located at the bottom of Quarry Hill Road. The Manager stated the guardrail money for this year has been spent. Brush is being cleared from the area. The Engineer is also looking into what portion, if any, of the guardrail will be impacted by the City side of the road improvement project which will begin in a couple of years. Money will be allocated in next fiscal year’s budget to replace the guardrail on the uphill side of Quarry Hill, bottom up to the picnic area.
EXECUTIVE SESSION (2)

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard unanimously voted whereby premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to real estate, contracts, and labor contract negotiations.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session for personnel, real estate, contracts, and labor contract negotiations at 8:23 p.m.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer   Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard