BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA  
January 6, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Department Head quarterly visit - police, fire, planning & zoning 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announce changes to agenda.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider appointing two Budget committee members.
8. Consider approving purchase-sale agreement with Vermont Foodbank.
9. Review list of town owned properties for possibly siting a second solar array.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
12. "Round the table"
13. Executive Session – (labor relations/contract negotiations).

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
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The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of January 6, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:13 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeff Blow (by telephone conference), Robert LaClair, Rolland Tessier, W. John "Jack" Mitchell and Tom White.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, George Anderson, Holly Anderson, JP Isabelle, and Times Argus reporter Dave Delcore.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend the agenda by adding to item #11, Miscellaneous - consideration for approval of a 2015 Alcohol License for Graniteville General Store, LLC.

MINUTES

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of December 22, 2014 with the following correction:

1. Page 1, Minutes, first sentence, delete "White" and insert "Tessier"; and
2. Page 3, 5-Year Building Fund Plan, insert the following paragraph before the motion: Mitchell expressed concern that the carpet, given the deteriorated condition, is being pushed back to year 5. After discussion, it was decided the Manager would obtain costs to do the carpet replacement in sections. The section most needed would include the Selectboard meeting room, the 2nd floor lobby (outside the elevator) to the top of the stairs. The Budget Committee could/would address the issue.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Millstone Trails Association has groomed approximately a three mile loop of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails through the Town Forest. The groomed trails can be accessed through either of the Town's parking lots which are located at 44 Brook Street and at the end of Barclay Road.

- Barre Town's Department of Public Works will once again be collecting Christmas trees after the holidays. The trees will be hauled away and brought to the Town's Lawn Waste Site for chipping. To learn when trees will be collected on your street visit the Town's website or call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.

- On Friday, January 30th, the Friends of the Aldrich Public Library will be hosting their Annual Winter dinner. It will be held at the Elks Club and will begin with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact the Library at 476-7550.

GUESTS

Holly Anderson, representing the Barre Area Senior Center, thanked the Barre Town voters for their support over the years. Recently the Senior Center moved to the Wall Street Complex (behind Northfield Savings Bank) and is located across the hall from Camp DiVino. This Friday, January 9, 2015 there will be an open house, 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with the ribbon cutting ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Ms. Anderson would like to remind those watching that the Center serves individuals 50+ years of age and includes members from the Town, City, and surrounding communities. Many of their activities include: learning/playing bridge, yoga and exercise classes, having a choral group, weekly lunches, day trips, and much more. Some of the future programs will include knitting groups, painting, and genealogy.

APPOINT TWO BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Background: In accordance with the Town Charter a Budget Committee of 10 will review the proposed fiscal year budgets each year. The membership will consist of the 5 Selectboard members, 2 members appointed by the Selectboard, 1 member appointed by the Town Clerk-Treasurer, and the remaining 2 members appointed by the 3 (Board and Clerk) appointees. Letters of interest were received from seven (7) residents.

The Selectboard will determine if they want to interview the candidates or are ready to make their appointments during this meeting. Voting for candidates is usually done by paper ballot. Each member writes down 2 names. Applicants with the most votes are appointed by a motion. If there is a tie the Board re-votes, limiting its voting to the applicants who tied.

The Town Clerk appointed JP Isabelle, while the Selectboard members voted by paper ballot. Jeff Blow (attended the meeting by phone) had emailed his selections to the Town Manager. Once the ballots were collected and counted by the Manager, the two top vote getters were Paul Malone and Scott Hutchins.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Paul Malone and Scott Hutchins to the 2015-2016 Barre Town Budget Committee.

CONSIDER PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT WITH VERMONT FOODBANK

Background: The Town received a purchase & sales agreement for 1.57 acres of Wilson Industrial Park from the Vermont Foodbank. Town Attorney, Michael Monte, is
Selectboard Minutes of January 6, 2015 continued:
asking the Foodbank’s counsel to make several revisions. In the meantime, The
Selectboard, with approval, could schedule and advertise the public hearing required by
our Town Charter.

Rogers stated the agreement is not ready for action at this time. Board consensus
was to set the public hearing date now to ensure meeting the publication deadlines.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to
set the public hearing date for the sale of property (located in the Wilson Industrial Park)
to the Vermont Foodbank on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, at 8:00 p.m.

It was noted during discussion that the Budget Committee will begin their weekly
meetings on January 27, 2015. This means the regular meeting for the Selectboard will
not begin until 8:00 p.m.

REVIEW LIST OF TOWN PROPERTIES FOR SITING A SECOND SOLAR ARRAY

Background: During the last meeting the staff and NOVUS were asked to look at
the various town-owned properties to see if any parcel(s) might be suitable for building a
second solar array. A crucial criterion for the parcel is that it must have or be near 3-
phase power. This meeting is for informational discussion only in preparation for Novus’
proposal.

Staff prepared a Town-wide map noting the approximate locations of 3-phase power.
They eliminated town lots based on size and proximity to the power needed. Their
conclusion is the best suited town-owned land is off the end of Bolster Road or on the
Waterman Street parcel which currently houses our water storage tank and building. The
Manager will relay these selections to NOVUS who is expected to be on next week’s
meeting agenda.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to
approve the accounts payable warrant for the period December 30, 2014 through January
6, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to
approve a 2015 Second Class Liquor License for Graniteville General Store, LLC.

Asst. Manager Dorsett stated that at last night’s Recreation Board meeting there
was a live demonstration of the I-Phone Town Forrest application. The students have
agreed to continue working on the project. To date this project has been free for the
Town. However, to continue the process and make it usable an I-Phone application, a
developer license must be purchased. He is researching grant options. One promising
grant option is through the Vermont Community Foundation, the “Small & Inspiring Grant”.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell asked for an update on the Ancient Roads project. Rogers stated the
Engineer has just received the research information for the John Hood Road. Within the
next few weeks there will need to be site visits by the Selectboard (probably during the
day) to the various sites and then hearings.

Mitchell asked for an update on the DPW trucks which were involved in accidents.
Rogers noted the truck which required a new plow is in service. There is no news on the
other one.
Mitchell inquired if the Board needed to discuss how they are going to proceed with making plans to keep their adopted 5-Year Plans intact during the upcoming Budget review process. The Manager stated he hoped the Board would reiterate to the Committee that these plans are used to prepare the budgets being reviewed. Any amendment could result in changes to numerous fund budgets. During the first Budget Committee meeting the group will decide when/if Department Heads will attend and how to handle presentations from various groups, in particularly the Aldrich Library.

Mitchell asked if there was any progress on the Wilson Industrial Sign which BAD Director Joel Schwartz was working on. Rogers stated not at this time. However, Mr. Schwartz is expected to come to a meeting when discussing the revolving loan fund (revenue from the SBE loan payments). He will ask that a report be given to the Board to address the sign issue and the reclassification of the Websterville Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session to discuss labor relations, personnel, and contract negotiations whereby premature knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage at 7:59 p.m.

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.