BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
January 13, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Department Head Visits: engineer and public works superintendent. 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider changes to printed agenda.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discussion about location of a second solar energy farm.
9. Consider authorizing purchase of a police car through the state purchasing contract.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
12. "Round the table"
13. Executive Session – (if needed).

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
January 13, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of January 13, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: 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, Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, and Alex Bravakis, Novus Energy.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 board voted to add an item under Miscellaneous to discuss selling 2 used copiers in the Engineers department. Blow 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 January 6, 2015 as is. Blow was not present for the vote.

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.
- 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 or reservations contact the Library at 476-7550.
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- The Vermont Tax Department is printing a limited supply of booklets; these are only available by request or download. Requests can be made by calling (855)297-5600 or emailing your request to taxforms@state.vt.us. To download forms visit: www.tax.vermont.gov.

- Barre Town's Department of Public Works is now collecting Christmas trees at locations South of Route 302. If you live North of Route 302, and missed the collection, please call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331 to provide your address so your tree may be picked up. The Department expects to complete collections by January 16th.

GUESTS - None

DISCUSSION ABOUT LOCATION OF A SECOND SOLAR ENERGY FARM

Alex Bravakis was told about the 20 acre lot at the corner of Waterman and Lowery. He was present to discuss his findings with that location and to discuss others. He finds a few red flags with the Waterman Street location; possible wetlands, even after clearing it would still have to go through the wetlands process.

Most people would agree that the original proposed site is the preferred site but based on current law, would most likely be rejected by the public service board.

Four potential sites in the Wilson Industrial Park area were discussed. The town would need to look into where current sewer lines, etc run. Also whether it makes sense to tie up developable land with a solar farm which will not create jobs or additional spending in the area. Carl mentioned an additional parcel in the Industrial Park area that Alex will take a look at. It is a site that would require more site work to build on, but might be suitable for solar. The question of selling a site to Novus was asked and they would be interested in that and the town will have to look into restrictions to that already in place. Where ever the solar farm is located it needs to maximize sun exposure to make it viable. It was agreed to do some more research and come back to the board again in the near future.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF A MULTI-PURPOSE BUSINESS MACHINE (COPIER)

Background: This is a planned budgeted purchase, but we budgeted $4,500. The lowest bids are about $2,500 over budget. The 5 year equipment plan and then the budget probably were based on a copier not a multi-function machine. We received bids from 7 companies. The machine will copy, print and fax. It can print in color. Its copier features are similar to our current copier: reduce, enlarge, various sizes of paper can be fed, duplexing is possible. The existing machine will go to the DPW shop.

Andrew presented comparisons for the various machines breaking down costs over a three year and six year ownership. To make it cost effective would need to make a move to consolidate printers to the one central printer. Would most likely be gradual as printers failed, would not replace them. The question was raised about the life of the new machine if it is doing the work of many smaller ones. Much of the work might be able to be paperless, for example scanning and then e-mailing or faxing and saving electronically.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to authorize the purchase of the Ricoh MPC4503 multi-purpose business machine for the price of $7,838.50. Blow was not present for the vote.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A POLICE CAR THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING CONTRACT
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Background: This year we are scheduled to buy a SUV police car. The budget is $30,000. The state contract for police cars just came out. In fact as of today it isn't on the state's website. The chief is looking for the same package of options as we bought 2 years ago.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the board voted to discuss the buying of a police car.

As this was a budgeted item, there was little discussion. Mitchell did question the need for an engine block heated now that they are stored inside, but would not quibble about the $79 cost.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the board voted to authorize the purchase of the Ford Explorer police SUV for the price of $28,605.00. Blow was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for the week ending January 13, 2015, less the invoice for Nelson Hardware in the amount of $8.99 as this was already paid. Blow was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Engineer has 2 hand-me-down copiers that they would like to try and sell, and are asking the boards authorization to do so.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Engineer to attempt to sell the 2 used copiers. Blow was not present for the vote.

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell- Was glad to see that there was a meeting happening to address some of the issues that have arisen with Batchelder & Associates.

Tessier- Thank you to the people serving on the new budget committee.

La Clair- As the new legislator it has been quite a week; Democracy at its worst or best depending on your perspective. There is a lot of work to be done but he is very excited to be there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier seconded by White the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Blow was not present for the vote.

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Deborah Lefebvre-Assistant Town Clerk  Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard