BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
January 27, 2015

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announce changes to agenda.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Public hearing for proposed sale of 1.5+/1 acres off of Tax Map 006 Lot 047-05 in the Wilson Industrial Park.
8. Consider approving request for a streetlight.
9. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
10. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses.
11. "Round the table"
12. Executive Session - personnel and labor contracts

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
January 27, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of January 27, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 8:12 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Robert LaClair, Rolland Tessier, Tom White, and Jeff Blow (by telephone).

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, and Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 January 20, 2015 with the following correction:

Page 1, Minutes, first paragraph, first sentence, delete the word "Blow" and insert Tessier;

Page 3, 'Round the Table, 3rd line, delete the words at the end of the line “the does” and insert they do.

Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Friends of the Aldrich Public Library are holding their Winter Banquet and Auction on Friday, January 30th. Social hour will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information call 476-7550.

- Barre Town’s Budget Committee meets every Tuesday, from today, January 27th through March 31st. The meetings will run from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room (Municipal Building). The public is encouraged to attend. Budgets will be available on the website as they are completed. And remember,
while the Budget Committee is active the Selectboard meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m.

- The Barre Town Recreation Commission's February 2nd meeting will be held at the Alumni hall conference room located at 20 Auditorium Hill in Barre City. The joint meeting will the Barre City Recreation Board will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by a regular meeting of the Town Recreation Commission.

- Please make note property tax and sewer payments are due TUESDAY, February 17th. The Town Clerk will be open 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on tax day to accommodate the taxpayers.

- On February 21st the Town will host its annual Budget Tour. Join your neighbors, friends, and town staff for this community event. The tour is at no charge and includes coffee, juice, doughnuts, and great conversation. An engaging question and answer session will grow your understanding of Town operations and their relationship to budget requests. All ages are welcome! Tour bus starts rolling at 8:00 a.m. For more information call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.

- Eligible Homestead owners must file a claim annually to receive an adjustment to their property tax. A Homestead Declaration Form known as HS-122 must be filed by April 15th to avoid penalties. For more information contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at 1-866-828-2865.

- Saturday, February 7, the Barre Town Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club and the Mercy Family are holding the annual Travis Mercy memorial Skatepark fund raiser. Snowmobilers can start their ride-in at 9:00 a.m. (registration at 8:15 a.m.). For more information on regarding the luncheon which follows, raffle tickets, and auction contact Linda Mercy at 479-3405.

GUESTS - None

PUBLIC HEARING - WILSON INDUSTRIAL PARK LOT

Background: The Vermont Foodbank is planning for an eventual expansion. Acquiring more land on which to build, provide parking, trucking, and stormwater retention means the Foodbank needs 1.57 acres of land from the Town. The land in question is behind the Foodbank and Highland Sugarworks. This hearing is held as required by the Town Charter, Section 41. The draft Purchase Sale Agreement lists the purchase price at $15,700 or $10,000 per acre.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to open the public hearing for the sale of property to the Vermont Foodbank at 8:17 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

There were no guests or comments. The Manager gave a brief overview of the sale for the viewing audience.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the public hearing for the sale of property to the Vermont Foodbank at 8:20 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Purchase Sale Agreement with the Vermont Foodbank for the purchase of 1.57 acres located in the Wilson Industrial Park. Mitchell was not present for the vote.
REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHT - EAST COBBLE HILL ROAD

Background: An East Cobble Hill Road resident requested a streetlight be reinstalled on said road. The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee considered the request at its meeting on January 21, 2015 and recommends approval. The light would be on an existing pole which already has secondary power.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the re-installation of a streetlight on East Cobble Hill Road, GMP Pole #40999/8561 as recommended by the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for January 27, 2015. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Rob LaClair removed his hat as Selectboard member and gave a brief House of Representatives update. He was pleased to announce that our Charter amendment bill is on its way to the Senate for approval, and on the lighter side noted there was great discussion on items such as what should be the state dog and fruit. Major topics on the plate this year include affordability of taxes (to include education), healthcare, the sugar soda tax, and background check for gun purchases. He is looking for feedback from Barre Town residents. Contact information is available on the Town website (www.barretown.org).

White reminded residents the weather is extremely cold. Stay warm and be sure to keep your house exhaust vents clear.

Tessier, who was voted Chair of the Budget Committee during tonight’s meeting, reminded residents once again that the Town will be hosting a Citizens Budget Tour on February 21st. Be sure to join us to learn more about how your tax dollars are spent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss personnel and labor contracts at 8:30 p.m. stating that premature public knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:30 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Blow, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard