BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
February 24, 2015

P.I.O.T. Budget Review – Highway and Ambulance Funds 6:30 p.m.
1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Announce changes to agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of February 17 and February 18, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Public hearing for quit-claiming any interests the Town may have in an abandoned water pump station on Tax map 6, Lot 033-03, Websterville Road, across from the school.
8. Consider authorizing signing a Quit Claim deed for pump station on Tax Map 6 Lot 033-03.
9. Public hearing for possible road and legal trail reclassification: a) discontinuance of Legal Trail #4; b) reclassification of southern end of Town Highway 83 from class 4 to legal trail; c) discontinuance of northern end of Town Highway 83; d) correcting mapped location of a class 4 section of Town Highway 35; e) reclassification of Town Highway 33 from cul-de-sac to Orange town line from class 4 to legal trail; and f) laying out an unclassified road as a legal trail.
11. Consider approving engineering services agreement for waterline project.
12. Consider approving repairs to police car.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous, including permits, licenses, and legislative report (if any).
15. “Round the table”
16. Executive Session – legal, and labor contract negotiations.
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
February 24, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of February 24, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 8:02 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, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, George Clain, Henri Dessureau, Larry Smith, David Sichel, Kevin King, and Jenna Hyde.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add under item 14 the approval of a 2015 Second Class Alcohol License for Martin’s Foods of South Burlington, LLC (Hannaford’s Market), and to make a motion after the close of Public Hearing for the road and legal trail reclassification (item 9).
MINUTES

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of February 17, 2015 with the following corrections:

1. Page 5, 'Round the Table, 2nd paragraph, delete 2nd sentence as that was not what Mitchell meant to say and insert "He would like to see the Chief pick up the duty if there are no patrol officers available when it is time to complete the task;"
2. Page 5, 'Round the Table, 3rd paragraph, first sentence, insert the word been after the word have;

and to approve the Joint Selectboard & Planning Commission meeting minutes of February 18, 2015 as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Barre Town’s Budget Committee meets every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room (Municipal Building) through March 31st. Check the Town’s website for completed budgets. And remember, while the Budget Committee is active the Selectboard meetings will begin at 8:00 p.m.
- This year’s 17th annual Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament fundraiser will be held March 6 – 8, 2015 at the Barre Town Recreation fields. This year proceeds will be donated to 14 year old Jacob Gorton (Bristol, VT) and 5 month old Micah Legacy (Morrisville, VT), both are in treatment for rare forms of cancer. For more information or to make a donation call Corey at (802) 279-3632.
- The Fire Department’s rabies clinic will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station. Dogs must be on a leash and cats must be in a carrier. The fee is $14 per pet. The Town Clerk will be at the clinic to license Barre Town dogs.

GUESTS – None

PUBLIC HEARING

ABANDONED WATER PUMP STATION OFF WEBSTERVILLE ROAD

Background: The vacant lot on Websterville Road, across from the school, was recently sold. On this lot there is a concrete structure that once was a water pump station believed to have been part of the Town water system. There is no record that the Town has an easement for the old pump station. To remove any cloud on the title that the pump station structure might cause it is suggested the Town quit claim any interest in or claim to the said pump station. Therefore, in accordance with the Barre Town Charter Section 41 this public hearing is being held.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to open a public hearing at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of taking public comment on relinquishing any claim to a water pump station located on Websterville Road, across from the Barre Town School, known as Tax Map 006 Lot 033-03.

- The Manager gave a brief overview of what was being abandoned.
- Mitchell stated the pump station had been put into place in the 80’s with the thought of feeding water to the School and the Industrial Park.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

SIGNING OF QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR WATER PUMP STATION

Background: This is a follow-up action from the public hearing noted above.
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On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign a quit claim deed to abandon a water pump station on Tax Map 006 Lot 033-03 located off Websterville Road and across the road from the Barre Town Elementary School.

PUBLIC HEARING

ANCIENT ROADS - DISCONTINUANCE AND RECLASSIFICATION

Background: The deadline is here for taking action on ancient roads (roads or legal trails which may not be on the tax map, need to be reclassified, or discontinued). This hearing is the next to last step in the process. Most, if not all the Selectboard members have visited the sites in question which the Ancient Roads Committee brought to their attention.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to open a public hearing at 8:12 p.m. for the purpose of taking public comment on the actions proposed for the six roads (listed in this agenda) in conjunction with the Ancient Roads project.

The listed roads/legal trails were read for the record. The Town Engineer reported on the site visit which took place on February 20, 2015. He further requested that all the legal trails be signed to let the public know of their existence.

Cedric Sanborn, Lyman Road resident, could not make the meeting but had sent the Board written comments. He attended the site visit (last Friday) for the Lyman Road area. Here are some of the comments. “Despite many decades of neglect and growth of vegetation the location of these old roads are still very much evident. Should the area be kept as a legal trail he has questions and concerns: 1) will motorized vehicles, such as dirt bikes, ATVs & snowmobiles, be allowed on the trails; 2) if not concern over a "segment of our population formally excluded from public lands"; and 3) are there any plans by the Town to formally shift the traveled portion of the short segment of Lyman Road from private property back to its actual location?"

The Selectboard will need to address the issues of signage and questions posed by Mr. Sanborn at a later time.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 8:21 p.m.

RECLASSIFICATION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF ROADS

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the discontinuing, reclassifying and laying out of (6) town highways and legal trails as published in the Times Argus Newspaper on Thursday, February 12, 2015 which reads as follows:

1. Discontinuance of Legal Trail #4 at the intersection of Websterville Road and Kelley Road;
2. Town Highway 83, John Hood Road, at 40 Hillside Avenue reclassify the southern end of the of the class 4 to a Legal Trail;
3. Town Highway 83, discontinue the portion near 182 Partridge the northern end of John Hood Road;
4. Correct the mapped location of Town Highway 35, Lyman Road (Class 4 section of Lyman Road east of intersection with Stagecoach Road);
5. Reclassify, from Class 4 to Legal Trail, the section of Town Highway 33, Maplecrest Road, from the cul-de-sac to the Orange town line;
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6. Lay out an unclassified road and classify the same road as a legal trail; said road starts at a point on Town Highway 35 (Lyman Road), where Town Highway 35 turns sharply to the north along the western boundary of Tax Map 007, Lot 019-00 and proceeds easterly along the southern boundary of Tax map 007 Lot 019-00 to the section of Town Highway 33 (Maplecrest Road) that would be reclassified as a Legal Trail.

APPROVE 2015 CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE

Background: Annually the State of Vermont requires each Town to file a Certificate of Highway Mileage. VTrans uses the certificate to calculate our state aid to town highways grant. There are no changes this year expect for the actions listed earlier in the public hearing for ancient roads. These changes will not impact our state aid because the State does not count class 4 road and legal trail mileage in determining the amount of aid.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2015 Highway Mileage Certificate.

WATERLINE PROJECT - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Background: The Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Water Fund budget includes $25,000 for engineering design and plans of the Mill Street to East Cobble Hill Road 8" water line project. The Town is preparing to have the engineering work done. Phelps Engineering supplied the cost estimate last winter. This proposal provides the engineering design and plans for the entire project from Mill Street to East Cobble Hill Road near Hillside Avenue. Phelps Engineering would like a signed proposal as our agreement to the price and services provided. The estimated price is $22,775. The Town Engineer and Manager reviewed the proposal and had questions which have been answered satisfactorily.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Mill Street Water Main Extension Engineering Service Agreement dated February 3, 2015 from Phelps Engineering. Blow voted no.

Hinrichsen stated the current estimate is less than the amount presented to the Board last winter as a result of the completed boring under Route 302. The estimated price does not include the permitting process fees. Blow does not feel comfortable signing something that feels like a blank check.

POLICE CAR REPAIRS

Background: The Selectboard had asked for additional pricing regarding the repair of a Police car. Formula Ford, Bob’s Transmission and Lamoille Valley Ford provided estimates for the transmission work and a time table for completing the repairs.

White recused himself from participating in this item as a family member works for one of the vendors.

The thought was this vehicle would replace the current one being used by the Animal Control Officer (ACO). However, there is an issue with the ACO spending too much commute time between calls as a result of not having the vehicle at home. The ACO many times would go from home to Garage (get vehicle) then backtrack to respond to the complaint.

The options would be to allow the ACO to take the Town vehicle home or to pay mileage for the use of her personal vehicle.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to award the replacement of the transmission in the 2009 Police Department SUV to Formula Ford in
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the amount of $3,750 with warranty (3 year, 100,000 miles) with the intent the vehicle be assigned to the Animal Control Officer. LaClaire voted no.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for February 24, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClaire, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a 2015 Second Class Alcohol License for Martin's Foods of South Burlington (Hannaford's Market).

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell stated it was very nice to read the note from Town resident Patty Meriam. The Town Plow had taken out her granite mailbox and the process was handled professionally and very promptly.

White would like discussion of the Legal Trail markers be put on an agenda.

LaClaire stated the Legislature is discussing the Lake Champlain cleanup (to include financing), will be taking a site visit to one of the PSAPs to gather info on the proposed consolidations, and has seen a big turnout for the Burlington Charter change (gun issue).

LaClaire thanked the residents who turned out for the Budget Tour this past Saturday.

Blow inquired as to process for commenting on the proposed AT&T cell tower will proceed. Will there be a joint letter with the Planning Commission or will this Board be preparing one of their own? The Manager will speak with the Zoning Administrator to determine the next step.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need for executive session where premature public knowledge would put the Town at a disadvantage.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss labor contract negotiations, and personnel at 8:45 p.m. with the following individuals being invited to attend: VLCT representatives Larry Smith and Dave Sichel.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 10:18 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:18 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard