P.I.L.O.T. Review Town Report and discuss process of making the report ... 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of April 21, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discuss possibility of hosting Barre Grand Prix bicycle race.
8. Consider final approval (third reading) of an ordinance amending the zoning by-law.
9. Consider accepting role as Grantor of Wilson Industrial Park protective covenants.
10. Discuss solar farm proposal for Wilson Industrial Park.
11. Consider awarding contracts: a) oil and grease supply; b) bulk trash roll-off service.
12. Consider approving sale of three automobiles.
13. Select 2015 Pelkey Award recipient.
14. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
15. Miscellaneous, including licenses and other permits, if any.
16. "Round the table"
17. Executive session: legal and labor contracts; action afterwards possible.
18. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 28, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of April 28, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Westeberville at 7:00 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 Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, Jean LaCroix, Carlotta Perantoni, Brenda Buzzell, Charlie Woodhams, Melissa Brown, Joel Schwartz, Tom, Crystal, Hector, Destiny and Marilyn Isabelle.

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

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to amend agenda item #15 to include action on a 2015 Liquor License for the Canadian Club.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of April 21, 2015 with the following changes:

a.) Top of page 3, first paragraph, and line 3; should read "The Manager was informed Mr. Malone will be the electric off-taker.

b.) Page 3, 7th bullet item, line 4; should read "The covenants will be researched with regards to setbacks and lot coverage."

b.)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Green up Day is coming on May 2nd. The Town is looking for volunteers to help beautify the Town. Please visit the Town Manager’s office to learn more or to sign up.

- The lawn waste site will open Wednesday, April 29, 2015. The site schedule will be Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.; Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - Noon; and Saturdays 8:00 am - Noon.

- The Spring Bulk Trash collection at the DPW Yard (129 Websterville Road) will be on Saturday, May 9 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Details to follow.

- The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management Districts first household hazardous waste collection of the year will be at the Barre Town's DPW Yard on Saturday, May 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Town meeting ballots for early voting are available at the Town Clerk's office. Town meeting will be held on May 6th and ballot voting will be on May 12th, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Barre Town Parks and Recreation invites you to discover and explore Barre's Town Forest. On Saturday May 16th from 10:00am -2:00 pm they are hosting the 2015 Open Town Forest Day. Choose from many free engaging activities no matter your age or physical ability. Biking, walking, disc golf, geocaching, scavenger hunt, fairy house building, story reading and even a bagpipe player! The event is free.

- Wednesday evening April 30 from 6-8 pm, the Selectboard will be attending orientation to the Incident Command System for Executives and Senior Officials in Montpelier. This training is recommended by the Federal Government (FEMA, Hazard Mitigation Grants, etc.) to ensure Town Officials have had the necessary training to handle emergency situations.

- A reminder to volunteers working the spring bulk trash day to wear work clothes and work shoes to be safe. Also a reminder for those people dropping off shingles and pieces of sheet rock etc... These loose items need to be boxed. If you come with loose shingles you will have to wait to get unloaded until those with boxed items are unloaded.

- For more information on any of these announcements visit www.barretown.org or call 479-9331.

GUESTS - None

DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF HOSTING BARRE GRAND PRIX BICYCLE RACE

Background: Jean LaCroix conducted the bike race in Barre City in 2011. The next year, because of the Big Dig Main Street Project, the Town was asked to host the race for one year and we did. There was no race in the downtown or town the last 2 years. Early this year Andrew contacted Jean and asked about the event. Because the racers liked the challenging course and we helped him carry out the race successfully, Jean would race here again. He selected June 6, 2015, according to the proposal. The race requires an EMS crew with ambulance and about 4 police officers—all from 7/8 am to 4:00 pm +/-.

Something different this year, he would expect Barre Town to raise $5,000-$6,000 (I've seen both).
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The race course is around Millstone Hill: start at school; go up Websterville Road to Church Hill; up Church Hill Road to Graniteville Road; down Graniteville Road to Websterville Road at the cemeteries; up Websterville Road. Start/finish at the school. There would be several classes for men and women with varying number of laps. Traffic is not closed but must respect racers.

Jean LaCroix reviewed his previous involvement with the Town and the City of Barre in hosting 3 previous bike races. He would be interested in doing a race in Barre Town again because it is a good venue, and racers liked the course. His concern is the need for additional fund raising to cover the budget.

It was the consensus of the board that the June 6 date is too close to tackle for this year and do a good job. Also would be hard to raise that amount of money by then.

If it is something that the Town is interested in doing, then continuing the conversation with Mr. LaCroix would be the plan; both to seek a good date for another year and to discuss fundraising plans. There are also a variety of options available to consider when talking about this event, including a variety of race formats, and including other health related activities to draw spectators.

It was decided to keep in touch with Mr. LaCroix for further discussions about a Barre Town Bike Race.

FINAL APPROVAL OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

This is the third and final action relating to the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment. There have been two public hearings for comment prior to this final action.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only “An Ordinance Of The Town Of Barre, Vermont Amending Appendix A., Zoning, And The Zoning Map Of The Barre Town Code Of Ordinances.”

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance amending the zoning by-law sections 2.5, Tables 2.1 and 2.2 and making two zoning map revisions.

WILSON INDUSTRIAL PARK COVENANTS

Background: This matter of Barre Area Development (B.A.D.) transferring the role of Grantor to the Town started several years ago. Both parties agreed to it but the paperwork wasn’t completed. The Maine Drilling & Blasting lot solar farm reminded everyone of that. B.A.D. has completed the quit claim deed, signed it and given it to Mike Monte. This transfer is in regards to the original industrial park. The Town is the Grantor in the covenants for the expansion area. That fact was the main reason people thought the role should be transferred. No money is involved.

Joel Schwartz from B.A.D. was present to answer any questions and provide input on the subject. Jack Mitchell was not sure why this change was needed, especially since there has been a long standing good working relationship between the Town and B.A.D. Joel agreed that indeed that relationship is good, but the Town is in a much better position to enforce the covenants, and it is one way for the Town to have some control over that enforcement. He also noted that it is a land use question, as B.A.D. has no ownership interest in the park.

Going forward, the Town has land for sale and could impose covenants at the time of sale if need be. The current covenants expire in 2026, unless the Town and sufficient number of lot owners agree to extend the duration.
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If this quit claim deed is approved, are we going to do anything different with regard to compliance? Carl said that in the past there was an evaluation of the businesses in the park with regard to compliance, some issues were addressed; so that could be done. There was some discussion about the suitability of building solar farms in industrial parks. The original intent of the park was to grow jobs in the town. This use does little to contribute jobs.

It was also brought up that due to the expense and lengthy permit process (State and Local) required putting up a building; it was a financially more profitable move to build these solar arrays. It is also advantageous to invest in solar right now.

Through the discussion it becomes apparent that the intention of the industrial park and interpretation of covenants has changed over time. That will be something the Town has to consider going forward.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept Barre Area Development’s quit claim deed transferring the original Wilson Industrial Park covenant’s Grantor role to the Town of Barre.

WILSON INDUSTRIAL PARK SOLAR FARM

Background: After the joint presentation last week the board asked for time to discuss and possibly determine recommendations/requests to the Department of Public Service.

Setbacks were a concern. The covenants (see page 3) state the building setback from the street right-of-way is 50’. The edge of the right-of-way would be about 14’ off the edge of the pavement. The side lot line setback is 20’. The lot is not visible from Bolster Road. It is partially visible from Websterville Road in front of the school. Directly in front of the former M D & B building some of Cobble Hill Meadows and a sprinkling of other houses on that hillside are visible. A short way down Pitman Road along the open field next to M D & B, there is a view between Hillside Solid Surfaces and the VT Foodbank showing more of Cobble Hill Meadows and houses in the lower Phelps Road area.

There is a sharp curve in Pitman Road at the railroad and pointed corner of the former M D & B lot. The panels probably will be set back as far as the electric, telephone cabinets on the corner, but we should ask that the panels not get any closer to the road. For traffic safety it helps to be able to see around (through) the curve.

Jeff Blow began by noting that the joint presentation last week was much appreciated. He was also surprised to find that the local zoning rules would have little teeth with regard to solar farms. He noted that landscaping and setbacks might be the only two covenants that the Town could use. Because there is some concern about setback and screening, the Town may have some input based on the covenants.

The question of whether the three lots would need to be merged was again raised. Carl thought that along with this probably being a zoning issue there may need to be some input by the state. The State has said that the zoning regulations have no bearing with the solar arrays, but on the other hand there are instances where if there are contiguous lots, they are required to be considered as one. Not sure what the answer to that question is.

Carl noted there is a drainage ditch running through the property, about 70’ in from the electrical cabinets. If the Town is going to submit comments he would suggest that we ask them to work around that drainage ditch.

The Planning Commission does not meet until May 20, which is after the 45 day period for submitting comments directly to the developer. There will be another opportunity after the application is submitted to make comments to the Public Service Board, and those could be submitted jointly by the Selectboard and the Planning Commission.
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On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to have Carl Rogers submit comments to Deutsche Eco for consideration addressing the following concerns:

1. To request that they work around the drainage ditch on the property.
2. To address the setbacks as outlined in the covenants; and can this be done without seriously impacting the project.
3. What consideration if any is being given to landscaping?
4. If panels are allowed to be installed within the setback area, to please not set any closer than the electrical cabinets on the sharp corner of Pitman Road for traffic safety reasons.

**CONTRACT AWARDS FOR OIL AND GREASE SUPPLY AND BULK TRASH ROLL-OFF SERVICE**

**Background:**

1. **Oil and Grease** - Seven or eight years ago at the Selectboard's request we started issuing a one year oil and grease supply contract. Contract year is May 1-April 30. Materials supplied include several types of motor oil, hydraulic oil, gear oil, anti-freeze, DEF diesel exhaust fluid and grease. Specs were sent to 5 companies. Another company contacted us and asked us for the specs. The companies submit a per unit bid for each material which is multiplied by the estimated amount we'll purchase.

   We received two bids. Dennison Lubricants' bid totals $9,759.97, but their keg of gear oil is about half the size in our spec. Increasing the estimated number of kegs we'd need from Dennison, their bid totals $10,136.38. The other bid is from Polsinello Fuels, Inc. with a total of $11,410.50

   On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the 2015-16 Oil and Grease supply contract to Dennison Lubricants based on their per unit bids.

2. **Roll offs** - Casella bid $185 per ton. Myers bid $190 per ton. This is for the May 9 Bulk Trash day.

   On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the spring bulk trash collection roll-off service to Casella Waste Management at a price of $185 per ton.

**SALE OF THREE CARS**

**Background:** On April 1st we posted three vehicles formerly owned by Goodrich on Craigslist. The postings allowed interested parties to make offers until April 23rd, at that time the highest bid is accepted. The starting bid price was established by each vehicle's scrap value. The 1980 Chevy Camaro's scrap value was $137; the winning bid was $600. The 1974 Dodge Dart's scrap value was $102; the winning bid was $375. The 1974 Plymouth Valliant's scrap value was $89; the winning bid was $400. The vehicles brought in $1047 over scrap by selling them this method. As photographs and information is provided additional vehicles are listed on Craigslist with ending bid dates in mid-May.

   At the time of this meeting the 1974 Dart sale will not be completed because when the highest bidder looked at the car, the one part he was looking for was broken. At this time action is only needed for the other two vehicles.

   On a motion by Mitchell and seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the sale of these vehicles to the high bidders as follows:
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1980 Camaro to Terry Ciuto for $600 and 1974 Valiant to Bryan Criss for $400.

SELECT 2015 PELKEY AWARD RECIPIENT
The Selectboard voted by paper ballot to select this year’s recipient for the Wendell F. Pelkey Award. The recipient of the award will be announced on May 6, 2015 at the annual Open Town Meeting to be held at 7:30 in the Selectboard meeting room.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT
On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for April 28, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS
On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and sign the 2015 Second Class Alcohol License for the Canadian Club.

'ROUND THE TABLE

Carl: Nothing else

Tessier- Would like to commend the Police Department for the efficient response today to an incident at his work in South Barre.

LaClair’s legislative update: There have been a couple days of floor debate on H187-the paid sick leave bill, which is now more of a paid time off bill. It passed the House and has gone back to the Senate.

H98 which deals with Exemptions from vaccinations has received a lot of comments. Currently there are three exemption categories; Medical, Philosophical and religious. This bill would amend out the philosophical exemption.

H39- also known as death with dignity or physician assisted suicide is coming back around. It is an emotional issue and I appreciate the input from people on both sides of the issue. They are currently considering an amendment that would maintain certain safeguards that would otherwise expire.

The Forrester licensure bill has also received a lot of debate.

Mitchell- Not sure how they should be responding to requests such as the letter received regarding Ed Relation. Carl says he needs to clarify with them what it is they are looking for.

It seems like there are a lot of solar projects popping up. Should the town have any role in making property owners aware of the plans for these? Many of these projects are on private property, so the Town would have no input. The adjoining property owners get notified as part of the permit process. LaClair says there may be a bill coming at some point to allow municipalities some input into these solar installations.

White- Would like to remind that voting is May 12 from 7am to 7pm unless you get an absentee ballot from the Town Clerks office.

2015-16 Proposed Budget book is available at: Hannaford’s, Graniteville General Store, Lawson’s Store, Trow Hill Grocery, Morgan’s East Barre Market, Brookside Store, Quarry Hill Quick Stop and the Town Office.

Viewing dates for the budget presentation on CVTV, Channel 194 are as follows:

Friday May 1  2:30pm, 6:30 pm, and 9:30 pm
Saturday May 2  5:30 am, 8:30 am, and 11:30 am
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Monday May 4    10:00 am
Tuesday May 5    6:30 pm
Wednesday May 6  11:30 am
Thursday May 7   2:30 pm
Friday May 8     2:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm
Saturday May 9   5:30 am, 8:30 am and 11:30 am

Blow - Wednesday May 6 is the annual Open Town Meeting at 7:30 pm. At that time the Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship award will be announced, tax installment dates will be set along with other town business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage when discussing legal issues.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss legal issues with possible action to follow. The action taken will be announced at the beginning of the Selectboard meeting on May 5, 2015.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:32 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

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Deborah Lefebvre- Assistant Town Clerk          Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard