P.I.O.T. Emergency Management Review - topics requests, suggestions  6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order  7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of May 26, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
8. Consider appointing Selectboard representative to Phoenix House Community Relations working group.
9. Discuss practices, policies, programs to boost voter turnout.
10. Discuss fines listed in various town ordinances.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, including fireworks permits for Isabelle (Phelps Rd.), Codling (Snowbridge Rd.), Perreault (Littlejohn Rd.), and catering permit for Club Bliss.
14. “Round the table”
15. Executive session: legal, real estate, labor negotiations.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
June 2, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 2, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Westerville at 7:12 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 R. Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty,

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA - None

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of April 28, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There is a vacancy on the Recreation Commission. The Commission meets the first Monday of each month. Residents interested in serving should submit a letter or email of interest to the Town Manager's Office.

- The annual Father's Day Chicken BBQ at the East Barre Fire Station, located at the intersections of Route 110 and Mill Street in East Barre, is Sunday, June 21, 2015 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. The menu includes: BBQ Chicken, pasta salad, rolls,
milk and ice cream. A half-chicken meal is $12 and a quarter chicken is $8.00 Take out is available and proceeds will benefit the Barre Town Fire Department.

- Youth Track & Field for boys and girls from 7 to 14 years old begins on June 15th. The group will meet on Mondays and Thursdays until July 25th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Barre Town track. Registration prior to June 4th is $30 and $35 after. All registrations must be done prior to the start of the program. Anyone with questions should contact the City Recreation Department at 476-0257.

- It's not too late to sign up for Barre Town Tennis lessons - choose from a variety of lessons based on age and skill level. Lessons are available for children 3rd grade to adults, or sign up for a family lesson to learn together. Tennis racquets are available or bring your own. For more information and registration forms contact Coach Kelly Cleveland at KRC97stang@gmail.com or (802) 279-2679.

- Barre Town Forest maps and walking guides are available at the Town Office. Public parking and trail access points are at 44 Brook Street in Websterville and at the end of Barclay Road in Upper Graniteville.

- Fireworks are the most spectacular of events. However, to hold a display in Barre Town you will need to get a permit. Be advised the process takes 14 days. The Fire and Police Chiefs must approve the application (and may place conditions on your permit) before it is forwarded to the Selectboard for final approval. Permit applications are available on the Town website (www.barretown.org/publications/forms) or by contacting the Town Clerk's office at 479-9391. The fee is $15.00.

- If you would like to be considered for appointment on one of the Town's Boards or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Town Manager's office.

GUESTS - None

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Background: The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) has addressed the matter of trucks going down Middle Road. Their recommendations (4) point the way to the designated truck route (Route 14 and I-89) and to tell truckers not to use Sterling Hill Road and Middle Road. The four sign descriptions are available in the TSAC minutes of May 20, 2015.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the following four (4) Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendations for signage:

1. Graniteville Road: “Trucks and Buses - Left Turn Only” (two signs) to be posted as described by the TSAC minutes of May 20, 2015;
2. Graniteville Road: “Trucks and Buses - Right Turn Only” (one sign) to be posted as described by the TSAC minutes of May 20, 2015;
3. Websterville Road: Direction Sign “Route 14 - I-89 with Right Arrow - Trucks and Busses” to be posted near the Wilson Cemetery on the approach to the intersection with Quarry Hill Road;
4. Sterling Hill Road: A "No Trucks" symbol signs beyond the first driveway on the right into MacAuley Meats for Sterling Hill Road.

The Board discussed the intersection of Middle Road/Route 63/Route 14 and the bottom of Sterling Hill Road. TSAC will be discussing these roads at the next meeting.
Representative to Phoenix House Community Relations Group

Background: The Memorandum of Understanding with the Phoenix House has a section describing the Community Relations Working Group. There is a position for a Selectboard member. Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of August, November, February, and May at 1:00 p.m. in the Phoenix House and typically last one hour. The Manager is inquiring if any Board member is interested in the position.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Rob LaClair as the Barre Town Selectboard representative to the Phoenix House Community Relations Working Group.

Voter Turnout - Practices, Policies, Programs

Background: Per Selectboard request this topic is for discussion purposes. The annual election voter turnout was 12% despite the Library funding ballot question. In the prior two years the turnout has been 13% in 2014 and 9.9% in 2013. The question is how to increase voter turnout?

Discussion centered on why people do not vote: time (busy schedules), apathy, and lack of the knowledge on the election process topped the list.

Creative ways to increase turnout and possible problems associated with each were noted:
1. Raffles for prizes (possible gambling law violations).
2. Have a drawing from those whose voted and award a dollar amount to be applied to a tax bill (concern for excluding renters and does the Board have the authority for this type of action).
3. Prepare an email list for those interested and send out several times in the 30 days prior to the vote.
4. Facebook page (concern for inability to monitor content - fear of becoming a political campaign site).
5. Website alerts
6. CVTV - Prepare videos and education on the entire election process.

Mitchell stated he is not in favor of the raffle or reduction of taxes. He adamantly reminded everyone there are responsibilities for being a U.S. citizen and one of those is voting. Our education system is failing to provide young people with basic civics knowledge and he would support focusing our energies in this area.

Ordinance Fines Discussion

Background: This is the second discussion for this topic which is on the Selectboard priority list. During the May 19th meeting the Board reviewed the chart of various ordinance fines and have been given time to digest the data. Tonight discussion will be to determine whether some fines need to be adjusted (higher or lower) and if there is a need to proceed with making changes.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to review and make revisions as needed to the following Barre Town ordinances:
1) Littering/Dumping Sections 3.5 -28,
2) Wastewater Section 4-72,
3) And Damage to Roadways, Section 6-40;
said changes for each section will be held until all three (listed above) have been revised; at that time the three “Ordinance Amendments” will be amended using the process as outlined in the Town Charter, Chapter 6, Section 37, titled Ordinances.
JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION

Background: The Planning Commission is meeting Wednesday, June 3 to discuss the solar arrays in the Wilson Industrial Park and behind the Canadian Club. The Commission asked if the Selectboard would meet with the Commission (possibly on June 17) to hear a presentation of the Canadian Club solar project. The Selectboard will discuss/determine if they want to meet with the Commission and to possibly take a position or submit input about the Canadian Club project.

Rogers stated there will be a special meeting of the Planning Commission on Wednesday June 17th. A brief overview of the solar projects and concerns were noted during discussion. Selectboard members were made aware June 17th there is also a Board of Abatement meeting. White and Tessier will attend the Planning Commission meeting and report back to the Board. LaClair stated he will not be available for any meetings that night.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for June 2, 2015, Blow recused himself due to an employer conflict.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve fireworks permits for the following:
1. Elizabeth & Paul Perreault, 42 Littlejohn Road, July 4, 2015;
2. Alyson & Jack Codling, 19 Snowbridge Road, July 3 - 13, 2015;
3. Greg Isabelle, 22 Phelps Road, June 19, 2015.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous, and/or Spirituous Liquors for Clubbliss LLC, dba Moogs Place, who will be catering a wedding at 375 Windy Wood Road on June 20, 2015, 4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Asst. Manager Dorsett thanked Jet Service for providing the Thank You cards for the Recreation Board/Town use. He stated the Recreation Board has discussed the issue of signing the Legal Trails and Class 4 Roads. More investigation time is needed and they hope to have feedback for the Selectboard soon.

ROUND THE TABLE

LaClair noted there is a non-partisan Legislative Review at the Aldrich Public Library on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Rob LaClair, Topper McFaun, and the Barre City representatives will be present to let people know what has been happening under the dome this session!

Mitchell read in the recent issue of Road and Bridges Magazine a great article about the construction of the new Brookfield floating bridge. He offered kudos to VTrans on the use of this new innovative technology and to all those who helped with the construction.

Mitchell stated the Websterville playground is in desperate need of mowing; brush needs to be cleared at the Churchill Road/Websterville Road intersection; and the Websterville Road is sinking a bit going toward East Barre - it really needs to be leveled with the rest of the road again before it gets too bad.

White stated he had spent his birthday attending a family funeral and later was treated to a great lobster dinner as part of his birthday celebration.
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Blow inquired if the question regarding email addresses for Board members had been addressed. The issue is being worked on.

Blow stated there will be a retirement reception for Karen Lane, Director of the Aldrich Public Library on Sunday, June 21st at 1:00 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Blow stated he was so pleased to how clean Barre Town roadsides were after the May Green-Up event. However, on his way to the meeting tonight he stopped to pick up two lawn sale signs which were littering the sides of the road. Garage Sales are a great way to recycle, but encourages anyone having a sale to remove their signs in a timely manner. Let’s keep our roadsides looking great!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge of real estate, labor contracts, legal issues, and personnel issues would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss real estate, legal, labor contracts, and personnel.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:26 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:26 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard