BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
June 30, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Visit with Recreation Board 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Presentation by Down Street Housing and Community Development regarding housing rehabilitation.
8. Consider appointing Cemetery Commission member.
11. Consider approving new cemetery lot and niche prices.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous, including permits and licenses, if any.
14. “Round the table”
15. Executive session: labor contract negotiations.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
June 30, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 30, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:04 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rolland Tessier, Tom White, Jeff Blow, and Rob LaClair.

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 7:04 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to amend the agenda item #13 to include action on fireworks permits for Andrew Woodhams, and discussion on the Morrison Road Solar project. W. John “Jack” Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of June 23, 2015 with the following correction: Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Barre Town is looking for another volunteer to help operate the lawn waste site near the top of Holden Road. We are able to offer this service free of charge to residents thanks to volunteers. Sadly, one of our volunteers passed away last fall. We would like to keep the lawn waste site available three (3) days a week. If you
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- can volunteer 3-4 hours one day a week, please call the Manager's Office at 479-9331 or send an email to crogers@barretown.org.

- The summer schedule for Pickleball drop-in play at the Recreation Facility tennis courts is on Wednesday's from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Sunday's from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or to connect with other Pickleball players call the town Office.

- For the months of July and August the Selectboard will be meeting every other Tuesday, this schedule begins on July 14th. The weekly meeting schedule will start again on September 1st.

GUESTS - None

DOWN STREET HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGARDING HOUSING REHABILITATION

Background: The Central Vermont Community Land Trust (CVCLT) has changed its name to Downstreet Housing and Community Development. In the 1990s Barre Town was awarded a CDBG for housing rehabilitation and establishing a revolving loan fund with the money. After the initial set of loans the Town partnered with CVCLT to operate our housing rehab program. The meeting is to discuss the work they have been doing and possible ways to market/publicize the availability of housing rehab loans.

Pattie Dupuis presented the Board with material describing the services offered. The Town's housing rehab program began with grant funding over 20 years. Rehab funds are used for various household improvements (roofing, electrical, water, sewer/septic, windows, heating, etc.). Down Street not only screens applicants but assists with securing contractors (those who are in good standing with the State and have liability insurance). The contractors are paid directly by Down Street Housing. Loans and interest rates are based on income.

- There have been surveys which have shown residents see some savings as a result of their projects.
- Solar energy projects have not been explored but are on the horizon.
- Rehab projects usually begin within 6 to 8 weeks from loan approval which takes about 7 days.
- Advertising will be done through Front Porch Forum, the Town Newsletter, and will explore setting up a table and speaking to individuals at the polling place.
- Their website address is www.downstreet.org.

APPOINT CEMETERY COMMISSION MEMBER

This item was passed over.

2015-2016 SET TAX RATE

Background: The Selectboard will be setting five (5) tax rates for the current fiscal year. The State sets the education rates. However, by law the Town must bill the property owners these rates (Homestead and Non-residential). The Homestead rate is $1.4056 and the Non-residential rate is $1.7341.

The local agreement rate raises revenue to replace the education tax revenue that Towns forgive through tax stabilization contracts (one for Highland Sugarworks), disabled veterans exemptions (53 claims), or voter-approved non-profit organization exemptions (numerous totaling $108,450).
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The Board reviewed the rates as presented by the Town Manager and agreed to use $100,000 in cash reserves to reduce the general fund tax rate.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to use $100,000 in fund balance and to set the Fiscal Year 2015 - 2016 tax rates as follows:

- Education homestead rate $1.4056
- Non-residential education rate $1.7341
- Highway Fund rate $ .4069
- General Fund rate $ .4990
- Local Agreement rate $ .0039

Mitchell was not present for the vote.

2015-2016 SEWER BOD CHARGE

Background: Last week the Selectboard set the sewer and water rates for 2015-2016 but the BOD charge was not included in the motion. Last year Aldrich & Elliott Engineering re-checked our sewage treatment costs. They determined the treatment cost associated with BOD decreased to $.375. Last year the Selectboard set the rate at $.38 per pound. The Engineering firm also sampled the wastewater from Hood Dairy, Vermont Creamery, and Village Cannery. The calculated number of pounds of BOD from each business was adjusted after sampling and testing.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to set the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 B.O.D. sewage charge at $.38 per pound. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

CEMETERY LOT & NICHE PRICE LIST

Background: The Cemetery Commission requested a survey be done this spring regarding pricing of lots. During the June 24th meeting the Commission approved new pricing for lots/niches/services and is requesting Selectboard approval. The proposed changes are as follows:

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<th>Proposed Charge</th>
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<td>Interments - Infant weekdays</td>
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<td>Columbarium Opening</td>
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<td>Markers &amp; Post Installation</td>
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<td>Foundations Installed - cement</td>
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<td>Columbarium Niche - Town Resident</td>
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On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Cemetery Department proposed pricing changes as submitted. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for June 30, 2015. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Clerk to sign 2 fireworks permits for Andrew Woodhams, displays to be held on July 3, 2015, at 19 Sunbay Road, and July 4, 2015 at 14 Breer Road. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ROUND THE TABLE - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature general knowledge of labor contract negotiations would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss labor contract negotiations and to invite labor attorney Scott Cameron. Mitchell was not present for the vote and Kelty was excused from executive session.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 10:15 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Mitchell was not present for the vote.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard