BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
July 14, 2015

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Executive session (legal, labor contract negotiations)
3. Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 p.m.
4. Consider approving agenda.
5. Consider approving minutes from meeting of June 30, 2015.
6. Announcements
7. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
8. Robert Goodrich regarding removal of items from his property.
10. Discussion with new EMS Director, Chris LaMonda.
11. Consider appointment to Cemetery Commission.
12. Consider approving Millstone Trails Association trail fees.
13. Consider approving documents and authorizing signing of documents for re-financing of the two fire trucks and financing of new low-pro dump truck.
15. Consider authorizing signing of Quit Claim deed for English School lot (West Cobble Hill area).
16. Consider approving water system complaint form.
17. Consider approving Close-Out Agreement for VCDP on behalf of SB Electronics and approving MOU with Vermont Community Loan Fund for re-use of SBE loan payments.
18. Discuss input regarding renewable energy to VLCT Quality of Life and Environment Committee.
19. Review Status of Semprebon (Sterling Hill) bike path plans.
20. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
21. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits: a) fireworks for P. York, Lisa Drive; b) fireworks for S. Wilson, Darshir Lane.
22. ‘Round the Table
23. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
July 14, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of July 14, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rolland Tessier, Tom White, Jeff Blow, and Rob LaClair and W. John “Jack” Mitchell.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl R. Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, and Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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 labor contract negotiations would put the Town at a substantial disadvantage.
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On a motion by White seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss labor contract negotiations, legal and real estate.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 7:05 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 unanimously to approve the following changes to the agenda:

1. Move item #’s 17, 18, and 10 up to follow item #7.
2. Under item #21, Miscellaneous; add fireworks permit for Christina Barr, Partridge Road and request by Robert LePage to change the date of his fireworks display permit to July 25, 2015.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of June 30, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Sewer and Tax bills are in the mail. If you are receiving both a tax bill and a Sewer bill look for them to arrive in the same envelope. The first payment is due on Monday August 17th.
• The Barre Heritage Festival is from July 22nd to the 26th. The Barre Heritage 5K trail Race is on Sunday July 26th. Please note the Quarries Disc Golf course will be closed until 11:00 am for the race. For more information about the festival or to register for the 5K run, visit www.barreheritagefestival.org or call 249-8996.
• Guided nature walks through the Barre Town Forest are available for free every Tuesday at 9:00 am. Walks begin at the Town Forest parking area located at 44 Brook Street. To request a guided nature walk at a different time contact Marianne Kotch at (802) 476-4185. For town forest maps or self guided tour books visit the Town Manager’s office.
• This summer’s paved road work has begun. The first round of paving scheduled to run from July 27th through August 14th. This first round includes paving activity on the following roads: Cummings, Nichols, Pine Hill, Plainfield Brook, Cassie Street, Richardson Road, Cutler Corner, and Osborne. Expect that you may encounter delays when traveling on these roads.
• 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 more information on any of these announcements visit www.barretown.org or call 479-9331.

GUESTS - None

CLOSE-OUT AGREEMENT FOR VCDP

Background: This item has two parts. I’ll review the Close-out agreement with the state and point out the obligations it places on the town. If you are ok with accepting the Agreement we could talk about the MOU for the business revolving loan fund (RLF). $492,000 in principal plus all the interest SBE pays would be handed over to the Vermont Community Loan Fund (VCLF) to operate a business RLF. If time permits and I’m able to clarify a few points with VCLF’s Will Belongia, I’ll ask that you vote to approve the Close-
Out Agreement for Grant Agreement IG-I2009-Barre-00001, the SBE loan grant, and the MOU with VCLF and to authorize the town manager to sign these documents.

Joel Schwartz, BADC was present to answer any questions as BAD has been involved in this process and wants to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Carl reviewed the Closeout Agreement between the State of Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development and the Town of Barre. This Agreement would establish procedures for managing this income in perpetuity. He also reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of the Barre Revolving Loan Fund. The funds would be available for businesses in both Barre Town and Barre City.

After reviewing the documents and the proposed changes it was agreed at this point to take feedback from the board tonight and to make the changes for the July 28th meeting. The board was in general agreement with the documents and changes as discussed.

EMS DIRECTOR

The new EMS Director, Chris LaMonda was introduced and welcomed by the board. Chris Took over July 1, 2015 after Dave Jennings retired on June 30, 2015. This was a nice seamless transition, especially since Chris was already employed by the Town’s EMS. Chris brings a very impressive resume which includes extensive teaching experience and a recently completed Masters in Public Health. Every one wishes him well in this new position.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Background: This item was tabled two weeks ago. No additional letters of interest (LOI) were received to this point. At this time the only LOI is from Bill Wolfe. If you are ready, make a motion to appoint Bill Wolfe to fill Robie Pellon’s unexpired Cemetery Commission term to expire May 31, 2017.

As of meeting time, Bob Benoit has come forward and expressed an interest in serving on the Cemetery Commission. His primary life’s work experience was in the sandblast business, and has done quite a bit of cemetery work including foundations. Carl reviewed the general role of the Cemetery Commission and its meeting schedule.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard unanimously voted to appoint Bob Benoit to fill Robie Pellon’s unexpired Cemetery Commission term to expire May 31, 2017.

The Selectboard would like to thank Bill Wolfe for making himself available to serve on the commission.

VLCT QUALITY OF LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Background: Enclosed is an email from Cedric Sanborn and Jeff Blow. With it is the VLCT’s Quality of Life and Environment Municipal Policy- the VLCT’s legislative lobbying policy. Cedric is on the Committee updating the policy for 2016. He seeks your guidance in addressing renewable energy projects, specifically getting back local control of renewable energy projects.

Every year the VLCT adopts a municipal policy of issues to lobby policy for. Cedric has volunteered to serve on The Quality of Life and Environment Committee which also has a renewable energy component. It is Cedric’s opinion that the local municipalities need to regain some control over and input into the renewable energy projects that are happening in their towns. Currently the Public Service Board has the say on these projects.
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It seemed to be the consensus of the Selectboard that they too would like to have more local control rather than more State control in general; and including this area of renewable energy projects in particular. Wind power was mentioned along with solar arrays.

The issue of new State storm water runoff legislation and how it affects towns was also mentioned.

The Selectboard thanked Cedric for taking on this new position and wished him well with it. They also offered their support.

DUGOUT RESTAURANT

Background: Several weeks ago Mr. Goodrich requested to be on the agenda. He let me know he wanted an accounting of expenses and income. He is interested in what is left. He probably will question why certain things were removed from his property. What remains in our yard (other than the three large trailers full of a wide variety of items) are: an ice cream display case, part of an exercise bike, a smoker, a cart, a pallet jack, the red office trailer, and 2 shower stalls.

Mr. Goodrich was sent an accounting of the items removed from his property and notified that he would be on the agenda for this meeting, but he was not in attendance.

Current expenses are about $6103; that does not include Public Works crew and equipment used for the day or the many hours spent by management on selling items and coordinating the cleanup.

Income to date is about $4600. That leaves about a $1500 shortfall to cover expenses at this time.

There was discussion on ways to handle the three remaining trailers and their contents. One suggestion was to auction off each trailer and its contents. Another was to auction the trailers and the contents separately. Each idea has pros and cons. Carl felt the town’s obligation was to do the best we can to cover our costs and to also do the best we can for Mr. Goodrich.

It was generally agreed to pursue the sale of the trailers and the contents by auction, with the option of buying just the contents or the trailer and contents.

The Town Manager will post the current accounting of expenses and income for the Dugout property clean up on the town’s website.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF VIBRATORY ROLL

Background: We budgeted over $90,000, before trade-in to buy a new roll in FY 15/16. We need the roll now. The low bid with extended warranty (5 additional years) is $88,250. The low bidder, Nortrax, is offering $15,000 for our roll. Mile Martel recommends you award to Nortrax.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to award the new vibratory roll purchase contract to Nortrax for a 2015 Bomag BW-177D-5 with extended warranty at a price of $88,250 less their trade-in allowance of $15,000 for our Ingersoll-Rand roll, for a net price of $73,250. The motion was amended to ask Nortrax for a free loaner roller if the delivery is going to be longer than 2 weeks from this award.

Discussion: There was a lot of discussion on this purchase. Mr. LaClair questioned if the town really needs a roll. It was mentioned that one of the reasons we are in the situation we are in now with the roll is because previous boards voted not to put money into a new roll in the past. The current roll has finally been repaired to the point that it is
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functional, but the town does not want to use it now and risk affecting the trade-in value. Nortrax has loaned the town a roll to use recently on a job at no charge.

Mr. Blow though not a big supporter of the roll, thinks that like in the past with the dump trucks the town is keeping things too long. If you keep them too long, the repairs become more costly and the trade-in/resale value is much less. Since the town changed its practice with the dump trucks and keeps them a shorter time; we are getting higher resale and reduced repair cost. He thinks we should do the same with the roll and some of the other equipment (this roll is a 1995).

Mr. Tessier asked if there might be lease options for this type of equipment. That would have to be researched.

**MILLSTONE TRAILS ASSOCIATION TRAIL FEES**

**Background:** The Corridor (trail) Management Agreement with MTA states the Selectboard will approve MTA fees. MTA has a new fee list. Andrew is working on renewal of the Corridor Agreement and pointed out the Selectboard needs to approve these new rates/fees. The fee schedule is enclosed. It is pretty short MTA has a one year pass fee for a singer person and for a family. There is a day pass rate for mountain biking. That’s it. Please adopt a motion approving MTA Membership and Day Pass Fees for April, 2015-March, 2016. The rates are as follows:

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On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the MTA Membership and Day Pass Fees for April, 2015-March, 2016.

**FINANCE DOCUMENTS**

This item is listed in the event we receive the documents for the combination fire truck re-financing and original dump truck financing. After I spoke with you about re-financing the fire trucks I talked with MLC about including the dump truck in the package. We planned to finance that truck for 3 years per the 14/15 budget. If we have the documents in time you will vote to approve the documents, which might include a Resolution, and vote to authorize the Town Clerk-Treasurer and Town Manager to sign the documents as needed.

Item passed over.

**SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND INVESTMENT**

**Background:** You may remember from budget work that Donna has most of the Cemetery Trust Fund money invested with Edward Jones, where it earns 5%-6%. She is planning to invest most of the SCIF money in the same way. She thought she’d have the investment documents needed by Tuesday night. This item is listed in case the documents from Edward Jones arrive. You would vote to authorize the Town Clerk-Treasurer to sign documents necessary to invest a large portion of the Sewer Capital Investment Funds with Edward Jones, Inc.

Item passed over.

**ENGLISH SCHOOL LOT (WEST COBBLE HILL AREA) QUIT CLAIM DEED**

**Background:** Hopefully you would recall taking this action regarding a property within the Beckley Hill English School Lot area. This time there is a request for a Tamarack lane property that is within the West Cobble Hill English School Lot area. Enclosed is an email
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from Mike Monte, plus a letter from 2003 explaining why this is an issue, a map of Barre Town showing the original lots, including 3 English School Lots, and the Quit Claim Deed. Mike recommends we issue a Quit Claim Deed to cover all 3 English School Lots. Please vote to authorize the town manager to sign a Quit Claim Deed and Property Transfer Tax Return releasing any interest the Town might have in these 3 Lots, except existing utility or road easements.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the town manager to sign a Quit Claim Deed and Property Transfer Tax Return releasing any interest the Town might have in these 3 lots, except any existing utility or road easements.

WATER SYSTEM COMPLAINT FORM

Background: Enclosed is a memo from Harry explaining the need for this form and what it does. Also enclosed are the policy and procedure for water system complaints and the actual complaint form. Please adopt the enclosed Procedure and Water Customer Complaint Form.

After discussion about the policy and some of its wording it was decided to have the corrections and changes made and bring it back for action at a later date.

SEMPREBON (STERLING HILL) BIKE PATH PLAN STATUS UPDATE

Background: A couple weeks ago someone asked about the Semprebon bike path project. It is on the agenda to give a report about the property owner meetings.

Carl reported that they had been able to meet with about half of the affected property owners and most of those were receptive.

Jeff expressed disappointment that there were many residents when approached for a one on one meeting to go over the proposed project would not at least take the opportunity to listen before saying no. At this point there are still no finalized plans.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for the weeks of July 7 and July 14, 2015. Blow abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest in the accounts payable.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the date of the previously approved fireworks permit for Robert LePage, Farwell St changed to July 25, 2015.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to sign a fireworks permit for Pat York, Lisa Drive, display on July 18, 2015.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to sign a fireworks permit for Christina Barr, Partridge Rd display on July 18, 2015.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Clerk to sign a fireworks permit for Scott Wilson, Darshir Lane.

ROUND THE TABLE
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Dorsett- Thank you to all the volunteers for your work on the lining of the soccer fields. Jack asked where we were at with the Town Forest management plan. Have met and will have a report coming soon.

Carl- nothing

Tessier- Reminds residents to lock cars, garages, etc; there have been a rash of break-ins lately including his own residence.

LaClair- Recently attended a gun suppressor demo at the Barre Fish and Game Club. There was new legislation recently passed to permit suppressors, not silencers. The demo was well attended and very informative.

White- Enjoy the summer and sun but don’t forget your sunscreen.

Jack- Asked about the big culvert dip at the junction of Pine Hill Rd and Rt 14. The town is planning to put an extension on the culvert and is working on getting the permits for the work.

Also, tomorrow (July 15, 2015) the Websterville Fire District is holding a bond vote for improvements to the system. Polls are open 10a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fire District office.

Jeff- nothing

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Deborah Lefebvre, Assistant Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard