BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
September 1, 2015

P.I.O.T. Site visit at DPW to view dump trucks and salt spreading equipment.
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. Report on summer youth track team.
8. Consider adopting Resolution #10-15 recognizing Senior Citizen Center Month.
9. Consider adopting Resolution #11-15 authorizing a community development block grant on behalf of the Central Vermont Montessori School.
10. Consider awarding contract for bulk trash collections roll-offs.
11. Consider approving Barre City residents' use of lawn waste site for leaf disposal.
12. Consider designating voting delegate for annual VLCT business meeting.
13. Consider authorizing repairs to small dump truck.
14. Consider designating authorized official to represent Town at tax sale.
15. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
16. Miscellaneous- including permits if any.
17. "Round the table"
18. Executive session, if needed.
19. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
September 1, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of September 1, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:12 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl R. Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, Holly Anderson, Tom Anderson, Roger Cyr, Betty Cyr, Angela LaCroix and Lily LaCroix.

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
On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the agenda as amended.

Under item# 15-Miscellaneous: add a discussion about how the Town might be able to assist the Randolph Fire Department in light of the recent fire.

MINUTES
On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2015 meeting with the following correction:
- Page 5, second paragraph, first sentence. Change sad to said.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Selectboard Minutes of September 1, 2015 continued:

1. The Fall Bulk Trash Collection for town residents will be on Saturday, September 19. Hours are 8am to 2 pm. During this time residents may load their car or trailer with certain types of large disposal items. Examples might be furniture, carpets, mattresses, and building demolition material. The collection is held at the public works yard on Websterville Road. Fees are charged. See the town website or upcoming newsletter article for details.

2. Usually we have a non-profit group volunteer help at the bulk trash collection. The group, in turn, can ask the users for a donation. At fall collections, groups can receive $300-$400. About 8 volunteers would be needed. Any groups interested should contact Carl Rogers at 479-9331.

3. Watch for advertisements about the Kiwanis Club's Touch-a-Truck event on Saturday, September 12 from 10am to 2 pm at the town's recreation area. The Kiwanis will have construction equipment and emergency service vehicles on scene for kids to sit in, climb on and look at. The Town will have police, fire, ambulance and public works equipment and staff there.

4. It might be a little early, but homeowners could start preparing for the heating season. The Fire Department would like to remind property owners to have their chimneys cleaned and furnace serviced.

**GUESTS**

Roger and Betty Cyr were present to review their concerns regarding the Class 4 Old Quarry Hill Road. Mr. Blow excused himself from the chair and discussion due to a conflict of interest. Mr. White took the chair.

The Selectboard did a site visit of the area on August 11, 2015. The Cyrs reviewed their history with the property and outlined their understanding of the situation and their concerns.

The Selectboard has not yet had a chance to discuss the matter and will need to research the deeds, surveys, maps etc. The item should be put on the agenda for some action after this research is done.

After this item, Mr. Blow resumed the chair.

**SUMMER YOUTH TRACK TEAM**

Background: Barre City and Barre Town Recreation Departments have jointly sponsored a youth track team for several years. The team is for boys and girls age 7-14. They practice from mid June to late July and participate in a meet. Angela LaCroix, a town resident, just completed her first year as coach. The program costs the Town little money (under $1,000 per year).

Angela LaCroix and her daughter Lily attended to give a brief report about the Summer Youth Track Team. They had 22 children participate this year which is down from about 40 last year. Most of the children were in the younger ages. They practiced from the end of school for 6 weeks with one meet at the end. 13 children participated in the meet in St. Johnsbury. Practices were from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Barre Town track.

The majority of the children were from Barre Town, but also included some children from Topsham and Washington. There is a cost of $30 and a small fee for the meet. Angela noted that if money was an obstacle for a child to participate they would not let that stop the child from participating.

The program is fairly low cost to run as not a lot of equipment is required. Really all a child needs is a pair of sneakers. She hopes to increase participation next year and will be recruiting particularly with the Girls on the Run and Boys on the Run participants.

She would like to move their practices from Barre Town to Spaulding where they can use the long jump pit and have the use of the hurdles.
RESOLUTION #10-15 RECOGNIZING SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER MONTH

Background: Cathy Hartshorn is the Barre Area Senior Center executive director. She requested someone from the town issue a proclamation, which we have converted to a resolution for adoption.

Holly Anderson who is on the Board of the Barre Area Senior Center was present to talk about the activities of the Senior Center. They currently have 282 members and have a goal of 550 members by the end of the month. The cost is $25 per year to join.

They will be doing a walk-a-thon as a fundraiser next year. They partner with many groups to provide services to seniors including; Home Health, Rehab Gym, Council on Aging, the Galley, the Montpelier Senior Center, and Jazzercise. They also have in-house exercise programs, many bus trips, movies, language lessons, craft lessons and much more.

They have a Lunch every Tuesday and the cost is $6.00.

Their new location in the Wall Street Complex includes much more space and there is space that can be rented for events. There is an open room of about 90’x30’ with an attached kitchen, and can be rented with or without the use of the kitchen. It can accommodate up to 100 people. To rent this space call the Senior Center at 479-9512.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve Barre Town Resolution #10-15 acknowledging the Barre Area Senior Center during National Senior Center Month.

GRANT RESOLUTION

Background: This resolution is identical to the one adopted in March. The School's CDBG application was not approved in June. The school would like us to re-apply on its behalf. This resolution is necessary for the application packet due later in the month. As with the previous application, the Town does not have to provide a cash match. C.V. Montessori School staff or representatives are preparing the application.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously approved Town of Barre Resolution #11-15 in support of and authorizing the Vermont Community Development Program Grant Application for the Montessori School.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION ROLL-OFFS

Background: This service is for the fall bulk trash collection. Specs were sent to three companies, including Myers. We received a bid only from Casella. The bid is for $187 per ton. The bids for the past three fall collections were: 2014-$178(2 bids); 2013-$170(2 bids) and 2012-$145(2 bids).

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the roll-off service contract for the September 19 Bulk Trash Collection to Casella Waste Management at the per ton price of $187.

BARRE CITY LAWN WASTE (LEAF) DISPOSAL

Background: The City of Barre has requested permission for its residents to use the lawn waste site for two weeks in October. The Town has allowed city residents limited use of the site during the spring and fall for several years. Their use of the site hasn't been a problem. The city pays its share of our labor and equipment time.
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On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve Barre City residents’ use of the lawn waste site on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the regular service hours from October 17 to October 29 with the City to be billed its share of labor and equipment time.

VLCT VOTING DELEGATE

Background: Town Fair is October 8, 2015 at the Killington Grand Hotel. The League holds its Annual Meeting after lunch. During the Annual Meeting the delegates adopt a Municipal Legislative (lobbying) Policy. Is there any interest in attending? Is anyone interested in being the delegate? If no one else is interested Carl can represent the Town as he has to be at the Town Fair anyway.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Carl Rodgers, Town Manager as the voting delegate for the Town at the VLCT Annual Meeting to be held October 8, 2015 at the Killington Grand Hotel.

TRUCK REPAIR

Background: A few years ago the Selectboard directed staff to bring all estimated equipment repairs in excess of $2,500 to the board for re-approval. Truck #18 is a 2008 Ford F-550 one-ton dump truck. It is the oldest of our four one-tons and lo-pro. Per the 5 year plan it will be replaced during FY’17-’28 at the budgeted price of $96,000.

The high pressure fuel pump has failed. Mike Martel has learned that the cab must be removed to replace the pump. Formula Ford estimated the repair would cost $5,500/$6,000 at a minimum to as much as $12,000. He received an estimate from Lamoille Valley Ford for $3,800. The last one-ton truck sold for $5,500 (2011).

Mr. White excused himself from this item due to a conflict of interest.

Concern was raised about how many more Ford trucks of this size we have and do we anticipate this type of problem arising in them. Should the town be altering the replacement schedule for these trucks so that they are cycled out before this type of problem arises? The current plan is to keep this size truck for 10 years. We currently have 3 Ford one ton trucks. Carl says this has been a problem for this type of Ford truck. Need to research to see if this problem extends beyond the 2008 model year; will also to have Mike Martel check his records to determine repair costs.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to authorize the high pressure fuel pump replacement on truck #18 at Lamoille Valley Ford at a cost of about $3,800. White did not vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrant for September 1, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS

Due to the recent fire at the Town of Randolph Fire Department building, Chris Violette suggested that the Selectboard have a discussion about what type of assistance the Barre Town Fire Department might be able to lend. The Fire Chief suggests that we might be able to lend them Engine #3. There is also some turn out gear that is not currently in use which we could loan.

‘ROUND THE TABLE
Selectboard Minutes of September 1, 2015 continued:

Mitchell- Has had a discussion with a town resident on RT 302 who is complaining about trash around his residence which he thinks is coming from front load trash trucks that go by. Not sure that there is anything the town can do about this.

Why do the newly painted white hash marks on Quarry Hill stop way before the sand pit? Carl notes that several were missed for some reason. The town engineer is going to mark them and when the contractor comes back to do other road markings; will have them do these as well.

Jack noted the other day while at a water break at the intersection of Little John and Donahue Roads; the big hedge on the left needs to be trimmed so you can see into the intersection.

Jack asked if it would be of any help to ask some of the past ancient roads committee members to help with the research on the Cyr property issue. Carl said the records are all here in the Town Offices and at some point it would most likely end up being a legal matter and Mike Monte would get involved.

White- Said he attended the outdoor porch concert at the York Branch Library on August 27. It appeared to be well attended and it was good to see people in the area coming out to enjoy the music.

LaClair- A couple people have reached out to him about the increase in solar panels being installed. They are concerned about the lack of local input in the process.

Tessier- Asked if we are done with road side mowing. Yes we are. He notes there is brush hanging over the guardrail on Quarry Hill.

He also mentioned that the work on Cutler Corner Rd turned out very nice.

Blow- Asked if the Traffic Safety Committee should look at the range of speed limits on Cutler Corner Rd.

Rogers- Carl gave an update on the repair work on Plainfield Brook Rd and Cummings Rd. He went over the work that has been done. There is still about a 100’ section of Rip Rap to be laid. The guardrail company could be coming as early as this week. Once the guard rail is installed then the paving can be done. It is possible that the road could be open at the end of the week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard unanimously voted whereby premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to labor contract negotiations and legal matters.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard unanimously voted to go into executive session for labor contract negotiations and legal at 8:45 pm.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 10:10 pm.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.

Deborah Lefebvre- Assistant Town Clerk

Selectboard Chair

Barre Town Selectboard