BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
October 20, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Site Visit - Inspect new road connecting Rudd Farm to Daniels Drive
6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:15 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from October 13, 2015 meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider accepting as town street, section of street connecting Rudd Farm Drive to Daniels Drive.
8. Discuss font end bucket loader scales for weighing salt.
9. Consider first reading (introduction) of an ordinance clarifying park and playground hours.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous - including any licenses and permits.
12. “Round the table”
13. Executive session: (real estate, labor contract negotiations).

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
October 20, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of October 20, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:15 p.m.

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

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl R. Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, and Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda. Tessier was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2015 meeting with the following correction:
Page 1, Delete the word “MINUTES” in the Changes to the Agenda heading.
Tessier was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Selectboard has canceled the regularly scheduled meeting of October 27, 2015. After tonight the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
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2. The Lawn Waste Site hours are Wednesday 3-6 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. - Noon; and Saturday 8 a.m. - Noon. The weekend of October 24-25 the hours will be Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, Noon - 4 p.m. Leaf season is coming right up. Please unload leaves in the designated area. The public’s cooperation in keeping the site clean is appreciated. The site will be open regular hours into early November, weather permitting.

3. Carrying out recommendations in the Town Forest Management Plan, we are arranging to have some managed logging done in the Town Forest. Forest users will see some trees marked with blue paint and surveyor’s plastic ribbon tied to some trees in the corner of the forest near the Littlejohn Road and Donahue Road intersection and in the area between Littlejohn Road and East Barre. The period of time logging would be allowed is December 15th to March 15th.

4. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets is encouraging poultry owners, producers, and enthusiasts to prepare for the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), which is expected to impact the East Coast in the fall of this year or spring 2016. A letter from the Ag Agency is posted on our Town website. All poultry owners should read this letter and the precautions stated therein.

5. Halloween is right around the corner, just two weeks away. This is the start of our annual reminder for motorists to be extra careful the evening and night of Saturday, October 31st. All manner and sizes of ghosts, witches, ninjas, zombies, ballerina, kitties and dolls will take to the streets in search of goodies and treats. No doubt they will be excited and not necessarily aware of traffic. Slow down and be on guard for the children. Thank you.

GUESTS - None

ACCEPTING STREET CONNECTING RUDD FARM DRIVE & DANIELS DRIVE

Background: Developer, Henry Lague received subdivision approval a couple of years ago in this neighborhood. The sewer line was extended and deeded to the Town. However, Mr. Lague has transferred his interest to Fecteau Residential. They have a newly paved area about 300’ long by the required 22’ wide. The subdivision details what the Town will be deeded should they decide to accept. Because of the road extension a turnaround at the end of Daniels Drive will no longer be needed. The Town would have to relinquish rights to the abutter, which is Fecteau Residential. It is noted for the record that earlier this evening the Selectboard did a site visit and road inspection of this connector.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to accept an extension of Rudd Farm Drive and short extension section of Daniels Drive. Tessier was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to authorize the signing of deed(s) to relinquish rights to the former 900 square foot turnaround and another approximate 100 square feet of the old turnaround. Tessier was not present for the vote.

DISCUSS FRONT END BUCKET LOADER SCALES

Background: Selectboard member Rob LaClair has been doing research on bucket loader scales which would be used to weight road salt(s). He is now prepared to present the Board with more information about the products and discuss how the scale would be utilized to help monitor the Town’s salt use.
LaClair will present more detailed information at the next meeting. Some of the questions to be answered will be: What are the computer system requirements; What the wireless range is; What the package cost is; and reference information.

FIRST READING
CLARIFYING PARK AND PLAYGROUND HOURS

Background: The Recreation Board in their last report noticed the ordinance about closing times for parks and playgrounds needs to be re-written. The specific issue is the existing language stating all facilities are closed dusk to dawn. However, the Town provides lights for after dark play at the Barre Town Recreation Area. The Board is being asked to consider a first reading of an ordinance amendment to clarify the hours of operation.

It is noted for the record the proposed amendment will be Chapter 3.5, Conduct of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances, Sections 1, 2, and 3.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to read by title only "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre Clarifying Hours Town parks and Playgrounds are Open to the Public." Tessier was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to advance the proposed ordinance amendment, "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre Clarifying Hours Town parks and Playgrounds are Open to the Public" to a public hearing (second reading) on November 3, 2015. Tessier was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for October 20, 2015. Tessier was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rogers informed the Board that during the summer Boy Scout, Zach Bullock spearheaded a Trow Hill playground upgrade as his Eagle Scout project. Late today he met with the Scout and his parent to sign off on the project completion. Zach has done a tremendous amount of work since his initial inquiry in May 2015. Actual work began in early August and has just wrapped up. The list of completed work includes:

- Securing donations of stain from Sherwin Williams & contracting services of Tony Lajeunesse;
- Removing shingles on the picnic shelter and replacing it with a metal roof;
- Staining the lumber throughout the shelter;
- Replacing/rebuilding the picnic table tops and seats, plus staining;
- Removing brush from around the fence (11 truckloads); and
- Making 2 benches from the old picnic table tops and seats to be used at the basketball court which has saved the Recreation Board buying new ones.

The Board expressed their gratitude and appreciation for this impressive job.
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ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell wanted to thank the driver who stopped at the Richardson Road section this evening to allowing the Selectboard to make it back for this meeting in a timely manner.

Mitchell noted road issue at the Websterville Road/Graniteville Road – where the road transitions the "dip" is getting much deeper. He would perhaps like to have that filled before the hot mix plant closes for the winter.

Mitchell would like to have discussions during budget talks regarding line stripping. He feels there are additional roads which should be included in the stripping contract, especially when new blacktop is involved. One road in particular that came up in this discussion is Holden Road. The Manager stated he would have some reflectors placed on the roadway.

Mitchell represented the Town at the recent volunteer appreciation dinner. He stated there was a very high turnout and great company. Dave Rouleau (Thunder Chickens and Barre Town Recreation Board) was one of the recipients.

In the Managers "other notes" to the Board there was mention that the Town water lines had been inspected and 4 leaks were located in the system. White inquired if this type of inspection was done on a regular basis. Rogers stated this is only the first time he can remember. It was also noted that the service doing the testing is coming back to re-check one location and re-survey another section of the water system. The good news is that having only 4 small leaks in a system our size is good.

The State House is beefing up their safety program. As a result, our House Representative LaClair has been trained as a State House Fire Warden to assist in evacuations if needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to find that premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to personnel and labor contract negotiations. Tessier was not present for the vote.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session for personnel and labor contract negotiations at 8:02 p.m. Tessier was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:20 p.m. Tessier was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Tessier was not present for the vote.

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      Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer     Selectboard Chair

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