BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
November 3, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Executive Session (labor relations) 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 October 20 & 21, 2015 meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Public Hearing for proposed sale of Tax Map 033, Lot 064-02, located on side-hill above Route 302 near Town/City line.
8. Public hearing (second reading) for proposed ordinance clarifying the hours parks and playgrounds are closed.
9. Consider approving 5-Year Gravel Road Plan (for Fiscal Years ’16-’17 through ’20-’21).
10. Consider approving sale of Tax Map 033, Lot 064-02 and authorizing Manager to sign a deed.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous- including any licenses and permits.
13. “Round the table”
14. Executive session: (labor contract negotiations and real estate) if needed.
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
November 3, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of November 3, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:05 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, Arthur bombardier, Winnie McCormick, Pam Tucker, Grant Folsom, and Kristina Folsom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (#1)

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, 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. Rob LaClair was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session for personnel and labor contract negotiations at 6:30 p.m. LaClair was not present for the vote.

LaClair entered executive session at 6:34 p.m.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.
On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda.

MINUTES

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2015 meeting.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard unanimously voted to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Lawn Waste Site will be open Saturday, November 7th from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Check the Town website homepage announcements to see if the facility will be open the usual hours on Wednesday, November 11; Thursday, November 12, and Saturday, November 14th.

2. The second quarterly installment of property tax is due Monday, November 16, 2015. Payment options are: 1) pay by credit card (in person or on-line); 2) pay in person; 3) mail the payment; or 4) drop the payment in the night deposit box at the front of the Municipal Building.

3. The days are very short now making more people walk in the dark. Pedestrians need to wear a reflective vest or at least light colored clothing, and carry a flashlight. Pedestrians are advised to walk along the lane of on-coming traffic meaning the left side of the road. Drivers, watch carefully for pedestrians along the edge of the road.

4. November 17th, during our meeting, the Planning Commission and Selectboard will hold a public hearing. We want to hear town residents; opinions and questions about the solar farm approval process. The input will be used to prepare a letter to the State’s Solar Siting Task Force. The hearing is about the State’s approval process NOT any particular solar farm. The Task Force is considering the approval process for larger, commercial solar projects, not solar panels installed at a single family home or at a business. Look for more information on our website homepage.

GUESTS - None

PUBLIC HEARING - SALE OF TAX MAP 033 LOT 064-02 (ABOVE RTE 302)

Background: The town of Barre obtained the property (Tax Map 033 Lot 064-02) through tax sale. The lot is located on a side-hill above Route 302 near the Town/City line and abuts the Folsom and Wildersburg Common properties. An abutter, Mr. Folsom, would like to purchase the property. Town Attorney Monte is holding his deposit.

In accordance with the Town Charter, Section 41, Public Lands the Selectboard must hold a public hearing so that citizens may express their opinion(s) with regards to selling this parcel.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to open a public hearing on November 3, 2015 at 7:08 p.m. for the purpose of taking public comment on the sale of Tax Map 033 Lot 064-02.

Representatives from Wildersburg Common Homeowners association and Mr. & Ms. Folsom were present.
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Winnie McCormack, President of the Homeowners Association stated she had a conversation with Mr. Folsom regarding his use of the property. On behalf of the Association she would like the Board to know that Mr. Folsom is a good neighbor and is in favor of the sale to Mr. & Ms. Folsom.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING (SECOND 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 Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to read by title only “An Ordinance of the Town of Barre Clarifying Hours Town parks and Playgrounds are Open to the Public.”

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to open the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

A brief synopsis of the change was given.

With no public comment at motion was made by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

The ordinance is advanced to the final action (third reading) on November 10, 2015.

5-YEAR GRAVEL ROAD PLAN (FY 16-17 THROUGH FY 20-21)

Background: Barre Town Roads are evaluated every two years. This year the evaluation form used by the DPW Superintendent, Town Engineer, and Manager was updated. Roads scoring criteria include: mud season, dust, and grading needs; number of homes on the road; and traffic volume.

The proposed Plan has 12 roads in the low priority (low score) category, 21 in the priority category, and 27 in high priority and 8 in the highest category. Two changes were made as well as adding a project on Snowbridge Road for year 3, and then of course the new 5th year.

During meeting discussion it is noted that this may be the last time roads are evaluated in this manner. With changing legislation water quality will be as an important a factor as mud problems. In the future, the Town might be keeping up with the scheduled maintenance AND creating a list of jobs to add stone check dams or stone lined ditches.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adopt the Barre Town 5-Year Gravel Road Plan, F.Y. 2017-2021.

Other discussion included removal and addition of gravel from roads, the Town’s policy with regards to paving sections of gravel roads, Birchwood Park’s residents (for many years) requesting their road be paved, and the need to reiterate to the Budget Committee the importance of the adopted Paved and Gravel road plans.
Selectboard Minutes of November 3, 2015 continued:

SALE OF LOT (TAX MAP 033 LOT 064-02)

Background: The Selectboard will be reviewing the request of Grant Folsom to purchase the property which was subject of public hearing earlier in this meeting. It is noted the proposed buyer has paid the sum in full to the Town Attorney’s client account.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign a deed selling Tax Map 033 Lot 064-02 to Grant and Lisa Folsom.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for October 27, 2015. Blow abstained due to an employer conflict.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for November 3, 2015.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

‘ROUND THE TABLE

Tessier stated a resident had contacted him regarding “very visible black strips” being placed on Town sign posts. The resident was told these had to do with directional programs. He noted there was one at the Windy Wood Road/Oak Street. Rogers is not aware of this type of activity but will check this out.

Mitchell noted the Town has a cable gate at our land off Websterville Road (former Pike property). He would like to have staff investigate the cost of having the gate fixed instead of the cable. LaClair stated that there may be some legislation proposed that if there are cable gates in use some type of reflective material must affixed.

Mitchell noted the letter from Green Mountain Power (GMP) regarding the removal/renovation of a couple power substations in Barre Town. Mitchell stated he would like to send GMP a letter of support for this project. However, prior to this being approved it was noted the Town should obtain more information about the “renovation” to determine if there may be side effects for residents living close by (lighting, sounds-humming, type of equipment to be used, etc.). The notice from GMP stated there will be a pre-hearing on November 10, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Mitchell informed the Selectboard the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District will be voting on the per capita fee at its meeting on November 4th at the Chamber building. The Preliminary Facility Plan is now available. Selectboard members are encouraged to review the document.

White stated there is a chance he may not attend the November 17th Selectboard meeting.

Blow noted the letter from the State of Vermont regarding Route 63 (access road in South Barre) which indicates there will be some paving next year. The consensus of the Board is to have an AOT representative come to a Selectboard meeting to give information on the planned improvements/paving and possibly offer Board input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (2)

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.
Selectboard Minutes of November 3, 2015 continued:

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session for personnel and labor contract negotiations at 7:50 p.m.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 8:52 p.m.

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer           Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard