BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
January 26, 2016

P.I.O.T. - Budget Committee 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 January 19, 2106 meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider approving DG Retail's (Dollar General) second-class liquor license.
8. Consider authorizing order of fire department pickup truck through state contract.
10. Consider approving Town Manager to sign mortgage discharge for VT Foodbank.
11. Consider third and final reading/adoptions of an ordinance changing the speed limit from 40 mph to 25 mph on Graniteville Road from Middle Road to the picnic area.
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
13. Miscellaneous- including any licenses and permits.
14. "Round the table"
15. Executive session: personnel and contracts.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
January 26, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of January 26, 2016 was scheduled to be held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 8:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rolland Tessier, Tom White, Rob LaClair, and John "Jack" Mitchell. Jeff Blow was not present for the meeting.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and Attorney Merrill Bent representing Dollar General LLG.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of January 19, 2016. Blow was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Barre Town budget meetings started today. The Budget Committee (5 Selectboard members + 5 town voters) will meet every Tuesday night, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. through the end of March. They may meet on additional evenings depending on how the discussions go. These budget meetings are open to the public. We encourage the public to attend as budget meetings are a great way to
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2. Join the Barre town Recreation Commission for open Pickleball play, which is held on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Barre Town School gymnasium. All equipment is provided.

3. The annual School District Election and Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, February 24th.

4. The quarterly property tax installment and semi-annual sewer use fee payments are due Tuesday, February 16th.

5. The Citizen Budget Tour will be on Saturday, February 20th. Citizens are invited to join the Budget Committee on a tour of town facilities where they will talk with department heads. Meet at the town office building between 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Bus transportation is provided. The tour will end between 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Town Manager’s office at 479-9331.

6. The Barre Town Forest will be logged this summer, consistent with the Town Forest management Plan. If you are interested in finding out where and why logging will occur, join our Town Forester for a free workshop and tour on Saturday, February 27th. Meet at the Waterman Street water storage tank at 10:00 a.m. Dress to walk in the woods along the trails and skid roads. The tour should end about 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Town Manager’s office at 479-9331.

7. The 18th Annual Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament will take place Friday, March 4, 2016 through Sunday March 6, 2016 at the Barre Town recreation fields. Games start Friday evening and run until about midnight. Play restarts Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and goes until 9:00 p.m. The final championship day starts on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. There is a cap of 8 teams this year so sign up early if you want to play. Each year the Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament raises thousands of dollars from team registrations, concessions, and sponsorships to benefit Vermont families with a critically ill child. This year’s beneficiaries are 22 month old Ryland House of East Middlebury, Vermont, who is battling Neuroblastoma and 11 year old Garrett Peace of East Montpelier, Vermont who is fighting Leukemia. To support these children, register a team or come watch the softball games and purchase concessions March 4th – 6th.

GUESTS - None

DG Retail (Dollar General) LIQUOR LICENSE

Background: Dollar General wants to start selling beer, maybe wine. Ms. Merrill Bent informed the Town Clerk that Dollar General’s practice is to have their representative attend the Selectboard meeting when the application is considered. There is nothing out of the ordinary about this application.

Attorney Merrill Bent was present representing DG Retail. She informed the Board Dollar General Stores in other states have been selling beer and wine. The reason for adding the product is for customer convenience.
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On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the 2016 Second Class Alcohol License for DG Retail, LLC. Tessier abstained as there may be the appearance of a potential conflict with his employer and Blow was not present for the vote.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PICKUP TRUCK THROUGH STATE CONTRACT

Background: The Firefighters Club has given the Town the money to pay for its' new pickup truck. The Town will order and own this new truck which will be assigned to the South Barre station. It will be used for wildland fires, as a utility and personnel transport vehicle and will replace the Hummer. At this time however there is no plan for the disposition of the Hummer.

The Fire Chief compared the Ford pickup truck state contract to the Chevy state contract. Ford offers a lower price. The chief used the Ford website to pick options and a list was included for the Board to review prior to this meeting. The base price for the truck is $27,603. The options cost $898 for a total of $28,501 (a good price for a 4WD crew cab with 8’ bed).

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to authorize a purchase order for a new 2016 F-250 Super Duty pickup with options at the State contract pricing.

2016-2017 TRUCK PERMIT FORM

Background: Fleet and single truck permits expire on March 31st each year. Trucking companies are starting to request their new permits. The Town, by February 10th, will have to tell DMV what our road restrictions are. All roads not listed have the basic 24,000 pound town highway weight limit.

This year there are no additions or deletions to the list of roads. However, changes were made to the approval statement in the second box. The third box on the form speaks to roads trucks are not allowed - this has been in place for a couple of years.

Mitchell recalled there has been an ongoing issue with trucks using Middle Road. The block of information on the permit should stand out more than it does- can this be fixed? Rogers stated the form is pretty full. The Town Clerk stated if the document is in a Word format there could be some easy changes. She will work on this and present them to the Manager.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the 2016 Fleet and Single Truck permit form as presented. Blow was not present for the vote.

VERMONT FOODBANK MORTGAGE DISCHARGE

Background: The Town was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on behalf of the Vermont Foodbank. The grant money was loaned to the Foodbank which has been making annual payments. Earlier this month the Foodbank paid the loan in full. As the mortgage holder, the Town (Selectboard) is being asked to sign the mortgage discharge.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Mortgage Discharge for the Vermont Foodbank’s mortgage dated May 4, 2000. Blow was not present for the vote.
Background: The Police Department pointed out that the speed limit signs on Graniteville Road do not match the speed limit ordinance. It was decided the best course would be to keep the existing signs and add an amendment to the ordinance. The amendment would extend the 25 mph zone from the picnic area (on Graniteville Road across from Rock of Ages) to Middle Road.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to read by title only "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-61 (Speed Limits) of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances. Blow was not present for the vote.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adopt the amendment "An Ordinance of the Town of Barre, Vermont, Amending Chapter 7, Section 7-61 (Speed Limits) of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances to a second reading (public hearing) on January 26, 2016. Blow was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for January 26, 2016. Blow was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS - None

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell noted that House Bill 249 proposes changing with the roles of Regional Planning Commissions (RPC). He would like more information.

Mitchell asked for an update on the roof support system for the Adams Building. Rogers stated he received new information on the supports. The current budgeted funds will be used to install the supports over the office area and roof in that vicinity. In the 5-Year Building Plan are additional monies to complete the rest of the roof.

Mitchell stated all winter long it has been extremely cold in this meeting room. He would like the room to at least be comfortable.

LaClair (Barre Town House Representative) stated that bill H249 would change some of the governance issues and allow RPCs, which have experts, to be able to contract them out. RPCs would still be obligated to do the same work they do now. The Committee discussion on this bill is also speaking to RPCs voting process (1 vote for 1 town versus a weighted vote as in some districts).

LaClair thanked the residents who have reached out to him on Act 46 (school consolidation).

White inquired if there has been any communication with Mr. LaCroix regarding holding bike races in Barre Town. Rogers stated he has not heard anything from Mr. LaCroix since December and nothing more has been done on this. There was a brief discussion about involving the Recreation Board. However, they do not have the time to work on a project like this. The Manager will reach out to Mr. LaCroix and ask him to contact Barre Area Development and the Barre Partnership to help co-ordinate such an event.

For the viewing audience White noted that personnel action was taken after the executive session. He read the motion which basically approved the pay rate increases, effective July 1, 2015, for the non-union staff/employees.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session for contracts and personnel at 8:57 p.m. Blow was not present for the vote.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:52 p.m. Blow was not present for the vote.

ADJOURN

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Blow was not present for the vote.

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Donna J. Kelty - Town Clerk-Treasurer    Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard