1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. Consider approving March 1, 2016 meeting minutes.  
5. Announcements  
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
7. Consider authorizing mortgage discharge for housing rehabilitation loan.  
8. Consider authorizing repairs to dump truck.  
9. Consider first reading (introduction) of an ordinance lowering the speed limit on a section of Osborne Road.  
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
12. Miscellaneous, including licenses and permits, if any.  
13. "Round the table"  
14. Executive session (personnel)  
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES  
March 8, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 8, 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: Jeff Blow, Rob LaClair, John "Jack" Mitchell and Rolland Tessier and Tom White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers and Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 8:05 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 to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of March 1, 2016 with the following change: Page 2 under Weekly Accounts Payable Warrant, Change to read as follows: "On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for March 1, 2016."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Barre Town Fire Department is sponsoring a rabies clinic for dogs and cats. The clinic will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the South Barre Fire Station. The cost for a rabies vaccination is $15.00. Dogs and cats from neighboring towns are welcome. Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier or crate. For Barre Town dog owner’s convenience, the Barre Town Town Clerk will be there to license Barre Town dogs.
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2. We are accepting letters of interest from South Barre residents interested in serving on the Phoenix House Community Relations Work Group, in other words, Committee. The Working Group meets quarterly for about an hour. Other people attending the meetings are the police chief, town manager, a selectman, Phoenix House staff and a state employee. Contact the town manager's office (479-9331) or one of us, if interested or with questions.

3. Free sand is available out in front of the fence area at the DPW yard on Websterville Road. This courtesy is free to town residents, but not local businesses.

4. The deputy health officer position is vacant. We are accepting letters of interest to fill this position. The deputy would respond to complaints when the health officer is not available. The health officer and deputy usually respond to less than 12 calls per year, with a minority requiring action after initial inspection. The position is paid a $400 per year stipend. If interested call the town manager's office for more information or submit a letter to the manager's office.

GUESTS – None

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MORTGAGE DISCHARGE FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN

Background: A housing rehab loan was made to Clara North in 1994. The home was sold yesterday. In anticipation of the loan pay-off Mike Monte prepared the Mortgage Discharge. The Town will receive $7,971.55 to pay off the loan. The money will go back into the housing rehab program.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to sign a mortgage discharge for the Clara C. North mortgage recorded in the Land Records, Book 139, page 311.

DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS

Background: This is about truck #25, a 2008 International 6-wheeler. It is the truck being replaced by the truck for which bids were opened today. The truck is at Clarks Truck Center where it was towed to get a repair estimate. The estimate is $4,834. Per a Selectboard policy that repairs over $2,000 be pre-approved, the shop is seeking approval for the repair work.

The repair estimate is $3,256 for parts plus $1,193 for labor. I asked if we could do the work. Mike Martel said yes; if Clark's diagnosis is correct, we could replace the bad parts. That potentially could save the $1,193 labor charge, less $500-$700 expense to have the truck towed back to our shop. Mike and I think we should let Clark's fix the truck. The net savings aren't huge. If Clark's diagnosis is wrong we might have to pay to tow the truck back to Clarks.

Mike guesses the truck will sell for $28,000-$30,000 at the state auction. He thinks this repair is needed to get anything for it. He says the truck is in decent shape other than this problem.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair the Selectboard voted to authorize $4,834 to repair truck #25 at Clark's Truck Center.

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE LOWERING SPEED LIMIT ON A SECTION OF OSBORNE ROAD

Background: Paving on Cutler Corner Road raised a question about the speed limit on Osborne Road and on cutler Corner Road. The speed limits haven't changed yet. Cutler Corner has a 35 mph limit and Osborne has a 40 mph limit. It seems unusual that leaving
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town one could drive 40 mph on Osborne but upon reaching Cutler Corner (now also paved) have to slow down to 35 mph. T.S.A.C. though about this and decided to recommend lowering the 40 mph on Osborne to 35 mph.

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to read the ordinance by title only.

Discussion questioned why the Osborne Rd speed limit should be lowered rather than raising the Cutler Corner speed limit to 40 mph.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to advance the ordinance to a public hearing on March 22, 2016.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION- SCHOOL SIGNS
Background: This matter is about the Central Vermont Montessori School planning to open in the former Knights of Columbus building. A man involved in the purchase requested School signs. T.S.A.C. voted to recommend School Zone signs on all four (4) roads (Farwell-both directions, Nichols and Pine Hill) coming near the school.

I don’t understand the recommendation. The signs will tell drivers there is a school ahead but what is the hazard? The school has a large parking lot and is well off Pine Hill Road. There won’t be any traffic stopping on the road and letting children out. How is this driveway on Pine Hill different than a business’ driveway? (Children are involved but they are not walking along or crossing the roads).

The Websterville Baptist School doesn’t have School signs. On Church Hill Rd there are Crosswalk Ahead and cross walk symbol signs near the WBS. (The school students go across Church Hill Rd there for some reason). The Barre Town School has 2 symbol signs showing school students walking, presumably because of the sidewalk on Websterville Rd. The Montessori School has no crosswalk, sidewalk or neighborhood children walking to school (at least not now). We are trying to find the T.S.A.C. minutes when T.S.A.C. considered designating a school zone in front of Barre Town School and when the existing signs were approve.

The Selectboard felt the need for more information and clarification from T.S.A.C. so no action was taken.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT
On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of March 8, 2016.

MISCELLANEOUS
None

ROUND THE TABLE
Mitchell: Wonders why the EMS Gas line at Propane Tank is still on the Generator Test Record? Thought that was taken care of. Carl says Irving was there in January, was also surprised to see it still on the report.

Where are we at with regards to the Adam’s roof situation? Harry has giving specs to Carl for the roof support work for review.

Last week he received notes on the Energy review that is ongoing from Cedric Sanborn of the Planning Commission. Should we be giving feedback to them now or wait until they are done? Carl’s thought were to pass along any comments that might need attention by them now and save any minor comments until the end.

White: Asked when truck #25 was towed to Clarks? 2/29/2016
LaClair: Legislative update- as an answer to Tessier’s earlier question about the GMO bill;
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It is due to go into effect July 1st, but noted there is work being done on the federal level also.

The forestry bill has now been broken down into five parts and is in committees. Today the house passed Act 458 which would change the voter registration procedure through DMV. Those applications would automatically be forwarded to the Town Clerks. If you do not want that to happen, you would have to opt out.

Also of interest is the Gross receipts tax on fuel which would go from .5% to 1%, it is in the transportation committee.

The Normal Fee bill has substantial increases- $8 million to $24 million.

Blow: His only comment was “government cannot tax government into prosperity”

Also reminded the viewers about the work the budget committee is doing and that the hope is to finish the review of the budget on March 15 and wrap it up on March 22.

Rogers: Carl was asked if he knew how the Snow softball tournament went over the weekend. He believed there was the usual amount of traffic. It appeared that most of the fields held up fairly well, though the recent new snow made it hard to tell.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to find that premature general public knowledge would place the Town at a substantial disadvantage with regards to personnel matters.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to go into executive session for personnel matters at 8:50 pm.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 10:14 pm.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

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Deborah Lefebvre, Assistant Town Clerk Selectboard Chair

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