BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
March 29, 2016

P.I.O.T. - Department head visits 6:30 p.m.
1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving March 22, 2016 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Presentations by five organizations with donations requests on Town Meeting ballot.
8. Consider approving Warnings for 2016 Annual Town Meeting and for Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian ballot.
10. Consider authorizing signing of VT Building Communities Grant agreement.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous (including licenses and permits).
   a. Brookside Country Store
13. "Round the table"
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
March 29, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of March 29, 2016 was scheduled to be held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

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

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, EMS Director Chris LaMonda, Linda Mercy, Catherine Kalkstein, David Rouleau, Donna Rouleau, Whitney Leno, Sarah Launderville, Ed Paquin, Joanne Fitzgerald, and Kreig Pinkham.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 voted to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of March 22, 2016 with corrections: page one, paragraph one under Barre Town Selectboard Minutes, first sentence should read March 22, not March 8. Second paragraph, remove the "and" before Rolland Tessier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. There are five (5) summer season job opportunities with the town. The positions are for 40 hours per week, mid-May to the end of August. Four (4) of the positions are with the public works department. The helpers work with the public works crew on a wide variety of tasks most of which are associated with town
2. Another helper is needed to work on a special project with the Town Engineer. Hours would be the same but the rate of pay is $12.00/hour. Application review will begin April 11, 2016. Request an application from the Town Manager's office by phone (802)-479-9331 or email (offices@barretown.org) or print one from the town website (www.barretown.org).

3. The tennis court nets are in place. The tennis courts in the Town Recreation area for ready for use.

4. It won't be long before the lawn waste site opens. Volunteers monitor the site during the week. If you appreciate the service of having a place to dispose of branches, leaves, and grass, consider volunteering to open and watch the site for 3 hours during the week. The volunteer is not there to unload users' cars and trucks unless they want to. To volunteer or for more information contact the Town Manager's office at (802) 479-9331.

5. The Town Clerk's Office is holding several sets of lost keys found at town meetings and at the elections. Call 479-9391 or go to the Clerk's Office Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

6. Jack Mitchell was absent on the night the budget work was concluded and would like to thank Mr. Blow for his positive attitude with the budget.

GUESTS

David Rouleau, President of the Barre Town Thunder Chickens and Linda Mercy from the Travis Mercy Skate Park were present to formally announce the presentation of $4,479 to the Town of Barre for the Skate Park.

The two groups always have a fundraiser, though the lack of snow put a damper on the Poker Run, there was a great turnout for the meal. In the past 16 years they have raised over $45,000. They would like to thank the local media for the donation of advertising, and also Randy Henry for donating his cooking, and all those who donated food to make this happen.

PRESENTATIONS BY NON-PROFITS WITH FUNDING REQUESTS ON TOWN MEETING BALLOT

Background: According to the town's policy organizations must submit information to confirm they still are eligible to be on the ballot for a voter approved donation. In keeping with the board’s wish to hear from some of these groups each year, the following will be present: Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, Washington County Diversion Program, Circle, Vermont Center for Independent Living and Washington County Youth Service Bureau.

Central Vermont Adult Basic Education, requesting $2900- Article 12 on Barre Town Meeting Ballot.
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Joanne Fitzgerald reviewed the services they offer including basic literacy, GED and high school completion programs, and English language learning. On average they serve about 30 Barre Town residents each year. All of their services are free; the only cost they pass along is the cost of the GED test. The preparation for the GED is free, just the administration of the test charged by an outside company is passed along to the student.

For more information call 802-476-4588 or stop in at:
46 Washington Street- Suite 100
Barre

Washington County Diversion Program- requesting $2,500- Article 19.
Catherine Kalkstein reviewed the Diversion programs:
- Court Diversion is a restorative alternative for individuals charged with a crime or delinquency. The State's Attorney decides whether to refer the person out of the court system to the community-based Court Diversion program. After successful completion, the State's Attorney dismisses the case.
- Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program addresses civil violations of underage possession of alcohol and marijuana laws.
- Balanced and Restorative Justice Program provides services to youth who are charged with a delinquency, have been adjudicated delinquent or are at-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system.
- Driving with License Suspended Program serves Vermont drivers whose license remains suspended because of unpaid fines and fees. Upon approval of the Vermont Judicial Bureau, a participant’s license will be reinstated while the individual follows a payment plan and completes community service and/or an educational program.

About 50 Barre Town residents participated in Diversion programs. They are always looking for volunteers. The Review Panel is looking for volunteers and they are seeking members for the governing Board of Directors. For more information call 479-1900.

Circle (formerly known as Battered Women's Services & Shelter, Inc)-requesting $2,000.- Article 10.
Whitney Leno discussed the services they provide which include:
- Shelter service and emergency shelter
- Emergency advocacy
- Support groups
- 24 hour toll free emergency hotline- 1-877-543-9498

There were 167 hot line callers who identified themselves as Barre Town residents, though there may be more as some won't give their town. If there is ever a doubt or question please call the hot line.

If anyone is interested in volunteering or for more information please call 1-877-543-9498.

Vermont Center for Independent Living- requesting $2,000-Article 21.
Ed Paquin from the Board of Directors and Sarah Launderville the Executive Director were present to talk about the services provided.
- Information, Referral & Assistance
- Peer Advocacy
- Systems Advocacy
- Independent Living Skills Training
- VCIL also provides practical assistance for interpreting and implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act and other civil rights laws.

They provided home access service to 15 Barre Town residents and $4700 in meals delivered.
There were questions asked about service and support dogs and it was agreed that there needs to be more public education about them. For more information call 1-800-639-1522 or 229-1501.

Washington County Youth Service Bureau—requesting $500—Article 17.
Kreig Pinkham was present to discuss the services they provide.

- Provide quality care and service to youth and families in Washington County
- 7-8 direct service programs available to Washington County.
- Statewide—Runaway and homeless youth programs
  - Youth development
  - Healthy youth program for drug and alcohol
  - Return House—residential program for young men 18-24 who are leaving Department of Corrections custody and transitioning to the community.
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner—serving 600-700 meals

About 50 Barre Town youth and families participated in programs including 6 transitional/homeless and 9 in the runaway program.

For access to services call the 24 hour hot line at 802-229-9151. You can also follow them on Facebook.

WARNINGS FOR 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND FOR ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to approve the warning for the May 4, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to approve the warning for the May 10, 2016 Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian ballot using the alternate wording for Article 5 as presented.

ROCK OF AGES’ UNREGISTERED VEHICLES ROAD CROSSING PERMITS

Background: Rock of Ages owns very large loaders and dump trucks that are too large to be driven on the road, thus the vehicles are not registered with DMV. State law (23 V.S.A. 1431) requires owners of large unregistered vehicles to obtain a permit, if these vehicles will cross public roads. State law set the permit fee at $35 per vehicle. Rock of Ages has ten (10) such loaders and trucks. R.O.A. paid $350 for ten (10) such permits. The permits list seven possible road crossing locations. All seven look familiar and appear to be the same possible crossing sights as prior years.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard voted to approve Rock of Ages’ ten (10) unregistered vehicle road crossing permits.

VERMONT BUILDING COMMUNITIES GRANT AGREEMENT

Background: This matter is in regards to the Trow Hill Playground. Barre Town was awarded a $15,000 Department of Buildings and General Services grant for the playground improvements. BGS asks for a number of things to prepare for issuing payment/reimbursement to the town.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to authorize the town manager to sign forms as needed to implement the Buildings and General Services’ Building Communities Grant.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of March 29, 2016 with the exception of the Jet Service invoice. Tessier abstained due to a conflict of interest.
MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve and authorize the signing of the 2016 Second Class Liquor License for Brookside Country Store.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell- Would like to have the town’s legislative representatives come in to review legislation. He also spoke about the letter from the Barre Supervisory Union Superintendent regarding a meeting on April 12, 2016 at 2 pm at the SHS Library to discuss the issue of gangs and gang-like activity. He feels this is a very important problem and thinks it would be good if some of the members could attend.

Mitchell also asked if there was any way to include some of Websterville Rd nearer East Barre in the upcoming paving Schedule. He noted there are some bad spots where the wheel tracks are. Carl notes that this is the type of repair work that the new pavement grinder could do. Will have to wait to see how the paving prices are.

Carl- The date of Monday April 25, 2016 is good for Video Vision to do the Budget taping. If that dates is good with the Selectboard he will reach out to the Budget Committee members.

LaClair- Last week was busy with bill crossing over. One bill that had some controversy but passed was the ticket amnesty program. The cost to Vermont is 1.6 million over 2 years, and would be offset by increased license and registrations fees. LaClair voted against the bill because he didn’t feel it was right for the rest of Vermonters to pick up the cost for this.

Tessier- Inquired about the results of the traffic count done on the intersection of Pitman Rd and Websterville Rd. Carl says the study was done as a required part of the Act 250 permit, but that it would probably be quite some time before any changes would be needed.

Tessier also inquired about getting a lid on the trash receptacle at the ball field behind the Hannaford store. It has been filling up and there is trash blowing all around.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White the Selectboard found that whereby premature general knowledge would put the Town a substantial disadvantage with regard to personnel matters.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair the Selectboard voted to go into executive session at 9:17 pm.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 9:50 pm.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:50 pm p.m.

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Deborah Lefebvre- Assistant Town Clerk Selectboard Chair

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