BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
April 19, 2016

P.I.O.T. - Results of Town Meeting Day survey 6:30 p.m.
1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving April 12, 2016 meeting minutes.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Discussion with State's Attorney, Scott Williams.
8. Consider approving sub-grant agreement with Montessori School of Central Vermont and approving community development block grant agreement.
10. Consider authorizing application for Home Depot grant (Trow Hill playground).
11. Consider approving Barre city resident's use of the lawn waste site.
13. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
14. Miscellaneous: permits and licenses, if any.
15. "Round the table"
16. Executive session: if needed
17. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
April 19, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of April 19, 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, W. John "Jack" Mitchell and Tom White. Absent member(s): Rolland Tessier.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Special Projects Assistant Maureen Casey, Sargent William Dodge & Huey, Washington County Attorney Scott Williams, and Eric Blaisdell (Times Argus reporter).

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as amended: add an action item under item #14, Miscellaneous, for the approval the budget booklet cover letter. Tessier was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 12, 2016. Tessier was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The deadline to register to vote in the next election (for Town Officers and on Town budgets) is Wednesday, May 4th. You can vote early by requesting a ballot, voting in the Town Clerk's Office. Call 479-9391 to request a ballot. Australian ballot is Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Polling hours are 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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2. The gravel section of Sterling Hill Road is now open to downhill travel only.

3. On Tuesday, April 26, 2016, during the regular meeting that begins at 7:00 p.m., the Barre Town Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing for the Bridge Street sidewalk project. The project is funded by a VTrans Transportation Enhancement Grant (80%) and the Town of Barre (20%). The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road.

Now that spring is finally here, spring cleaning is too!

4. Green Up Day is Saturday, May 7, 2016 and the supplies have arrived. Visit the town manager’s office to pick up VT Green Up bags and nitrile gloves. Please register to avoid overlapping efforts. You can register at the Town Manager’s office, by calling 479-9331, or on the Town website from the homepage.

5. Got mattresses, toys, or home remodeling demolition material? Bring them to the Town's annual Spring bulk Trash Collection on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Public Works yard. Check the website or April Newsletter for more on what's accepted and what is not, and the fees.

6. Got paint, batteries, light bulbs or other household hazardous waste? The Central Vermont solid Waste Management District will be holding its annual hazardous household waste collection at the Barre Town Public Works Yard on May 7, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. See the Barre Town April newsletter or visit www.cvswmd.org website for more information.

7. Got grass clippings, tree branches, or leaves? Bring them to the Barre Town lawn waste site. Now open on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - Noon; weekdays starting April 27th will be Wednesday afternoons 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Thursday mornings 9:00 a.m. - Noon. The site is located near the top of Holden Road where it intersects Graniteville Road in front of Rock of Ages.

GUESTS – None

STATE'S ATTORNEY – UPDATE

Background: The State Attorney's office called and asked to be put on Barre Town's agenda. Attorney Scott Williams will be giving the Board an update on the progress his office has made since taking office.

Attorney Williams reported on his staffing, caseload volume for officers (noting handled 2,436 cases in 2015), and has eliminated the majority of a 10-year prosecuting backlog. Court case scheduling has made it difficult to get through the many cases. His approach to criminal activity has been much smarter and is always looks for ways to improve.

His next steps are to focus on mental health and truancy issues. However, he believes there is a need for a County Drug Intelligence Unit given the many drug issues. Big problem, as always, is funding.

Sargent Dodge was present and informed the Board the Police Department has never had such involvement, concern, or guidance from the State's Attorney's office before. There is such great team effort which the Department appreciates and he feels that office is moving in the right direction.

Other topics briefly spoken to include the SIU (juvenile sex cases), the enforcement issues with regards to marijuana, gang activity, homeless population in our
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area, and the new drug which will soon be in our area if it not here (krokodil – a derivative of morphine which low cost and mimics the effects of heroin).

MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF CENTRAL VERMONT
SUB-GRANT AND CDBG GRANT AGREEMENTS

Background: The town has to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Vermont to get a grant for the Montessori School (MSCV). This agreement says if the MSCV does not meet the low and moderate income benefit requirements the Town (grantee) has to re-pay the money to the State. The State has clarified or explained that if the MSCV does not enroll at least 51% of low and moderate income students, the pay-back would be pro-rated. If they enroll only 46% of this category of students the payback would be 5%. (The grant is $150,000). This clarification makes everyone (Manager, Zoning Administrator, and Town Attorney) more comfortable. Montessori School would also have a couple school years to reach the 51% requirement.

The deadline to return the signed grant agreement is May 1st, therefore the reason to get this done tonight. The Town's mortgage would be second to the USRDA loan.

Rogers noted that since this process began a new step has been added. A letter from the legislative body of the Town acknowledging that if the School does not meet the low and moderate income requirements the Town could be obligated to pay part of the grant money back to the State.

The Manager further noted that even though the Town would be a second mortgage holder, we still have the right to exercise foreclosure. This would possibly cause the school to sell off some of their land and assets to repay what is due; in the event criteria are not met.

The Board discussed how difficult a process this round has been compared to others, their being uncomfortable with putting the Town in a situation of having to repay, and that MSCV meeting the low and moderate income thresholds is a one-time item.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell the Selectboard voted to authorize the Town Manager to send the letter dated April 19, 2016 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, pertaining to Town of Bare IG-2014-Barre-00012 VCDP Implementation Grant #07110-IG-2014-Barre-00012. The motion passed with Blow voting no and Tessier was not present for the vote.

Blow stated he voted no not because he does not support the concept but because the rule-makers are making changes midstream. He stated he would like a point person from the CDBG program to come visit with the Selectboard so discussion can be had regarding changes being made and no formal notification give of said change.

ANNUAL AWARD OF CONTRACTS

Background: There are three (3) contracts to be awarded: road crack-sealing, liquid calcium chloride, and oil and grease supply.

Road Crack-sealing: There were two bids. NICOM bid is $11.00 per gallon and Freshcoat Asphalt Services bid $12.00 per gallon. NICOM almost always wins this contract and does a good job for the Town.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to award the Spring 2016 road crack-sealing contract to NICOM at the price of $11.00 per gallon of sealant applied. Tessier was not present for the vote.
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Liquid Calcium Chloride: The contract is for spreading about $13,500 gallons of liquid calcium chloride (38% solution) on gravel roads for dust control purposes. The contract will spread the solution under pressure forcing the liquid several inches into the freshly graded road. The dust control benefit from liquid calcium chloride last longer when the solution penetrates deeper into the gravel.

The application would be done May 23 to June 17. The spread rate is 500 gallons per mile (one pass down the center of the road) on approximately 22 miles of gravel road. On six roads, 1000 gallons per mile are spread (two passes covering edge to edge of the roadway).

Two bids, as usual, were received and as often happens are the same. The companies are Gorman Group and All State Asphalt (both bid $1.01 per gallon spread). Gorman added a note stating they would fill our storage tank at a price of $.90/gallon. All State confirmed they would do the same. In the past when these two companies tied for lowest bid we alternated years. Gorman was awarded the contract last year.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to award the Spring 2016 liquid calcium chloride contract to All State Asphalt at their bid price of $1.01 per gallon and to fill our DPW tank at $.90 per gallon. Tessier was not present for the vote.

Oil and Grease supply: the contract is for supply, in bulk, twelve (12) products including motor and hydraulic oils, anti-freeze, and diesel exhaust fluid. The contract is for one year (May 1 – April 30). Compared to last year’s bids there were no surprises. The low bidder is Dennison Lubricants (the supplier for the 2015-2016 year). This company had the lowest bid price for 11 of the 12 products.

On a motion by White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to award a one year contract (May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017) to Dennison Lubricants for oil and grease supplies based on their per unit bid price. Tessier was not present for the vote.

Grant Application (Home Depot) for Trow Hill Playground

Background: Assistant Manager Wang learned of the Home Depot grant program for materials. She prepared an application requesting the maximum $5,000 grant. The money would be used to help buy the woodchips placed under and around playground equipment and other supplies for the Trow Hill Playground.

The Trow Hill Playground will be built with community volunteers which is a grant program requirement. Projects that benefit veterans get highest priority. Projects involving veterans have some priority. The American Legion was contacted and estimates 13 – 20 veterans will help with construction.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to authorize submitting a $5,000 Home Depot grant application for the Trow Hill Playground woodchips. Tessier was not present for the vote.

Lawn Waste Site – Use by Barre City Residents

Background: The past couple of years the Selectboard voted to allow Barre City residents to use the lawn waste site during the spring. Once again the City has asked if their residents could use the site. He is requesting three (3) weeks of use: Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, May 4 – 21, 2016. These are the hours the Town has plans to open the site.
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In the past the Town has billed the City for one-half of the Saturday overtime wages and equipment charges. The City residents' use of the service has not created any problems.

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to allow Barre City residents to use the Town's lawn waste site during the weeks of May 4 – 7, 11 – 14, and 18 – 21, (in 2016) during the standard hours of operation and to bill the City of Barre for one-half of the Saturday(s) overtime wages. Tessier was not present for the vote.

2016 WENDELL F. PELKEY AWARD

Background: Annually the Selectboard will award the Wendell F. Pelkey citizenship award to a resident who has demonstrated an on-going commitment to the Town of Barre. The recipient will receive and be presented at the Open Town Meeting on May 4, 2016. Board members were presented with the list of past recipient. A vote will take place by paper ballot to select this year's honoree.

Paper ballots were distributed and returned to the Town Manager who announced there was a unanimous winner.

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 April 19, 2016. Tessier was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Proposed 2016-2017 Budget Booklet cover letter as amended. Tessier was not present for the vote.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell reminded everyone that on Monday, April 25th the group will be meeting at CVTV to record the Proposed 2016-2017 budget presentation.

This Thursday, April 21st, the Town will be holding a public hearing to take input on the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update. This document is required by FEMA to be updated every 5 years and is an all-hazard document.

Mitchell spoke to the upcoming Bulk Trash collection outlining what can and cannot be brought to the DPW yard. He reminded those bring roofing shingles to make sure they are contained. Rogers noted there will be a separate area within the yard for the collection of the concrete and asphalt. This will be ground and mixed when we do gravel crushing - a great additive to the product.

LaClair thanked the residents who came to the Aldrich Public Library to meet with the Town/City legislators regarding the marijuana law. The legislators will again be at the Public Library this Saturday, April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. - Noon to take questions on issues of concern to you.

It was also noted there are some changes coming down the road regarding the open meeting law and minute posting requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None
ADJOURN

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:59 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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Barre Town Selectboard