BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
June 14, 2016

1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. PILOT - CVSWMD presentation.  
5. Consider approving June 7, 2016 meeting minutes.  
6. Announcements  
7. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
10. Consider approving agreement for community development block grant (CDBG) on behalf of Montessori School of Central Vermont.  
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
12. Miscellaneous:  
   a) Catering permit for Langdon Street Pub for event at 663 So. Barre Road.  
   b) Fireworks permit for 42 Littlejohn Road.  
13. “Round the table”  
14. Executive session: contracts.  
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
June 14, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 14, 2016 was scheduled to be held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rob LaClair, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Rolland Tessier, Paul White, and Tom White.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m.

The PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the amended agenda – removing items 4 and 10.

The PILOT was removed from the agenda.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of June 7, 2016 as amended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Barre Town and Barre City Recreation Departments are sponsoring a Barre Youth Track Team again this summer. Girls and boys ages 7 - 14 may join. Practices are twice a week from June 13 to July 21 at the Spaulding High School Track. The Track Team is a fun way for kids to get exercise. Scholarships are available. For more information call the Barre City Recreation Department at 476-0257.
2. The Barre Town Fire Department's Father's Day Chicken Barbeque is on June 19th at the East Barre Fire Station. Meals are served from Noon to 2:00 p.m. Eat in the fire station or take your meals home. Tickets are on sale at the barbeque.

3. The Barre Town Grand List was lodged on June 8. Owners who property appraisal value changed were mailed a notice on the same day. Whether or not your appraised property value changed this year, anyone may contest their appraised value by writing a hard copy letter to the Assessor that states your desire to do so. This letter must reach the Assessor's office by 8:00 a.m. on June 22nd. If you are not sure of your property's appraised value, find out by visiting the Assessor's office. For more information on this tax grievance process, read the article in the last Barre Town newsletter or call the Assessor at 479-2595.

4. The annual Rockfire event will be taking place in the Barre Town Forest on Saturday, June 25, 2016, so if you see fires around the Town Forest that day, don't worry. Please note that Littlejohn Road will be closed from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., the parking area at the 44 Brook Street Town Forest Parking area will be closed from 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., and traffic on Church Hill Road will be interrupted intermittently between 9:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

5. It's not too early to sign up your non-profit organization to volunteer and receive donations during the Barre Town's fall Bulk Trash Collection, on Saturday, September 17th. In exchange for volunteering to unload users' vehicles, the non-profit organization will receive donations from the users. Volunteer hours are 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Historically, non-profits volunteering at the Fall Bulk Trash have received a few hundred dollars. Eight volunteers are sufficient, but more volunteers could split the day. For more information contact Carl Rogers at 479-9331.

GUESTS - None

SETTING THE FY 2016-2017 SEWER USE FEES

Background: The approved Sewer Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was built assuming sewer fees would not change. The current rate is $316.00 per equivalent unit. The B.O.D. treatment billing rate (for 3 businesses) is $.38 per pound. With these rates the revenues cover the expenses.

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Sewer Use Fee at $316.00 per equivalent unit and to charge $.38 per pound for the B.O.D. treatment.

Discussion focused on designating funds from the current fiscal year for the purchase of a sewer vactor, the price for a new vactor is around $325,000, we currently have $100,000 in reserve for the vactor purchase, lowering the current rate with any surplus funds, the Town is still awaiting two (2) large bills from Barre City (Big Dig estimated cost is $75,000 and Treatment Plant upgrades $100,000 - $200,000), and financing a portion of the vactor with the ambulance purchase.

The Board stated that since such a large sum of money was involved that no action should be taken at this meeting as it was not warned. The item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

SETTING THE FY 2016-2017 WATER RATES

Background: The approved (revised) Water Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 is based on the quarterly base rate remaining the same ($55.00) per quarter and the water use charge to increase to $6.55 per 100 cubic feet ($.09 increase).
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On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to set the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 water rates as follows: Quarterly Base rate will remain unchanged at $55.00 per unit and the cost of water will increase to $6.55 per 100 cubic feet (a $.09 increase).

**MONTESSORI SCHOOL OF CENTRAL VERMONT - CDBG GRANT**

This item was passed over as the documents were not available.

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of June 14, 2016.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign a Request to Cater Malt, Vinous and/or Spirituous Liquors for Langdon Street Pub, dba McGillicuddys Irish Pub at 663 South Barre Road, on June 21, 2016, 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign a fireworks permit for Paul Perreault, 42 Littlejohn Road, who will be holding an event on July 2, 2016 with a rain date of July 3, 2016.

Assistant Manager Wang informed the Board she had received a very nice note stating the Trow Hill Playground was “alive and with much laughter” since the renovations have been completed. She stated the note was from a neighbor Scott Lamberti who also contributed much time and equipment to making the project possible. The Recreation Board sends a big thank you to him for all the assistance.

**ROUND THE TABLE**

LaClair noted that Legislature reconvened to make a decision on whether to override or sustain the Governor's veto of the Energy Bill. What ended up happening was a new bill (260) was passed which addressed the Governor's concerns, but was not what Town's had hoped for. However, it is better than prior legislation which did not give much weight to cities/towns Town Plans.

Tessier congratulated the Town Clerk-Treasurer on receiving the Times Argus 2016 Readers Choice Best of the Best award. This is not the first time her office has received this honor. Mitchell echoed the comments.

Tessier inquired on the status of the Cyr survey. The Manager informed the Board the documents are in the hands of a surveyor and the Town Attorney.

Tessier noted that the barrier on the bottom of Sterling Hill Road is not in place. Rogers stated as of last week the Town Engineer had not ordered it - they recognize this needs to be done soon.

Paul White lives near the Trow Hill Playground and echoed the comments made by resident Scott Lamberti.

Mitchell stated he read an article recently regarding trucks using GIS. It seems a truck was making a delivery in Corinth, Vermont and ended up on a Class 4 Road. Needless to say it was very expensive to get the truck to the proper roadway. Sometimes individuals need to use some common sense and give the technology a rest as it does not always give the best advice.
Mitchell inquired if Gordon Booth’s wife had been informed the Bridge Street Bridge was being dedicated in his honor. Tessier stated she was informed and is very pleased.

Tom White inquired if the conflict between a Littlejohn Road resident and the Rockfire Event holders had been resolved. The road is being closed to thru traffic for the Rockfire Event. However, the property owners are holding a gathering and have had issues in the past with their guest not being allowed to use the road. Manager Rogers stated that passes had been given to the resident to distribute to guests. Event organizers were also given copies of the pass so they can recognize individuals who have permission to use the closed road. Mr. White would like to have the Rockfire organizers reach out to the resident next year to avoid future problems.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to go into executive session to discuss contracts and personnel at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to come out of executive session at 8:57 pm.

EMS SERVICE CONTRACTS

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve a 4 month extension (July 1, 2016 - October 31, 2016), to the EMS Service Contract for the Town of Berlin at a per capita rate of $29.52. The motion passed with LaClair and Tom White voting no.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to approve a 6 month extension (July 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016) to the EMS Service Contract for the Towns of Orange, Washington, and Topsham with a per capita rate increase of 2.96%.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Selectboard Chair

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Barre Town Selectboard