BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
June 21, 2016

1. Call to order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Consider approving agenda.  
4. PILOT - Engineer & Public Works department head visits.  
5. Consider approving June 14, 2016 meeting minutes.  
6. Announcements  
7. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).  
8. Consider designating Sewer Fund cash balance for sewer vacuum truck purchase.  
9. Discuss plan for buying new sewer vacuum truck.  
11. Discuss ambulance bid results and option of buying power stretchers.  
12. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.  
13. Miscellaneous:  
   a) Fireworks permit for Thunder Road, July 3; and  
   b) Fireworks permit for 40 Church Hill Road.  
14. "Round the table"  
15. Executive session: (if needed).  

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
June 21, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 21, 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, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, and Jeff Blow.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 agenda with the following amendments:

A. Table item 11 until the next meeting as materials are not available;
B. Add action items for Sanborn and Schneider to item #14.

P.I.L.O.T. - Department head visits.

DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault: Preliminary information on the purchase of a new vactor was distributed to the Board. Other topics of discussion included: new truck should arrive mid-July, the East Cobble Hill Water project is finally (after many obstacles) complete with the exception of paving, roadside mowing is in progress, good weather has allowed for the completion of the majority of gravel road projects, summer help is doing great, lots of staff vacations, and the jersey barrier at the bottom of Sterling Hill Road has been installed since last Friday.
Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen: The "obstacles" of the East Cobble Hill Water project were detailed, the road paving (due to great weather) is ahead of schedule, and demolition of the GMP power station (corner of Church Hill and Graniteville Roads) has begun.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of June 14, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.

2. There will be a special Selectboard Meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to set the property tax rate for fiscal year 2016-2017. The public is welcome to attend.

3. The regular Selectboard meeting schedule this summer is as follows: every Tuesday in June, every OTHER Tuesday in July and August, and back to every Tuesday from September onward. The first meeting in July will be on the 12th.

4. Please note that the company contracted to resurface Barre Town's roads has indicated they will be paving in Graniteville and the Trow Hill neighborhood on June 28th and 29th. The affected streets are Dodge Avenue, Compo Street, Crest Street, Pearl Street, West Cobble Hill and Philbrook Street.

5. Did you know that Barre Town managers 6 playgrounds? They are all different and fun in their own way. This summer you will have another reason to visit them all - the Recreation Board is hosting free ice cream socials at each Barre Town playground in turn. Each ice cream social will be on a Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. The first one is on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Lower Graniteville playground, which is at the corner of Graniteville Road and Baptist Street. Visit the Barre Town website Recreation page for more information.

6. People gather to explore the Barre Town Forest together on select Sunday and Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the kiosk parking area located at 44 Brook Street in Websterville. The easy to moderate walks are open to anyone. The next Forest Walks are Sunday, June 26 and Tuesday, July 5. For more information, contact Marianne Kotch at 476-4185.

GUESTS - None

SEWER FUND CASH DESIGNATION FEES and SEWER VACUUM REPLACEMENT PLAN

Background: Prior Selectboards recognized the sewer vacuum truck replacement would be expensive. The past fiscal year $50,000 of the sewer fund surplus was designated toward the purchase of a new unit. With the sewer fund doing well again this year the Board is being asked if they want to set aside another $50,000.

The DPW Superintendent informed the Board the cost of a new truck has greatly increased. New estimates suggest the cost to be in the range of $370,000 - $400,000.
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One primary reason for cost increase has been the emission rules/regulations changes. The trade-in value of our truck would net $20,000 - $25,000, while a direct sale may result in a value around $50,000 (due to being in such good condition).

There are two types of units, a fan driven system and the PD (positive displacement) system. The PD system has screens and filters which can easily clog doing the type of work performed by our DPW. Maintenance and repair items on both types were noted. In the end, Selectboard consensus is a preference for the fan system.

Research will continue with information being gathered on the cost of a demo model versus new purchase and confirmation on what warranties are included/available on machines. The Board directed the Superintendent to investigate the fan system only. The report will also contain information on our current vactor, the number of miles on the cab/chassis and the number of hours on the meter.

Upon reading the Manager's meeting notes the Selectboard recognized the Sewer Fund still has some large outstanding debt (Big Dig and Sewage Treatment Plant repairs) estimated to be around $275,000 to $300,000. With no resolution on how to proceed with the sewer vacuum truck the Board felt it prudent to continue their practice and designate some funds toward the future purchase.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to designate Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Sewer Fund surplus in the amount of $50,000 which is to be allocated toward the purchase of a sewer vacuum truck.

TSAC - RECOMMENDATION FOR CASSIE STREET

Background: The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) received a request from a resident on the steep hill/sharp curve section of Cassie Street for additional signage. There have been numerous accidents in the vicinity recently. Upon review of the area, TSAC noted several items which are in need of attention to include, changing existing symbol signage, adding a sharp curve sign, adding an advisory speed limit placard, and adding several reflective delineators along either side of the Pyott (#307 Cassie Street) driveway due to its proximity to the curve.

The Town Engineer and TSAC member Jeff Blow were present. Photos of the area in question were distributed for viewing.

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Paul White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee recommendations for signage on Cassie Street as detailed in the Town Engineer's memo dated June 17, 2016 which included relocating the "Steep Hill Ahead" sign, replacing the "Steep Road" sign to the correct symbol W7-1, add a "Sharp Curve" symbol as outlined in the memo, install an advisory speed limit placard, and to place six (6) reflective delineators doubled mounted on posts evenly spaced along either side of #307 Cassie Street driveway.

SALT PURCHASE

The item was removed from the agenda due to lack of information.

AMBULANCE BID RESULTS

NEW AMBULANCES & POSSIBLE STRETCHER PURCHASE

Background: The Selectboard was provided with bid sheets detailing the results for the purchase of two (2) new ambulances. Since prices were less than budgeted, EMS Director, Chris Lamonda, is asking the Selectboard to consider using the remaining unused budgeted funds for the purchase of power stretcher.
There was some confusion with information on the bid sheet. Mr. Lamonda was unable to attend this meeting. Other noteworthy discussion items were gas versus diesel engines (the Selectboard opting for gas), and questioning whether or not the Town would/could receive an insurance rate reductions if power stretchers were purchased?

This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda to allow some clarification on the bid sheet and to obtain more information on what was budgeted, the difference between power stretchers and power assist stretchers, and the cost for each.

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

On a motion by Paul White, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Accounts Payable warrant for the week of June 21, 2016.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Town Clerk to sign the following fireworks permits:

A. Thunder Road International Speedbowl at the gravel pit next to track on July 3, 2016;
B. Brad Lawson, 40 Church Hill Road, on July 4, 2016;
C. Hans Schneider, 407 Sierra Lavin Road, July 4, 2016; and
D. Cedric Sanborn, 106 Lyman Road, on July 4, 2016.

**ROUND THE TABLE**

Mitchell noted that due to personal reasons the Manager could not attend this meeting. He has concerns with the next regular meeting (June 28th) and time needed for the Manager to prepare the meeting packet. Board members are being asked to consider canceling the meeting on Tuesday, June 28th and combine it with the already advertised special meeting (for setting the tax rate) on Thursday, June 30th.

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted unanimously to cancel the regular Selectboard meeting for Tuesday, June 28, 2016 and to reschedule and combine it with the already scheduled special meeting on Thursday, June 30, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Mitchell stated he will not be attending the regular meeting on July 12th as he is on vacation.

Mitchell further expressed his disappointment with the Times Argus newspaper. He noted that beginning July 1st there will be no "print" edition of the paper Monday - Wednesday. However, the edition will be available on-line. Many older readers do not have/nor do they want to have a computer. The short notice was also very inconsiderate to subscribers.

Paul White inquired about the fireworks permit Certificate of Compliance. In his profession he was involved and is knowledgeable regarding explosives. The Town Clerk noted the process/forms are being reviewed and upon completion will be provided to the Board for final approval. Comments were received and will be passed along.

LaClair stated he was at the VTC Williston campus for the signing of Senate Bill 20 regarding dental therapist ongoing training. This bill was designed to improve the skills of hygienists.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**
ADJOURN

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer  Selectboard Chair

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