BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
February 23, 2016

P.I.O.T. - Budget Committee - Equipment and Highway Funds 6:30 p.m.
1. Call to order 8:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from February 16, 2016 meeting.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Report on CV Solid Waste Management District’s revised plan for a new facility and discussion of Town’s options.
8. Consider approving CV Solid Waste District’s request to use the DPW yard for a household hazardous waste collection.
9. Consider re-appointing CV Solid Waste Management District representative and alternate.
10. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
11. Miscellaneous:
   a) Second class liquor license for Coco Mart (Jiffy Mart) in East Barre.
12. “Round the table”
13. Executive session: if needed

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
February 23, 2016

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of February 23, 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. Tom White was absent.

Others attending were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, CVSWMD representatives Fred Thumm and Leesa Stewart.

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 Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the agenda as presented. White was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard meeting minutes of February 16, 2016. White was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The annual School District Elections and Presidential Primary Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town School gym. The deadline to register to vote is Wednesday, February 24th. To request an early voting ballot or for more information contact the Town Clerk's office at 802-479-9391. Sample ballots are available for viewing on the Town website.
2. Logging of the Barre Town Forest is underway, consistent with the Town Forest Management Plan. Learn about logging from our Town Forester during a free workshop and tour on Saturday, February 27th. Meet at the Waterman Street water storage tank at 10:00 a.m. Dress to walk in the woods along the trails and skid roads. The tour should end about 12:30 p.m. For more information call the Town Manager’s office at 479-9331.

3. The Annual Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament will take place Friday, March 4, 2016 through Sunday March 6, 2016 at the Barre Town recreation fields. Games start Friday evening and run until about midnight. Play restarts Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and goes until 9:00 p.m. The final championship day starts on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. There is a cap of 8 teams this year so sign up early if you want to play. Each year the Freezing Fun for Families softball tournament raises thousands of dollars from team registrations, concessions, and sponsorships to benefit Vermont families with a critically ill child. This year’s beneficiaries are 22 month old Ryland House of East Middlebury, Vermont, who is battling Neuroblastoma and 11 year old Garrett Peace of East Montpelier, Vermont who is fighting Leukemia. To support these children, register a team or come watch the softball games and purchase concessions March 4th - 6th.

4. 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.

5. Barre Town Recreation is hosting a Trow Hill Playground Design Day on Saturday, February 27th in the Aldrich Public Library’s Children’s Room. Parents and children are invited to stop in anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and draw their ideas for the Trow Hill (a.k.a Hill Street) playground. The Recreation Board already acted on community input collected last Halloween. Stop in for a sneak preview of the equipment being installed this year! Donations and volunteers for fundraising and for the community-build day are needed. Visit on February 27th to learn more, or for more information call Elaine Wang, Special Projects Assistant at 249-5978.

GUESTS - None

CVSWMD REVISE PLAN FOR NEW FACILITY & DISCUSS TOWN OPTIONS

Background: The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) voted to suspend plans for a new facility.

Before this announcement, the Town Attorney provided the Board with information on the time-line to exit the CVSWMD. Based on this timeline the Selectboard would have to decide no later than June 21st if it wanted to hold a special meeting to ask the withdrawal question in conjunction with the August State primaries. Williamstown is also planning a withdrawal vote on March 1st.

The second part of the discussion is the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) which will need to address every performance measure with sufficient level of detail to ensure implementation.

CVSWMD representative Fred Thumm and Finance Director Leesa Stewart were present. Mr. Thumm stated he was very grateful to the Barre Town Selectboard for their
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comments regarding the CVSWMD proposal to purchase land. He stated Barre Town was not the only municipality with concerns over the District’s continued fiscal success and possible increase to the per capita rate. The current plan is to pull-back somewhat, re-evaluate the options and new implementation rules.

Discussion focused on the currently unfunded recycling mandates, grant funding as a supplement but not meeting long-term financial stability, concern over the Wilson Depot suspending the collection of electronic waste, the food waste program success, how to bolster/broaden education programs, and getting the word out regarding the facility located at the former Times Argus building on Main Street in Barre City (known as the Ark). The facility collects things like the small plastic items that do not meet the greater than 2” rule, household batteries, and much more. For more information visit their website (www.cvswmd.org).

The Board acknowledged that Ms. Stewart was leaving the CVSWMD. They thanked her for leadership and guidance over the years and wished her the best on her new adventure.

**CVSWMD REQUEST TO USE DPW FOR HHW COLLECTION**

**Background:** As part of the CVSWMDs obligation it offers household hazardous waste (HHW) collections from spring to fall. The District has used the Barre Town DPW yard for an early spring collection for many years. This year they are requesting use of the yard on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. That date is also Green Up Day. The District held its HHW collection on Green Up Day last year and there were no conflicts with the Town.

*On a motion by Tessier, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the Central Vermont Solid Waste District’s use of the Barre Town DPW Yard for a household hazardous waste collection on May 7, 2016, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. White was not present for the vote.*

**CVSWMD - APPOINT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE**

**Background:** Annually the Town appoints a delegate and alternate to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board. Our current delegate is Fred Thumm and the alternate is Jack Mitchell. Both are willing to serve again.

*On a motion by LaClair, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to appoint Fred Thumm as the delegate and W. John “Jack” Mitchell as the alternate to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Board. White was not present for the vote.*

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

*On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by LaClair, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for February 23, 2016 with the exception of the Hannaford’s Market invoice. Blow abstained from the vote due to an employer conflict and White was not present for the vote.*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

*On a motion by Tessier, seconded by Mitchell, the Selectboard voted to approve and sign the 2016 Second Class Liquor License for Coco Mart (Jiffy Mart) in East Barre. White was not present for the vote.*

The Manager referred the Board to the copy of a letter in their packet regarding the filing with the Public Service Board a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
with Green Mountain Power Corporation regarding their plans to decommission the Wetmore Morse #58 substation and construction of the Granville #35 substation.

The MOU addresses the Selectboard concerns. Items of particular interest include: sampling of soil for PCB and if found will be disposed of under federal regulations; all materials would be removed, a 15’ culvert will be replaced by an 18’ culvert to direct storm water into drainage ditch, the manner and frequency of access to the Graniteville substation to Graniteville Road will not change, construction hours will be 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and post construction landscaping inspection will be made with possible additional mitigation measures.

ROUND THE TABLE

Mitchell noted this week’s VLCT Legislative Report had an article bill H584 which has now been divided into 5 separate bills. His concern was the need to look at the amendment to include "forestry operation" as practices that zoning bylaw cannot regulate......" He would like an update on this.

There was also a brief discussion on the bill involving Regional Planning Commissions, what they can and cannot do outside their territory. LaClair stated the bill had been watered down and is now in the Senate. This revision is now very simple and will not destroy what is currently in place.

Mitchell read the letter from the State of Vermont regarding road line painting and asked how this would impact the Town. Rogers stated it will not impact as it is the same as they have been doing for the past few years.

LaClair stated Legislature this week was busy with testimony regarding divestment of pension funds, and the passage of paid time off for part-time workers.

Tessier thanked the Manager and staff for another successful budget tour. Every year gets better.

Rogers noted that this Saturday is the Barre Town logging tour. The Logger has requested that because of the weather, work be suspended on the south side of the Little John Road. Weather conditions will make the area a mess. The Board agreed this could be discussed at next week’s meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. White 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