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Town Meeting - Election Information

Barre Town has two municipal elections. The Barre Town Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room. This election is conducted in the traditional “from the floor” manner. Moderator Tom Koch will be presiding. The Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian Ballot (second election) will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Barre Town Elementary School Gymnasium. Polling hours are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.



Items appearing on the May 8 Australian ballot include: election of Town Officers (two Selectboard members, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Auditor, Moderator, and Town Constable); voting on budgets (General Fund/Highway Fund); a Cemetery appropriation; some of the elected officers’ wages; 18 not-for-profit agency requests, an amendment to the Charter (see article on page 4) and a question about joining Central Vermont Internet.

Sample ballots are available on the Town website (www.barretown.org). Look under announcements for a quick link. You can also go to one of the local markets (Hannaford’s Market, Lawson’s General Store, Trow Hill Grocery) to see a copy.

If you are not a registered voter do not worry - there are no deadlines to register to vote. Applications are available at the Town Clerk’s Office or you can go online to the Secretary of State’s website <https://olvr.sec.state.vt.us/> to register. Same day (election day) voter registration at the polling place is possible.

Busy on election day? Not a problem - stop by the Clerk’s Office and vote, or request an early voting ballot. The deadline to request an early ballot or Justice of the Peace delivery is Monday, May 7, 2018, 4:30 pm. Contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 479-9391 or email dkelty@barretown.org.

Voting is quick , easy, and more convenient than ever - - let your voice be heard - VOTE!

By Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Annual Election—Budgets

The May 8 Annual Election ballot lists 25 articles. Two of the major articles ask if voters will approve the fiscal year (FY) 2018-2019 General Fund and Highway Fund budgets. Combined those two proposed budgets are 4.67% greater than the current year counterparts. A 2.3¢ tax rate increase would be needed to support these budgets.

Work on new budgets begins in the fall as staff updates the 5-year plans. In January the 5 citizen members of the Budget Committee are appointed. For the FY 2018-2019 budget the citizen members of the Committee were Justin Bolduc, Kevin DeLude, Rob LaClair, Norma Malone and Cedric Sanborn. These 5 citizens and the Selectboard members comprise the Budget Committee. They met 10 times from January 31 to March 27 reviewing and tweaking the manager’s proposed budgets. The Committee reviews all of the Town’s 9 fund budgets: Building Fund, Cemetery Fund, Ambulance Fund, Equipment Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, Highway Fund and General Fund. The Committee adopts the first 7 budgets; it proposes


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**All Town Offices
Will Be Closed On:**

May 28 - Memorial Day
July 4 - Independence Day

DATES & EVENTS:

May 1 - Cemeteries Open
May 5 - Green Up Day
May 5 - Household Haz. Waste Collection
May 8 - Annual Town Meeting
May 12 - Spring Bulk Trash
May 15 - Property Taxes Due
June 9 - Caws 4 Paws
June 9 - Summer Festival
July 25 - 29 - Barre Homecoming Days



Barre Town Middle & Elementary School will have Registration and Screening on April 26 & April 27 for children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2018. This is needed if your child did not attend preschool at BTMES. Registration is for children born on or before August 31st. Please call Betsy Pierce at 476-6617, ext. 6306 to schedule an appointment and or request a registration packet no later than Monday, April 23.

Employee Changes

We bid long-time Public Works crew member Peter Wheatley au revoir on April 20. Pete was first hired to work with the Town in 2003. Over the years his managers have praised his self-motivation, dependability, superior knowledge, and useful experience on the job. Pete has been a positive example for the department. Residents may appreciate that he often took the second (night) shift during the winter, keeping roads clear and getting projects done when the rest of us were sleeping. We hope he enjoys North Carolina!

Jacob Frey submitted his resignation to the Police Department effective April 28. Frey served as a full-time police officer with the Town since 2012. He will not be going far, just to the Barre City Police Department. He will still help fill shifts on a per diem basis until the department is staffed up again.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

ACTION	DESCRIPTION	Fee
Fireworks Permit	Required at least 15 days prior to event. Obtain application on the website or call the Town Clerk's office 802-479-9391.	\$15
Outdoor burning	Burning grass, having an outdoor fire that is larger than a normal camp fire? A permit is required from the Fire Warden. Call 802-498-8694.	None
Driveway -work	Driveways are in the Town right-of-way. Repairs, general maintenance, and some repaving may require a permit. Contact the Town Engineer or Zoning Office (802-479-2595) for more information.	Varies
Home improvement(s) or new construction	Most anything outside if more than 64 s.f. in size. Except: new roofing or siding, replacement windows (if same size), replacement of anything that already exists and is under 500 s.f. Contact Planning & Zoning (802) 479-2595 for more information.	Varies

By Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer and Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Director.

Low Interest Home Improvement Loans

Do you need some improvements you haven't been getting to because of the expense? Income-qualified homeowners in our area may be eligible for a Green Mountain Home Repair loan, administered by Downstreet Housing and Community Development. Downstreet offers special low-interest loans for qualified homeowners and administers these loans for Barre Town, providing all the necessary review and oversight.

Why look at the Green Mountain Home Repair Loan Program?

- It can be a little more lenient than commercial banks.
- It has a very low denial rate.
- If you're just outside of the usual parameters to qualify for a bank loan, you may be eligible for a loan from this program.

Qualifying projects include:

- Weatherization/energy efficiency retrofits.
 - Roof repair.
 - Heating system upgrades.
 - Access modification for the elderly or disabled...and much more!
- To be eligible, a Barre Town resident must have a household income

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that does not exceed 80 % of Washington County median income, e.g. you would be eligible if your household income is about:

- \$62,150 or less for a family of four, or
- \$43,550 or less for a single individual

To find out more and to verify your income eligibility, contact Pattie Dupuis at Downstreet Housing at (802) 477-1343 or pdupuis@downstreet.org.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

2018 Summer Paved Road Schedule

Milling Contract - August 13 - 24

- Airport Rd. - Miller Rd to town line
- Farwell St. - City/Town line to Mekkelsen Rd.
- E. Cobble Hill Rd. - Rte. 302 to Bedard's Pit near house #246



Hot Mix Contract - August 27 - Sept. 7

- Airport Rd. - Miller Rd. to Berlin Town line
- Farwell St. - City line to Mekkelsen Rd.
- E. Cobble Hill Rd. - Rte. 302 to transition at Bedard's Pit near house #246

Bonded Wearing Contract - July 30 - Aug. 10

- Velie Avenue - entire street
- Al Monty Drive - entire street
- Goldsbury Drive - entire street
- Granview Drive - entire street
- Willow Drive - entire street
- E. Balsam Drive - entire street
- Balsam Drive - entire street
- Clover Lane - entire street
- Oak Drive - entire street
- Spruce Lane - entire street
- Wark Street - entire street
- Farwell St. - Mekkelsen Rd. to E. Montpelier town line

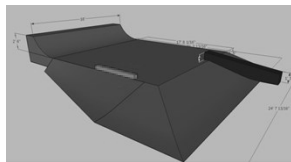
By Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer

Project Updates

East Barre Sidewalk: The Town has cleared the biggest hurdle, rights of-way approval, for this sidewalk project along the south side of Mill Street, continuing onto Websterville Road as far as the East Barre post office. As of the time of writing, the State is reviewing the so-called Final Plans for the project. Once those are approved, the Selectboard will conduct a duly warned site visit and public hearing, and then officially accept the layout of the sidewalk. Abutters will be notified by certified mail of the time and date of the site visit and hearing; it will also be posted on www.barretown.org. The total project costs are estimated at \$252,718. Eighty percent of this is being paid for via federal

grants administered by VTrans, requiring 20%, or \$50,080, cost share from the Town. The proposed FY18-19 Highway Fund budget includes \$21,860 for the remaining Town share. Construction is planned for this summer.

Skatepark: This summer Travis Mercy Memorial Skatepark



will be receiving its first new feature since it was constructed in 2001. A concrete plaza will be made in the back half of the park. Thanks to the efforts of friends of the Travis Mercy Memorial

Skatepark, including the Barre Town Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club, the \$28,000 cost will be almost entirely covered by donated funds. Construction will be by skatepark specialist Parker Construction. They begin work in late April, after the town opens the road and turns on the water to the rec area.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan: The last newsletter reported FEMA requested revisions in the Plan submitted last fall. The revision was submitted to FEMA on February 7. On March 19 FEMA deemed the Plan "approvable pending adoption." Next, the Selectboard will hold a public hearing about adopting the Plan. That hearing is scheduled for April 24. After the hearing, possibly during that same meeting, the Selectboard will adopt a resolution certifying the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. That resolution will be submitted to FEMA, via Vermont Emergency Management. After confirming the resolution FEMA will give the Town a "formal letter of acceptance." The Town then would have a Hazard Mitigation Plan for another five years.

Websterville Fire Dist. #3: February 15 the WFD #3 opened two bids for the water treatment plant emergency power generator. The contract was awarded to the low bidder, Brook Field Service. Installation is expected before the end of April. The Town's water system operators attended a training about the new electric panel at the plant. The WFD #3 Prudential Committee is completing steps to close out the grant/loan for the large water main and other improvements project.

It was discovered no legislative action is needed for the merger to go through. The Vermont legislature didn't take any action to charter or create the WFD #3, like it did to create the former East Barre Fire Dist. #1. The Selectboard and WFD #3 Prudential Committee will take such actions necessary to merge the water systems. The target date is July 1, 2018.

The Town Budget Committee adopted a fiscal year 2018 - 2019 Water Fund budget based on the assumption the merger goes in effect 7/1/18. Although the two water systems will remain separate and distinct (for the time-being) there is one budget for both systems. Town water system customers will see a \$8 per quarter reduction in the base charge. The

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Charter Amendment on the May Ballot



In accordance with our Charter voters are to elect three Town Auditors for a 3-year term, with 1 elected each year. Since all the fiscal duties of the Town are done by town staff and contracted accountant and the annual audit is done by an independent CPA firm the Elected Auditors are no longer required to perform any fiscal/bookkeeping functions. Their duty primarily deals with the Annual Town Report (proofing, preparing the delinquent taxpayer report, and dedication).

In recent years it has been difficult to recruit individuals to run for this elected position. As a result, the Selectboard has decided to ask the voters to amend the Charter, and if approved, would allow for the elimination of the "Elected Town Auditor" office. As with any Charter amendment there is a process to ask for such approval. This includes holding two public hearings (scheduled in April 2018) and then the amendment questions will be on the May 8, 2018 Town Meeting ballot.

The ballot question will cover Section 10- Elected Officers (adding a subsection f to allow for the abolishment) and Section 12 – Auditors (adding language to state "Unless the office is abolished as provided in Section 10"). To review the proposed amendments go to the town website (www.barretown.org/CharterOrdinances&Policies/ProposedAmendments), look for a copy of the ballot at your neighborhood store, or call the Town Clerk's office at 802-479-9391.

By Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

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the last 2 for voter consideration.

The proposed General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets total \$6,744,746, which is \$301,145 or 4.67% more than the current budgets. The current tax rate for the GF and HF is 92.99 cents. The new budgets would need 95.28 cents on the tax rate, an increase of 2.29 cents or 2.4%. The percent increase in the tax rate is about one-half the percent increase in the budgets because of factors in the General Fund.

Property tax is the only tax revenue source for both the GF and HF. The property tax supplies 93.24% of the HF revenues and 85.44% of GF revenues. The assessor estimates value added to the Grand List will increase revenue per penny on the tax rate by \$650.

The proposed GF budget is \$3,739,556, which is \$198,815 or 5.61% more than the current budget. The proposed budget is not balanced meaning expenses exceed revenue, but that has been planned. No changes in GF staffing are planned. Services would remain the same, although spending on equipment and facilities is intended to improve services. The tax rate increase for the GF would be 1.12 cents.

The GF budget is not balanced because for 7 years money has been set aside to buy the firefighters new turn out gear (protective coat and pants) and FY 2018-2019 is the year to make the purchase.

\$56,000 of designated reserves will be used for the turn out gear causing the unbalanced budget. The purchase also does not affect the FY '18 - '19 tax rate.

Also contributing to the larger than usual percent increase in the GF is moving all support for the Aldrich Library to the GF budget. This year's Budget Committee decided to place contribution of \$175,000 to the Library in the GF. That is a budget increase of \$45,000. However, there will be no article on the ballot for additional support for the Library. This change increases the GF budget but has no affect on the tax rate, because that voter approved donation already was included in the tax rate. Excluding the turn out gear and Library the GF budget is \$97,815 or 2.76% more than the current year.

The police and recreation department budgets account for over half of this \$97,815 increase. The police budget is the largest GF department budget by a wide margin. That budget is going up 3.29% or \$28,775. The account for part-time officers' pay is increased \$15,355 to afford more shifts worked by part-timers each week. This funding increases the number of officers on duty for some shifts and could strengthen the part-time officer roster. The police department's payment to the Town's Equipment Fund, for buying, operating, repairing police cars, is going up \$4,990.

The Recreation Department budget is climbing \$22,770 or 14.73%. The capital improvement account is increasing \$15,600 with \$15,000 of that slated for improving the Lower Graniteville Playground. The furniture and fixture (focus on fixture) account is going up from \$0 to \$10,600; \$9,000 for bleacher railings and \$1,600 for an U. Graniteville playground basketball pole and backstop. The recreation budget also has plans for fixing up the South Barre youth ballfields, and repairing playground equipment (\$2,565).

For FY '18 - '19 the proposed HF budget is \$3,005,190, which is \$102,330 or 3.52% more than the '17 - '18 budget. The tax rate would go up 1.17 cents. The two leading reasons for the budget increase are the road paving program (\$51,530) and the equivalent of adding a half-time employee to the HF.

The expense for contracted paved road work changes quite a bit year to year because the length of roads paved changes yearly. For FY '18 - '19, however, incidental work (ditches, culverts) is the main reason for the jump in the paved road work budgets. Town equipment charges (hourly rate for backhoes, trucks, loaders, etc.) paid to the Equipment Fund and drainage supplies are increasing \$32,600. The paved roads to be worked on this summer will need more than the usual amount of culvert and ditching work.

For FY '17- '18 25% of one DPW employee's time/wages were subtracted from the HF budget. That time and wages were added to the Equipment Fund (EF) budget. This transfer was made to help with completing equipment maintenance work after the second mechanic position was eliminated. That plan was not adequate. For FY '18 - '19 a second full-time mechanic will be hired. 75% of the new mechanic's time/wages will be charged to the EF. Opinions are 100% of the second mechanic's time isn't needed for shop work (because DPW no longer services the school buses), therefore 25% of the new mechanic's time is built into the HF. In FY

'17 - '18 there was a 25% deduction; in FY '18 - '19 there is a 25% add-in or a 50% net increase in time and wages for one employee. This change in wages is listed in the Summer Maintenance section which has an overall \$39,605 increase for wages (not just the second mechanic).

The May 8 ballot lists 18 other funding articles, one less than last year because the Library question was removed. There is no change in the amount for any of the 18 not-for-profits. The requests total \$59,450.

CVI - Article 24 asks if the Town shall enter (join) Central VT Internet, a communications union district. At Town Meeting in March, 12 other Central Vermont municipalities voted to enter the union.

Town Charter - Article 25 asks if the Town will amend its Charter in Sections 10 and 12. The subject of the amendment is eliminating the 3 elected auditor positions. Specifically the amendment on the ballot authorizes the voters to eliminate the elected auditor position at a future Annual Election.

Before election day a budget booklet will be available on the town website (under Publications) and at these locations: Municipal Building, Trow Hill Grocery, Brookside Country Store, Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Hannaford, Graniteville General Store and Lawson's Store. The booklet offers more highlights and explanations about all nine budgets, the Warnings (list of ballot articles), budget summary and the budget tour book describing town departments and facilities.

Wait, there is more. A program about the budget proposals will be played on CTV Channel 194, the local cable access channel. Look for the program the week before the election, especially on Friday and Saturday before and after the Selectboard meeting.

Of course there always is the telephone. Call the town manager at 479-9331 with questions about proposed budgets.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Emergency Management - High Winds



Every year, Barre Town along with most other towns, must consider potential natural threats to our community. Part of the planning for this is keeping our Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) updated. The LEOP lists one of the most likely natural events to be high winds. In fact, Barre Town has experienced this numerous times over the years, the last being the end of October 2017. During that event, hundred of trees were knocked down blocking dozens of roads and hitting houses, as well as bringing power poles and electric lines down.

High winds can be extremely dangerous and when we experience them people should stay inside and away from windows. High winds can be a stand-alone event or a surprise during a severe thunder storm. Dangers from high winds can include but are certainly not limited to flying objects that can hit you or break glass, trees falling on you or

your house, downed power lines that can be live creating an electrocution threat, and prolonged power outages. Some things that can be done to help limit these consequences is to secure loose objects in advance of a wind event and remove trees that could hit your house.

One of the most dangerous hazards during a wind event can be downed power lines. All power lines should be considered live regardless of whether you have power or not. For several reasons a power line thought to be completely deenergized might not be. **Emergency service personnel are trained to stay away from all downed power lines, the public should practice this as well.** Please make sure children do not go near lines laying on the ground.

Lightning during thunderstorms is another major threat to our safety. If you hear thunder or see lightning you should take cover in a safe place immediately. Lightning can travel many miles beyond where a storm is occurring. There are numerous ways to monitor lightning including your eyes and ears as well as warning devices or even your phone. However you are warned, lightning safety should be followed by everybody.

By Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Director

New Breathing Equipment for Fire Department

The Barre Town Fire Department is in the middle of making a significant upgrade to our self-contained breathing apparatus (known as SCBA). This upgrade consists of replacing our existing 12 SCBA with 16 new ones from MSA, distributed by Reynolds and Sons of South Barre. Along with the air packs we'll get 32 air bottles which is enough to outfit each pack with two. Our current SCBA are 13 years old and two versions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards behind. The existing packs are well beyond their life cycle and have experienced numerous failures.



Our current air tanks have a working pressure of 2216 PSI (when full) and in theory the air lasts 30 minutes (there are many variables that impact this time). The new packs will have a maximum pressure of 4500 PSI and 45 minutes of air. The extra air allows the firefighters to stay engaged in whatever they are doing just a little longer before having to exit and exchange bottles.

In addition to the new SCBA, two new Bauer cascade air systems were purchased (one for each station). A cascade system consists of an air compressor, four 6000 PSI storage bottles, and a two bottle fill station that puts breathable air into the SCBA bottles.

The final piece of the puzzle included the retrofit of the Fire Department's rescue truck which has air storage on it and can fill air bottles at an emergency scene. The air system on this truck also had to be upgraded to fill 4500 PSI bottles. The six

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existing 5000 PSI bottles were replaced with six 6000 PSI bottles. The existing fill station in the rescue truck is being reused.

The total amount for these purchases is around \$235,000 which is being funded with a combination of money in reserve and a three-year lease finance. The new SCBA are expected to last about 10 years, the cascade system at least 25 years.

By Chris Violette, Fire Chief

Property Assessment Appeals

The assigning of property values (aka property assessment, or property appraisal) is designed to be a fair, equitable process, but assessing is an imprecise science. Therefore, taxpayers may appeal the appraisal of their property. The 2018 grand list, which includes property values updated this year, will be available at the Town Office in the first week of June. When it is, notices that it is available will be posted on the town website, in the Times Argus, at grocery stores, and post offices around town. This notice is officially called “the lodging of the abstract grand list.” If the Assessor for Barre Town has changed the appraisal of your property, you will receive a notice in the mail. Any taxpayer (not just those whose property appraisal has changed) may dispute their property appraisal through the tax grievance process, a process set by state law. A summary of the process you should follow should you wish to dispute the appraisal of your property is below:

Step 1: File a grievance with the Assessor in writing by 14 days from the lodging of the abstract grand list, which will be the same date any notices of changes in appraisal are mailed. When the Assessor receives your grievance, he will schedule a grievance hearing with you. The purpose of the Assessor’s grievance hearing is to discover any possible errors or omissions in determining the value of a property. The burden of proof and persuasion is on the taxpayer. Upon completing the hearings, the Assessor will notify the taxpayer in writing of his decision. *If the taxpayer does not agree with the Assessor’s decision...*

Step 2: Appeal to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA) in writing to the Town Clerk within 14 days from the date that the Assessor mailed the result of his grievance hearing (Step 1 above). The purpose of the BCA Tax grievance hearing is for the BCA to judge whether the property being appealed was assessed fairly when compared to other, similar, properties in town. Again, the burden of proof and persuasion is on the taxpayer. All parties may introduce any relevant material and evidence (including oral presentation of fact presented under oath) during this hearing, whether or not the evidence was submitted previously to the Assessor. After the presentation of evidence and cross-examination, the BCA will appoint an inspection committee of three members to inspect the property and submit written findings to the full BCA within 30 days of the date of the BCA hearing. During the property inspection, property owners shall not engage in conversation pertaining to the appeal unless questions are asked by the inspection com-

mittee. Within 15 days of the BCA receiving the inspection committee report, the board will report and list reasons for their decision. The Town Clerk certifies the decision, records it in the grand list book, and notifies the property owner in writing of the decision by certified mail. *If the taxpayer does not agree with the BCA’s decision...*

Step 3: Appeal to either the state appraiser or superior court within 30 days of the town clerk mailing the notice of the decision. More information about this step will be provided by the Town Clerk when mailing notice of the BCA decision. *If the taxpayer does not agree with the state appraiser or superior court decision...*

Step 4: Appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court. These appeals are governed by the Vermont Rules of Appellate Procedure.

For additional information on the Tax Grievance process contact the Town Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at 479-9391 or email dkelty@barretown.org.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

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water consumption rate will remain the same. WFD #3 customers will see a new quarterly special assessment charge but their total quarterly base charge will decrease \$8. The town’s water consumption rate will be used for WFD #3 customers saving them \$5.05 per 1,000 gallons used.

School Property Transfer: The school’s Act 250 permit amendment was received in February. The Town’s Development Review Board re-approved the subdivision on March 14. On April 4 the Barre Town School Board signed the Notice of Property Conveyance of District Real Estate. The Notice must be published and posted at public places. It was posted in the Municipal Building on April 6. The deed conveying 68 acres of wooded land and the town’s recreation area could be signed 30 days after the Notice is published/posted.

The School is retaining about 20 acres, including the large parking lot, and first dibs on use of the recreation area.

East Barre Intersection: The state (Agency of Transportation) is using federal highway safety money to pay for this project. Mill Street’s intersection with Rt. 110 will be shifted creating more of a T intersection with better sight lines. The project will include some new sidewalk, mostly along the lower end of Mill Street. The state held property owner meetings last fall. The Town is one of the property owners (the fire station). Over the winter, at the Town’s request, AOT worked on re-designing the stormwater design along the fire station lawn. Revised plans were delivered to the Town on April 4. Construction still is hopeful for 2019.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager and Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

**LOOK FOR THE NEXT ISSUE.....of the
Barre Town newsletter in August, 2018!**



Application for Board, Commission or Committee

Please print:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____

I am interested in being a member of:

<u>Board, Commission</u>	<u>Meeting Night</u>	<u>Members Total</u>	<u>#Positions Due</u>	<u>Term</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	5	1	5 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday	7	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> DRB Alternate members	2nd Wednesday	2	2	1 yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee	as needed	5	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	3rd Wednesday	7	1	4 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board	1st Monday	7	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Advisory Comm.	3rd Wednesday	5	2	3 yrs.



May is transition month for Barre Town government. The annual election of officers, including Selectboard members, (see article on page 1) is held the second Tuesday. The next week the Selectboard elects its chair and vice-chair, decides its meeting schedule and appoints certain town officers (usually town staff). The last Tuesday of May the board appoints volunteer, citizen members to the various boards, commissions and committees (BCCs).



All BCCs meet in the evenings in the Municipal Building. A staff member is assigned to each. Meeting material (agenda, minutes, agenda item information) is sent to the members before the meeting. Except for the Cemetery Commission, staff prepares the agenda and writes the minutes. Occasionally training opportunities are available. The Town will pay registration fees. BCC members will learn much about their area of responsibility and have an impact on town services or life in Barre Town, e.g. Planning Commission and solar farms, or Recreation Board and recreation programs. Learn more about the BCCs by visiting the town website (www.barretown.org) and clicking on Boards and Commissions. A description of each BCC, past agendas and minutes are available. Another option for more information is calling the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331.

If you would like to be considered for one of the BCC seats listed above cut out the quick application form and mail to the Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or drop it off at the Municipal Building. Another way to apply is to submit a letter of interest. A sample letter of interest (LOI) is available on the website at www.barretown.org/Pages/boards/interest.pdf. The LOI would be mailed to the same address listed above. ***Applications are due by noon on Friday, May 25, 2018***

The Selectboard also is seeking candidates for the deputy health officer position. This position pays \$400 per year to respond to calls when the health officer is not available. Typically the health officer might receive 10-12 calls per year. A seat, reserved for a South Barre resident, on the Phoenix House Community Work Group (committee) is open. Anyone interested in either of these positions, please contact the Town Manager's Office.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Development Review Board – *By Emily Marineau, Planning & Zoning Admin. Asst., Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Admin. (M. Nicholson, M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, C. Neddo, J. Valsangiacomo, A. Valentinetti, J. Fecteau, B. Wolfe)*

AUD=Allowed Use Determination; CUP=Conditional Use Permit; SD=Subdivision; BLA=Boundary Line Adjustment

February, 2018 - No meeting.

March, 2018 - Appr. 2-lot SD for BTMES; appr. BLA for 20 & 40 Pitman Rd.; appr. waiver for 133 Mill St.; appr. Site Plan Review for 42 parking spaces and stormwater treatment of land off Parker Rd.

Planning Commission – *By Emily Marineau, Planning & Zoning Admin. Asst., Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Admin. (C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, C. Violette, D. Pierce, C. Duke, B. Atwood, G. Clain)*

AUD=Allowed Use Determination; CUP=Conditional Use Permit

February, 2018 - Discussed Energy Plan; heard Northern Powers' proposed battery storage presentation; heard proposal from Barre Area Development for rezoning portion of Industrial Park from Office Building Retail to Industrial.

March, 2018 - Discussed/worked on Energy Plan; cont'd discussion of rezoning portion of Industrial Park; cont'd discussion on proposed battery storage in Industrial Park.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - *By Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer and Tina Thurston, Executive Secretary (C. Liese, S. Corbett, J. Blow, W. Kirby, V. Vallerand)*

January, 2018 - No meeting.

February, 2018 - Reviewed and tabled request about overweight trucks on Middle Rd.; reviewed and tabled request to consider 5 STOP signs on Middle Rd. and Graniteville Rd.; reviewed meeting schedule for 2018 relating to conflicts.

March, 2018 - Revisited issue of overweight trucks on Middle Rd. Recommended posting 2 Legal Load Limit signs, installing the "State Law" sign on top of weight limit sign and recommended a "Trucks No Right Turn" sign; addressed the 5 STOP signs request and started public hearing process with Warning to go out April 18. Streets to be considered for the 5 STOP signs are: Meadow Wood Dr., Hutchins Cir. (both ends), Wilmuth St., Maple St., and Pearl St.; discussed limited sight distance related to West Cobble Hill Road onto Hill St. Town Engineer will write a letter to homeowner that anything in the 23' clear zone of Hill St. should be removed from the R.O.W.; recommended to Selectboard to adopt a Line Striping Policy; discussed remaining TSAC meeting schedule for 2018. Future 2018 meetings will be moved back to the third Wednesday of the month; reviewed May 2018 re-appointments for TSAC board members Shaun Corbett and Bill Kirby.