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Prepare for Winter Emergencies

In north central Vermont winter is a real thing. Winter is more than a season of shorter days, cooler temperatures and occasional snow. Here, residents need to think about and prepare for winter. That is evidenced by people planning for where snow will be piled, stocking up on good, dry firewood and placing sand barrels along their driveway. Most everyone prepares for winter in some way small or significant. There are many winter conditions, occurrences, or situations, however, that potentially are a challenge, problem or threat.

Except a tornado or hurricane most any natural disaster could occur during winter. This article suggests how residents might prepare for emergencies that could occur only during winter: **1) ice storms, 2) prolonged extreme cold, 3) ice jams with flooding, and 4) very deep snowfall.**

Ice Storm - An ice storm could make roads impassable, bring down trees onto the road, onto buildings and onto utility wires, and make the ground hazardous for walking. An ice storm could cause loss of electricity, which could lead to loss of heat and the threat of water pipes freezing.

Prolonged extreme cold - Days of extreme cold could burn up all the heating fuel. Water pipe freeze-ups are most likely during these extreme cold spells. It is not just pipes in a building that could freeze; water service lines that are not buried deep enough also are susceptible to freezing. During an extreme cold spell there may be a need or a temptation to use a non-primary heat source such as a fireplace or kerosene heater that has not been serviced.

Ice jams - The main hazard caused by ice jams is flooding. Ice jams and flooding might effect a limited area in Barre Town. The February newsletter will address ice jams.

Deep snow - Very deep snow could cause roofs to collapse or cover exhaust vents for some heat sources.

Preparing for these winter emergencies could take several forms, including: **1) thinking about these emergencies and your situation, 2) collecting information, 3) acquiring supplies, 4) making a plan, and 5) taking action.**

Think about your situation - For each possible emergency listed above think about
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Central Vermont Internet Report

(At the May 2018 Annual Election, Barre Town voted 178-106 to join Central Vermont Internet. In August the Selectboard appointed Joshua Jarvis to represent Barre Town on the C.V. Internet governing board - Editor's Note.)

Central Vermont Internet is a Communication Union District (CUD) created after a successful vote of 14 communities across central Vermont at Town Meeting in 2018. Since then, CVI has met 6 times resulting in the creation of three sub committees: Business Development, Marketing, and Finance, which are tasked with successfully creating bylaws, policies, budget, and a mission statement. CVI has also taken the step to rebrand itself as Central Vermont Fiber (CVFiber) and has registered the domain cvfiber.net. Two additional towns (Cabot and Orange) have successfully applied and joined the district bringing the total to 16 contiguous towns in central Vermont covering parts of three counties (Washington, Lamoille, and Orange).
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DATES & EVENTS:

- Nov. 1 - Apr. 1 - Winter Ban on Street Parking Begins
- Nov. 22 - 5K Walk/Run (Turkey Trot)
- Dec. 27 - Budget Committee Letters Due
- Jan. 2 - Budget Committee Appointed
- Jan. 7 - 18 - Christmas Tree Collection
- Jan. 29 - Budget Review Begins
- Feb. 15 - Property & Sewer Taxes Due

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Look for the next Town newsletter in...February, 2019
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Employee Changes

We are pleased to welcome administrative professional Julie Kimball to the team as the Planning and Zoning Administrative Assistant. Julie brings extensive experience to her new position which includes customer service to town property owners and billing support for the EMS department. If you're in the town offices stop by to say hi.

Wilson Industrial Park

In the past several months there have been three actions involving two of the larger businesses and one non-profit in the Wilson Industrial Park (WIP). New England Excess Exchange (NEEE) and the Town closed the sale of a 4.4 acre lot. NEEE acquired the lot across Parker Road from its office building. NEEE has an Act 250 permit to construct a 42-space parking lot for employees working in the existing building. The Act 250 permit also allows construction of a 3,000 square foot addition on that building. NEEE does not have immediate plans to construct another building. The Town received \$92,597 for sale of the lot in September.

In late September, VT Creamery filed applications for Town and state permits. VT Creamery's site plan application will be on the Town's Development Review Board (DRB) November 14 meeting agenda. The application mentions three additions to the building at 40 Pitman Road (second building on the left). The additions total 8,113 square feet. The application cover letter states the additions are for "production efficiency." No additional jobs are expected because of this project.

The Vermont Foodbank also has filed a site plan review application, and it too will be considered by the DRB at its November 14 meeting. The Foodbank is planning to expand its 25,000 square foot building by adding on about another 5,500 square feet. Most of the expanded space would be for freezer or cooler storage. The application cover letter states the additions and interior renovations would, "improve the capacity and efficiency of the existing building to accommodate growth in staff and operations..." The Foodbank will need an Act 250 permit amendment.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Housing Rehab and Weatherization Loan Money

Do you own and live in a Barre Town home that is in need of major repairs, weatherization, or access modification? Contact Downstreet Housing to find out if you income-qualify for a low-cost Green Mountain Home Repair loan. Barre Town has its own share of money in this program that is allocated to Barre Town residents. Afford improvements to make your home snug in advance of the coldest winter weather, or plan ahead for a spring project! Questions can be addressed to Pattie Dupuis: pdupis@downstreet.org, (802) 477-1343, or drop in at 22 Keith Ave., Ste. 100, Barre, VT.



By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Citizen Members on Budget Committee

What is the town's debt level? How many employees work in each department? How much does a ton of salt cost? How much does an ambulance cost? Does the sewer fee money go down the drain? What keeps the Water Fund afloat?

If you are not a snowbird and remain in Vermont during February and March and if you want a crash course in town operations and finances, consider joining the Budget Committee. The Town Charter states the Budget Committee will have ten members: the five members of the selectboard and five registered town voters. Per the Charter, the Committee approves seven of the nine fund budgets. The Committee also approves the other two (General Fund and Highway Fund) budgets presented to the voters for approval.

The Committee usually begins meeting the last Tuesday evening of January. Budgets must be approved or set by late March, so the last meeting might be the last Tuesday night of March. During that 9-10 week period the Committee reviews and takes action on the town manager's recommended budgets for the Building, Cemetery, Ambulance, Equipment, Water, Sewer Capital Improvement, Sewer, Highway and General Funds. This review covers the entire town operation from a budget perspective. During the review process the Committee will hear from department heads, officials from major organizations that receive town funding and visit town department's, garages, stations and buildings. Most Committee members acknowledge a heightened awareness and understanding of the scope of town operations.

All registered town voters are eligible. To apply submit a letter of interest (LOI) to the Town Manager's Office (P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT, 05678 or email croggers@barretown.org) by 4:30 pm Thursday, December 27. A sample letter is available on the town website. The Selectboard appoints two members. The Town Clerk-Treasurer names one member. Those three appointees pick the final two members.

New faces on the Committee are not uncommon. Don't hesitate to apply because you don't feel you know someone. For more information, email the manager's office at the address located above or call 479-9331.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Business Loans

If you run a for-profit business in Barre Town or Barre City and need a loan for real estate or equipment, consider the Barre Revolving Loan Fund. The Town of Barre partnered with the Barre Area Development Corp. and the Vermont Community Loan Fund to offer this flexible financing tool designed to support business and economic development in the two Barres. Collateral is required, and preference will be given for businesses whose products or services enhance the economic vitality of our community, including by saving or creating jobs. The minimum loan amount is \$25,000. For more information, contact the Vermont Community Loan Fund at (802) 244-9141.



By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Phoenix House Working Group

If you live in South Barre and have 6 hours a year to spare, please consider serving on the Phoenix House Community Relations Working Group. Phoenix House is a national non-profit that provides individualized drug and alcohol addiction treatment, including at its facility in South Barre. Its Community Relations Working Group helps ensure that this facility continues to be a good neighbor and valued part of the community. It meets four times a year for 1.5 hour-long meetings. The role of the volunteer sought is to represent the concerns of South Barre residents. If you are interested in serving, contact the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

State Rental Housing Code

Since taking over as the Town Health Officer last January, one thing that has become apparent is that a lot of renters and landlords don't know what obligations and rights they have. Did you know that it is the landlord's responsibility to make sure the trash gets taken care of even if it's in a renter's lease? Also, did you know that the tenant must keep their dwelling unit safe and clean so as not to create or contribute to health or safety code violations within the premises?

The most prevalent issues I've found in rental units are: smoke/CO detectors not working; missing Essential Maintenance Practices (relating to lead paint and asbestos); plumbing fixtures not working; and poor ventilation, which leads to mold. The first two are subject to state scrutiny so make sure you're in compliance with the law.

Smoke/Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors: As a health officer it is my responsibility to have the State Fire Marshall come to a property if, during a rental inspection, I find non-working smoke/CO detectors or if there are other serious fire safety issues. If you are a renter make sure your detectors work and if you find they are broken call your landlord for a replacement. As a landlord you should be making semi-annual inspections to make sure they are in working order. Smoke/CO detectors save lives. Is it worth putting you, the

tenant, or you, the landlord, in harms way for lack of such an inexpensive device?

Lead and asbestos: Commonly referred to as EMP, Essential Maintenance Practices have to do with lead and asbestos-safe practices in rental properties. Surprisingly, many landlords know nothing about EMP when they rent out a property. The problem starts when I get a call to do a rental inspection and I find that an EMP statement has never been given to the tenants. This generates a mandatory call to the Vermont Department of Health which takes over to pursue the landlord to get him/her to be in compliance.

The reality is that if you take money for rent then you have an obligation, under the law, to ensure the tenants have a basic standard of healthy and safe premises. The flip side is that a renter also has an obligation to work with the landlord to make sure that the premises is maintained and kept safe.

Tenants and landlords have a shared responsibility and each one must know what those are. The great thing is all this information is located on State of Vermont websites: <https://accd.vermont.gov/housing/resources-rules/renters-landlords> or www.healthvermont.gov/health-environment/asbestos-lead-buildings/lead.

To make a health complaint, contact me at (802) 505-1468 or at wkirby@barretown.org.

By William Kirby, Barre Town Health Officer

Winter Recreation News

Pickleball: Beginners and veterans alike are welcome. Free, though donations to cover costs are welcome. **Where:** Barre Town Gym; **When:** 9am to Noon, Sundays, November—March.



Sledding Parties: Will be held in the field behind the town offices at 149 Websterville Road. Stay tuned to www.barretown.org or search for "Barre Town Recreation" on Facebook for the dates and times.



Dog Park Access: Plan ahead! Water, restrooms, waste pick-up at the dog park, and lights are NOT available through the winter. In particular, pack your dog's do out to the garbage can at the rec area gate. This is a volunteer-managed dog park. Your help keeping the dog park clear of waste and snow is needed for its continued success. The hours for the dog park will be 6am to 9pm (no lights) and the location is at the rec area at 70 Websterville Road. Parking is available in the school parking lot and you can walk in past the Rec Area gate.

Snow Sports: Get your cross country skis, snowshoes, snowmobiles, and fat bikes on! These activities can be had from dawn to dusk in the Barre Town Forest. Parking is available at 44 Brook St., (year round port-a-let service and lighting) and at Barclay Quarry Rd. (no facilities or lighting).



Hunting is allowed in the town forest. Please wear orange clothing during hunting season thru Dec. 9. Mountain biking is prohibited during the Nov. 10-25 rifle deer season.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Thanksgiving 5K

The Barre Congregational Church, for the 16th year, is offering a 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk on Thanksgiving morning. Depending on the weather, 175-225 people (and some dogs) will participate. Family, friends, out-of-town visitors, runners, walkers, young and old register for the event and all are welcome. For more information about the race, registration, fees, t-shirt and prizes visit www.barrecongregational.org.



On Thanksgiving morning event registration starts at 8am in the Municipal Building. The race starts at 9:30am. Parking for the event is in the Municipal Building parking lot and in the public works yard, 129 Websterville Road.

Drivers should be aware of the event because of the number of pedestrians, including children, before, during and after the event. The race begins at 9:30am on Bolster Road next to the Municipal Building. At 9:30 west bound traffic on Websterville Road will be stopped. When the runners and walkers reach the 4-way intersection of Quarry Hill/ Websterville Roads traffic will be stopped there also. Drivers are advised to take an alternate route, if possible, around the Websterville Road—Graniteville Road area from 9:15am - 10:45am.

The race course is: start on Bolster Road next to Municipal Building parking lot; up Bolster Road 40 yards and turn right onto Websterville Road; down Websterville Road and turn left onto Graniteville Road. There are 2 routes for the remainder of the course depending on depth of snow on the bike path. If the path can be used the course continues out Graniteville Road to Rock of Ages' driveway; enters the bike path at ROA's Visitor Center; back on the bike path to the BTMES parking lot and around to the finish line in front of the school. If there is too much snow on the path, two-thirds out Graniteville Road the course doubles back; turns right up Websterville Road; turns left on Pitman Road into the Wilson Industrial Park; reverses course to Websterville Road; turns left on Websterville Road and finishes on Bolster Road near the starting line.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

(Cont'd - Winter Emergencies)

your and a family member's situation such as heat source(s), condition of the house and other buildings, time away from the house, the need for medicine or medical equipment in the home, or the length and grade of the driveway. There could be many more pertinent points when the vast array of personal circumstances are considered in light of harsh natural winter events.

Collect Information - If you have had a frozen water service pipe in the past or if you would need someone to remove snow from your roof(s), collect names and phone numbers of resources to help. If you recently moved into the house, ask neighbors if they know if the house experienced winter problems such as frozen pipes. Learn how to safely use a back-up heat source.

Acquire supplies - Depending on your situation you may want sand available to spread on an icy path, sidewalk or driveway. Have heating tape on hand if frozen pipes are a possibility. If you have the means and ability have a stand-by generator available (and know how to use it safely). If a wood burning appliance is a back up heat source have some good quality fire wood stored in an accessible, dry location. Have flashlights, fresh batteries and a power bank for charging cell phones.

Make a plan - Plan for someone to check your house, water pipes and fuel supply when you are away. If electricity is critical to operate necessary medical equipment know who you can call or where you can go.

Take action - Have the fireplace or woodstove chimney cleaned, even if used rarely in the past. Buy de-icer and store some sand. Weatherize the house and protect water pipes from cold outside drafts.

These are just some of the suggestions to be better prepared for what winter may bring. The possible suggestions are endless because everyone's personal and property circumstances are different.

Some other suggestions:

- Know how to shut off the main water supply into the house.
- Pay attention to weather forecasts; listen and read carefully.
- If ice, wet snow or wind that could cause loss of power is in the forecast, store water for drinking, cooking and sanitation, especially if you have a well.
- If fortunate to have one, prepare the back up heat source for safe operation.
- During winter keep a little more food and necessary medicine stocked to reduce driving on icy roads.
- On extremely cold nights let water drip or run slowly to prevent pipes from freezing, bursting and leaking.
- If electric power goes out and medical equipment is needed call Barre Town EMS at 476-3147 for help using a fire station or EMS station to operate the medical equipment.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Fire Safety

What do chimneys, ashes, plastic containers, and candles have in common? Answer, they can all burn your house down!! Some of the most common causes of house



fires in Barre Town are from those four things. Chimney fires can leave the chimney and get into the structure; ashes not disposed of properly, candles not used appropriately or extinguished, and plastic buckets used for the disposal of cigarettes or ashes all can cause fires. It is very important to always use common sense regarding these and many other firestarters.

We all know chimneys carry dangerous smoke and gases from our fireplaces or woodstoves to the outside. The chimney and liner within can also get very hot. However, generally the chimney is cooler than the contained fire below. As the warm smoke and gas exit up the cooler chimney, creosote can be

created which is a black or brown crusty, flakey, sticky, or tar-like residue that sticks to the wall of the liner. The creosote can then catch fire and cause a chimney fire. Often chimney fires are never detected, other times they can be detected by loud cracking and popping noises, dense smoke, or intense and hot smell. Chimney fire can burn explosively, noisy, and dramatically and might be detected by neighbors or a passerby. Fires inside a chimney can escape the chimney and spread to the nearby combustibles of the house and catch the house on fire.

Preventing chimney fires is quite simple, clean chimneys don't catch fire! The Barre Town Fire Department recommends your chimney and liner be inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney sweep. Any damage must be fixed before a woodstove or fireplace is used. Also, tips to help prevent the creation of creosote include using seasoned wood, having a good air supply, don't allow cooler-burning smoldering fires, and avoid using paper products to start fires.

Related to the use of woodstoves and fireplaces are the ashes left behind. Always deposit ashes into approved non-combustible containers and remove from the house immediately. Plastic containers or cardboard boxes are not approved containers for ashes. Yup, seems simple, but you'd be surprised.

Like inappropriate containers for ashes, there has been an uptick in the use of unapproved containers for the storage of cigarette butts. Cigarette butts can burn long after you think they are out. Putting them in a plastic container in bulk is a recipe for disaster. The Barre Town Fire Department has seen structures burn because of the improper disposal of smoking material. Please use non-combustible containers for the disposal of smoking material and KEEP away from your house.

Finally, candles. Everybody likes to burn candles and if done so properly will allow the enjoyment of the light and fragrance they provide. However, candles are a common cause of structure fires in the United States. The proper use of candles includes, but is not limited to, keeping them away from anything flammable, drafts, other heat sources, keeping them out of the reach of children, and NEVER leaving a burning candle unattended.

Following the above tips will allow for a safe and enjoyable winter season so please use common sense and again, keep your chimney clean.

By Chris Violette, Fire Chief

(Cont'd - Central Vermont Internet Report)

We are still in the early stages of development and have much more to do before we start building out our communications network. In particular, we will be surveying residents, businesses, and civic institutions in our 16 member communities to determine their communication needs.

Please keep a lookout for the survey we will be sending out within the next month or two. This information will help us decide where we will first start construction. CVFiber knows there are many places in central Vermont with limited means and/or choices for truly high-speed internet. We look forward to providing central Vermont residents, businesses, and civic institutions with universal access to a reliable, secure, locally-owned and governed communications network able to grow and meet future community needs.

By Joshua Jarvis, Board Member

Needed: Volunteer Coordinator

When an emergency happens volunteers turn out in droves to help in some way. When Hurricane Michael struck the Florida panhandle recently it was reported a legion of volunteers with chainsaws turned out to help in one community. Vermonters would demonstrate the same community spirit and show up just to help.

To receive the most benefit from volunteers, whether spontaneous such as happened in Florida or pre-identified volunteers with a specific assignment, someone should assign, coordinate and supervise the volunteers. During an emergency, town staff would be required to tend to their primary responsibilities. Another person on the emergency management team to lead the volunteers would be helpful.

The volunteer coordinator would need to meet with town staff to flesh out this new position. The coordinator might maintain lists of volunteers who would accept a call for their equipment or labor when needed. Once appointed, meetings with the emergency management team are a possibility, but not more than quarterly.

The coordinator needs to be free of other obligations if called upon during an emergency. A town resident interested in this position may call the town manager at 479-9331 to ask questions and learn more. A letter of interest could be mailed to Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT, 05678 or emailed to crogers@barretown.org.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Pedestrian/Cyclist Safety

According to the Federal Highway Administration, each year approximately 16 percent of all traffic fatalities are bicyclists and pedestrians, with bicyclists numbering approximately 800 and pedestrians numbering approximately 5,000. In addition, another approximately 113,000 bicyclists and pedestrians are injured in crashes annually. There are several steps you can take to make yourself more visible, and therefore more safe. Wear bright/reflective clothing, carry a flashlight, stay on the sidewalk if available and follow all traffic signals and laws. There are many clip-on lights available, as well as reflective vests, belts etc. Vermont law mandates a bicycle must be equipped with a lamp on the front which emits white light for at least 500 feet, as well as a flashing or steady red light which emits light 300 feet to the rear, or with reflective, rear facing material or reflectors

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with at least a 20 square inch surface area and visible at least 300 feet to the rear. With a combined effort between cyclists, pedestrians and drivers we can all make our roads a little safer.

By William Dodge, Chief of Police

Safe Winter Driving

It's the time of year where we need to start preparing for winter driving. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17 percent of all crashes occur during winter conditions. You can reduce your chances of having a crash by preparing yourself, as well as your vehicle. Before winter weather hits, install your winter tires, check your wiper blades and battery, and any other systems that may be impacted by winter weather. Be sure to keep your gas tank at least half full to reduce the chances of the lines freezing up. Before driving clear the snow and ice from your vehicle paying special attention to the windows and lights. Once on the road drive according to the conditions and your ability. Drive slowly, watch for icy spots and leave extra stopping distance. In addition to the above, having a stocked emergency kit will help in the event something happens. Blankets, a hat and gloves or mittens, and a flashlight are essential. And of course, a shovel could be your best friend.



By William Dodge, Chief of Police

Winter Parking Ban Begins

Parking your vehicle on a public road, or within the Town right of way is prohibited between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am between November 1st and April 1st of each year, per Barre Town ordinance. Violation may result in your vehicle being ticketed and/or towed at your expense. The fine for a parking violation is \$15.00, while the tow bill and related charges may cost several hundred dollars. Please keep your vehicle clear of the roadway and right of way to allow our plow trucks to clear the streets.



By William Dodge, Chief of Police

Winter Driveway and Sidewalk Shoveling

Wintertime is upon us, which brings the yearly ritual of cleaning the snow out of our sidewalks and driveways. This event has been made easier by the use of snowblowers, snowplows, snow scoops and even better designed shovels. When we clear the snow, we then become somewhat challenged as to where to put the snow. So we might, mistakenly, push, shovel, plow or blow it either into or across the road or sidewalk thinking it will just melt or be plowed away.



What most people forget is that is a violation of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances which states *any snow cleared from driveways, parking lots, roadside parking spaces, lawns*

or other residential, commercial, agricultural or industrial properties shall not be deposited within the right-of-way of any town road or highway. If this happens, in the judgment of a Town police officer, the property owner shall be cited for a violation.

When you plow across the road, it leaves some snow which will freeze, causing a dangerous situation. Drivers can hit ice spots or lumps left by the snow causing them to lose control of their vehicle and leave the roadway. Also damage can occur to the Town snowplows which can be costly. Try to put snow on the low side of your driveway. That way when the plow goes by it does not get put back in your driveway or walk. You can see up the road better also.

Please remember that if you violate this ordinance you can receive a civil ticket with a fine of \$60.

By Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer

Winter Sand Available

To help improve the safety of residents, the town makes winter sand available free to town residents from November 15th to April 1st. The winter sand pile is kept up *outside* the DPW fence at 129 Websterville Road. As this service is intended for personal use on home driveways or walkways, please take only a reasonable amount, i.e. much less than a pickup truck load. Plan ahead so that you have enough on hand well in advance of storms, when the Public Works crew, which replenishes this pile, is the busiest maintaining public roads. And please follow instructions posted at the sand pile.



By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Christmas Tree Collection

For more than 20 years, maybe 25, the public works department (DPW) has provided residents with free Christmas tree collection. The service is provided to help residents discard what could be a fairly large and eventually unsightly item. The town is interested in not having trees dumped into water ways or drainage-ways where the trees can cause minor isolated flooding. The town also is interested in reducing outdoor fires. On top of that it is now illegal to send organics such as a Christmas tree to a landfill. DPW takes the trees to the town lawn waste site where the trees are chipped for wood mulch.



During the first two full weeks of January, DPW will pick up trees placed by the road. See the next page. This collection service is temporarily suspended when DPW plows, salts and sands the roads. Please be patient.

To use the service remove all lights and decorations from the tree. Place the tree out by the road or street before the end

of the collection week for your area. If the tree is still there after your collection period call the DPW at 476-3522 or town manager’s office at 479-9331.

January 7—11: North of 302, including Richardson Rd., Beckley Hill Rd., Camp St., Windywood Rd., East Hill, Trow Hill, Cobble Hill.

January 14-18: South of 302, including East Barre, Websterville, Graniteville, Quarry Hill, Sterling Hill, South Barre, West Hill.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Project Updates

♦**I-89 Exit:** The Agency of Transportation is planning a project that could impact the northbound exit ramp at Exit 6. The exit is not in Barre Town but many Barre Town residents use the exit frequently. Watch for news about AOT’s project.

♦**East Barre Sidewalk:** The East Barre Sidewalk project along Mill St and Websterville Rd is substantially complete, although the lines and island will need to be repainted in the spring. The final contractor invoices have not been received but the project is estimated to be approximately on budget. The project added 14, public, on-street parallel parking spaces. Note that the winter overnight parking ban will apply to these spaces. A handicapped space dedicated to the daycare was also added to replace the space they lost due to the sidewalk; it is illegal to park in the hatched loading zone for this space.

♦**Lower Graniteville Playground:** The FY ‘18-’19 Recreation Department budget includes \$15,000 for beginning renovation of the Lower Graniteville Playground at the corner of Baptist Street and Graniteville Road. The Recreation board knew the remodeled playground would include basics such as a swing set and spring riders. In early fall the new swing set and two spring riders were installed. Protective wood chips were placed under and around these play features. At about the same time the Graniteville Presbyterian Church donated \$1,000 for the improvements and the VT Department of Buildings and General Services awarded Barre Town a \$8,000 recreation facilities grant.



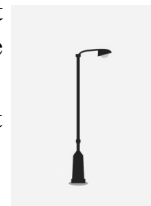
Governor Phil Scott presents Rec Board members Terry Smith and Mike Gilbar with the \$8000 Recreational Facilities Grant check for the Lower Graniteville Playground renovation project.

That \$9,000 will be used with a FY ‘19-’20 Recreation Department budget amount the Board hopes to secure. To finish the playground overhaul, next year (hopefully), the two major features will be a rocketship climber (by the Game Time playground company) and a toddler’s structure. The rocketship climber was selected after receiving public input at three Board events. The rocketship continues the Board’s plan to have one unique feature at each playground.

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

Reporting Streetlight Outages

Have you noticed a streetlight out in your neighborhood? How do you go about reporting it? Firstly, collect the following information before you call in the outage:



- What is the street name where the streetlight is out?
- What is the GMP pole number (if any)?
- What type of pole is it? Wood Utility pole, Freestanding Fiberglass or Metal pole.
- What type of light is it? Standard streetlight, Decorative Post Top light or Flood Light.
- Location description? Including closest street address, street intersection and other information to accurately locate the light.
- What is wrong with the streetlight? Light out, dim, cycling (keeps going on and off), making loud noise, or always on or light pole damaged.

When you have the above information (or most of it) you can call the outage into the Town Manager’s Office at 479-9331. Your information will be reported to Green Mountain Power who will then follow up on the report.

By Tina Thurston, Exec. Secretary, Town Manager’s Office

BYSA 7th & 8th Grade Wrestling Sign-Ups

If you missed the first opportunity to sign up your child for wrestling, sign-ups will be held again, Monday, November 26 at Spaulding High School, 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Sign-ups and practices will be held at the rear entrance of the school, just pass the gymnasium. Join an amazing group of athletes, families and coaches that will help teach your child to be a better athlete and a hard worker.



By BYSA & SHS Wrestling Coaches



All Town Offices Will Be Closed:

November 22nd & 23rd
December 25th
January 1, 2019

Also, the Town Clerk’s Office and Assessor’s Office will be closed:

December 24th & 31st

Development Review Board – *By Julie Kimball, 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)*

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August 2018: Appr. D&L Wilson 2 lot subdivision; Appr. Carpenter LT 3 lot subdivision; Denied Hannaford's larger sign request; Appr. Site plan Ricker Holdings LLC.

September 2018: Appr. B. Eastman 2 lot subdivision; Appr. BLA Bond Family Partnership; Appr. merger JDJ Develop./Fecteau Res.; Appr. BLA JDJ Develop./Fecteau Res.; Appr. site plan Ricker Holdings LLC; Appr. BLA B. Eastman/D&N LaCroix; Appr. CUP JDJ Develop; Appr. CUP M. Cota.

October 2018: Appr. A. Monty RT amended subdivision; Denied CUP M. Bilodeau; Appr. CUP W. Chase.

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

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August 2018: No meeting.

September 2018: No meeting.

October 2018: Appr. allowed use determination Green Cab VT.

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

August 2018: Discussed options with Selectboard on Airport Rd., intersection markings; discussed reduced speed limit of 25 mph on Pine Hill Rd., Traffic Study requested; speed humps request on Orchard Terr., referred to BTMES; tabled Line Striping Policy pending further review; discussion on truck traffic on Middle Rd., and additional signage possibilities.

September 2018: Re-directed intersection advisory signs on Rte. 14, for Pine Hill Rd., and Plainfield Brook Rd.; reviewed and delayed action on Pine Hill Rd. speed limit changes; continued discussion on intersection marking options on Airport Rd.; Orchard Terr. speed hump request discussed and tabled until more data available; Middle Rd. additional truck signage discussed; Rudd Farm Rd request for Bus Stop Ahead sign, referred to BTMES; Appr. Line Striping Policy as written; Appr. Pedestrian sign on Middle Rd, location to be determined; Tabled discussion on request for Hidden Drive sign on Farwell St.

October 2018: Reviewed request for pedestrian signage on Pitman Rd.; appr. additional truck signage on Middle Rd; Tabled request for School Bus Stop signage on Rudd Farm Rd. until school bus coordinator provides more information, support.