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Joyce Beaudin Retiring

Joyce Beaudin will be retiring after 30 years as the Administrative Assistant in the Assessor’s Office. She has cheerfully helped thousands of residents over decades in this challenging and sensitive role. Joyce also served the town as an Assistant Town Clerk for seven years previous to that.

Consistently through her long career at the town, Joyce has efficiently and compassionately helped whoever has come through her door, whether it was a member of the public or a colleague.



(Joyce Beaudin at right, training new admin. assistant Jocelyn Pinardi)

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Her colleague of 21 years, Planning and Zoning Director Chris Violette, said of Joyce, “She’s a great representative of Barre Town. People don’t mind coming to her, knowing that whatever they are here for will be considered important and that they will be treated respectfully.”

Alice Bartlett, one of the three Assistant Town Clerks for the town and who has been her colleague for over 30 years, agreed. “Sometimes people go in the door to the Assessor’s Office and it closes behind them. And she will never report out what she’s heard. She’s as loyal as the day is long.” Assistant Town Clerk-Treasurer Deb Lefebvre underlined this view, noting Joyce’s high moral standard. Chris Violette also praised her wealth of knowledge and commitment to accuracy. “She wants it done right – Joyce takes her job seriously.” Given that people’s taxes are what’s at stake, we have all benefitted from her conscientiousness. Her ready cooperation with the many departments that need information from the Assessor’s office – Planning and Zoning, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Town Manager, Sewer – has smoothed the town’s work for decades.

Joyce’s kind nature is much appreciated among her colleagues. For example, over the years she has made “tons” of cards (as Deb numbered them), to celebrate milestones and express condolences for colleagues. Of her newer colleagues, Wendy Moore was quick to point out her sense of humor and her infectious laugh, and Cindy Spaulding noted her approachability and sensitivity.

Joyce’s supervisor of 28 years, Town Manager Carl Rogers, said, “We always hear good things about Joyce from people outside the organization, which speaks to her customer service skills. And she’s been a team player from way back, providing backup or additional support for a couple of positions.”

Luckily the town won’t have to say goodbye just yet. Joyce will return as the part-time Accounts Payable Clerk!

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Dates & Events:

Nov. 1 - April 1:	Winter Ban on Street Parking Begins
November 28:	5K Walk/Run (Turkey Trot)
December 26:	Budget Committee Letter Due
January 7:	Budget Committee Appointed
January 6 - 17:	Christmas Tree Collection
January 28:	Budget Review Begins
February 15, 2020:	Property & Sewer Taxes Due

Christmas Tree Collection

If you are a new Barre Town resident or aren't aware, the Department of Public Works (DPW) will pickup and recycle your discarded Christmas tree. The service is provided the first two weeks of January. (See schedule below). Service is suspended temporarily if DPW has to plow, salt and sand roads.



To use the service, completely remove all lights, decorations and any string or garland. Place the tree by the street or road before the end of the collection week for your area. If the tree is still there after your collection period call the DPW (476-3522) or Town Manager's Office (479-9331).

The Town provides this service to help residents dispose of a large and eventually unsightly item. Furthermore, the Town is interested in not having trees tossed into waterways or drainageways where the trees might cause minor isolated flooding. The Town also is interested in reducing outdoor fires. Landfilling organics such as a Christmas tree no longer is a legal alternative.

Trees collected by DPW are added to the brush pile at the lawn waste site and chipped for wood mulch. You can re-use your tree next spring or summer.

January 6—10: North of 302, including Richardson Rd., Beckley Hill Rd., Camp St., Windywood Rd., East Hill, Trow Hill, Cobble Hill.

January 13-17: South of 302, including East Barre, Websterville, Graniteville, Quarry Hill, Sterling Hill, South Barre, West Hill.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Employee Changes

The Police Department was fortunate to hire **Officer James Wells** as an already full-time certified officer in September of this year. He has worked at both Sheriff and municipal police departments previously and brings several years of experience to the job, including 17 years as a Field Training Officer and Use of Force instructor. You may have met him encouraging kids through the Police Agility Course at the Recreation Board's Fall Festival.

Also in September, **Loretta Wilson** was hired to take on the Animal Control Officer duties for the town. This position receives any complaints related to the animal control ordinance. This includes any domesticated animals that have harmed or are a nuisance to people, property, or other domestic animals; that are being maintained in an unsani-

tary condition; or that are rabid. For more information or to make a complaint, call Barre Town Dispatch at 479-0508.

Cindy Spaulding filled the Planning & Zoning Administrative Assistant vacancy October 28. Cindy has diverse work experience at many levels in the private and public sectors. Customer service has been a common theme, which is also important in her new role.

Lynn Doney retired from Barre Town EMS on October 31, 2019, after serving as an EMT and then Advanced EMT for a total of 19 years. Lynn has worked with changing certifications requirements, two directors, and many partners. Uniquely, Lynn provided the town the benefit of his facilities maintenance skills, for example keeping the EMS station interior paint and carpeting in good repair.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

2020 Presidential Primary

Election Must Know Information

State law allows a voter to make an annual request to receive early ballots for all elections. However, the request will be valid for only the calendar year in which it was made. For those of you that have made such requests in the past, remember after January 1, 2020 you will need to make a new request for calendar year 2020. To renew or make a request, visit or contact the Town Clerk's office (802-479-9391) or go online to the Secretary of States "My Voter Page" and use their portal (<https://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>). Hint – you will need to know your Vermont driver license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number.



Speaking of 2020, the Presidential Primary Elections will be held on March 3, 2020. The Presidential Primary is different than most elections in Vermont. V.S.A. Title 17, Chapter 57, Section 2704 states that in a Presidential Primary Election you must declare a party and the party choice will be noted on the entrance checklist (which is a public record).

For up-to-the-minute election information visit the Barre Town website (www.barretown.org).

By Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Volunteers Needed

Would you like to engage more with our community? There are a wide variety of opportunities available:

- **The Development Review Board** is a quasi-judicial body and reviews subdivisions, variances conditional use permits, site plans, and appeals of decisions by the Zoning Administrator. The DRB meets monthly. Currently the two alternate member positions are vacant.
- **The Housing Advisory Committee** advises the Selectboard on housing-related matters. The HAC meets as needed. There is one vacancy at present.
- **CV Regional Planning Commission** provides a number of services to member municipalities, including but not only emergency management, traffic counts and road culvert inventory. CVRPC meets monthly. At present there is a vacan-

cy in the alternate position.

- **Central Vermont Internet Board (CV Fiber)** is working to bring community-owned internet to the region. CV Fiber meets monthly. There is one alternate vacancy available.
- **The Phoenix House Working Group** is a public relations committee for the Phoenix House in South Barre. The House provides structured transitional housing for people convicted of a drug or alcohol use related crime. The seat for a South Barre resident is vacant.

For more information or to express your interest in any of these positions, contact the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331, or send an email to offices@barretown.org. More information on the vacancies can be found at www.barretown.org, on the pages for Boards and Commissions (TSAC, DRB, and HAC), Regional Governance (CVRPC), Area Services (CIV) or Announcements (Phoenix House Working Group).

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Recreation News

Pickleball: Indoor pickleball returns this winter to the Barre Town School Gym. Rec Board members will once again host open play Sundays from November 17 through March 15, 9:00 am to noon. Bring a water bottle and wear sneakers or similar footwear. Beginners welcome; paddles and balls will be available.

Open Gym: The Rec Board plans to host two Open Gym evenings in partnership with the Barre Town School. Stay turned to www.barretown.org or the Barre Town Recreation Facebook page at [facebook.com/aretevt](https://www.facebook.com/aretevt) for dates and times.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Thanksgiving Morning 5K

If residents or their guests are traveling Websterville Road or Graniteville Road Thanksgiving morning between 9:30 and 10:30 be on the lookout for runners and walkers.

The Barre Congregational Church, for the 17th year, is offering a 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk on Thanksgiving morning. Depending on the weather, 175-200 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 and prizes visit www.barrecongregational.org.

There are two possibilities for the race course: a good weather course and a bad weather course. The good weather course starts on Bolster Road near the Municipal Building parking lot. The bad weather course begins in the bus loop in front of the town school. Both courses head down

Websterville Road between the cemeteries to the 4-way intersection and then turn out Graniteville Road. Drivers on Websterville Road and Graniteville Road are urged to be patient and drive cautiously near participants.

The race finishes in the school bus loop, regardless of course used. If the bad weather course is used runner/walkers double back on Graniteville and Websterville Roads.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Reappraisal Update

In September the Selectboard approved an addendum to interim town assessor Russ Beaudoin's assessing services contract. The addendum addresses performance of the town-wide complete property re-valuation. Beaudoin will manage the reappraisal in his role as interim town assessor. Experienced data collectors have been hired to inspect residential properties. Beaudoin will inspect all commercial and industrial properties.

The reappraisal is underway. Beaudoin decided the northwest corner: Averill Rd., LePage Rd., School Rd. area would be the first area of town to be inspected. From that area inspections will move clockwise around the Town. Post cards are mailed to property owners in an inspection area two weeks before the inspections begin.

To date, 167 exterior property inspections and a few interior inspections have been completed by data collectors. (They have a Town issued photo ID. If someone claims to be a property reappraisal inspector and doesn't have the Town photo ID do not let them into or onto your property.) The completed inspections are all in the first area. Post cards have been mailed to owners in the second area - near Farwell Street. Deep snow, icy conditions and frigid cold temperatures will suspend outdoor inspection work.

The Selectboard decided to begin the reappraisal because the last reappraisal was completed in 2004 and because the Town's common level of appraisal (CLA), a comparison of the last assessed value of a property to its recent sale price, stands at 85.32%. A new state law requires a reappraisal when the CLA is at or below 85%. Money (from a state grant) in the Town's Reappraisal Fund will pay for the reappraisal. The addendum calls for the reappraisal to be complete for the 2021 Grand List and tax bills.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager



ALL TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

November 28th & 29th
December 25th
January 1, 2020

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

No Snow in Roadway

Winter time 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 push, shovel, plow or blow it either into or across the road or sidewalk thinking it will just melt or be plowed away.

It is a violation of the Barre Town Code of Ordinances, Sec. 6-2, 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 judgement 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 walkway. You can see up the road better also.

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

By Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer



Mailboxes and Snow

Snowplow season is coming. To help keep your mailbox safe, place a reflector high enough so a plow driver will see it above the snowbank, and

keep the ground or road under your mailbox clear of snow. In the later winter months, snow can build up high enough that the town's plow can no longer clear the box if they happen to edge underneath them. If you do suspect that a town plow damaged your mailbox or post, call the DPW Office at 476-3522 with your address. If the town can determine that plowing did the deed, town workers will replace with basic materials.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Winter Parking Ban

Each year, from November 1st through April 1st the parking of vehicles within the right-of-way of public roads between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. is prohibited. The town notifies the public of this section each year by news releases issued to the local news media by the town manager's office in October. In addition, the town manager may, by executive order, prohibit parking at any other times of the year if emergency road conditions exist. Vehicles found in violation will be issued a municipal ticket and fined \$10.00. Repeated violations, vehicles found to cause a safety hazard, or vehicles hindering



the plowing of town roads will be towed at the owners expense, which may be between \$100.00 and \$200.00. Please help keep our roads safe, and help our highway department do their job by making sure your vehicle is not within the town right of way.

By William Dodge, Chief of Police

National Teen Driver Safety Week

National Teen Driver safety week took place October 20th through October 26th, 2019. This week was dedicated to raising public awareness, and finding ways to reduce teen injuries and deaths as a result of motor vehicle crashes. Important subjects to discuss with teen drivers are speeding, seat belt use, cell phone use, and impaired driving (both alcohol and drugs).

In 2017, on average, a pedestrian was killed every 88 minutes in traffic crashes. 1,830 young drivers ages 15 to 20 years old died in motor vehicle crashes. In crashes where use (or non-use) of seat belts was determined, 47% of youths who died were unrestrained.

Talking with the young drivers in your household and making them aware of how their actions could affect not only them, but other drivers on the roadway will make our town safer for everyone.

By William Dodge, Chief of Police



Sand Available For Safety

Residents may have a steep driveway. Everyone has some walkway that could get icy. The Town Department of Public Works offers free sand to help residents be more safe.

The sand for slip protection and traction is placed outside the DPW Yard gate at 129 Websterville Road. The sand is for Barre Town residents to use at their home. The sand is available now. It is advisable to collect some sand before a storm. Sometimes during or right after a storm many people try to get sand creating a waiting line. Also the pile could be depleted and during a storm the DPW crew is busy maintaining the roads and can't promptly replenish the pile.

Visit the sand pile early: Respect the rules posted on the fence; take a reasonable amount. It is not intended for loading a dump truck.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager



Winter offers a whole host of fun activities in Vermont, but did you know that nationwide 1 in every 7 reported home fires is related to heating a home? In addition, 1 in every 5 deaths

resulting from a home fire is due to heating. If these statistics don't get your attention, remember that a large percentage of the nation's population doesn't have to heat their homes regularly.

Winter always brings a spike in fire calls for the Barre Town Fire Department. It is imperative to be mindful and careful when using heating appliances and putting combustibles too close to them. *All heating appliances should be checked and cleaned annually by a professional installer to ensure proper function. Make sure that nothing that can burn is within 3' of any heat source like a fireplace, wood stove, radiator, or space heaters.* If you burn wood, *have your chimney cleaned by a professional chimney sweep before the heating season starts.* Use well-seasoned wood, try not to let your fire smolder (brisk fire is best), wet wood or slow-moving fires can cause creosote buildup. Many times we go to a chimney fire even after the chimney was cleaned at the beginning of the year.

Christmas is another period of increased danger for fire. More than half of all home decoration fires in December are caused by candles. The top three days for home fire caused by candles are Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. *Keep candles at least 12" away from anything that will burn and don't leave them burning unattended.*

Other important tips: Be careful not to overload power outlets or extension cords. Keep cord lengths as short as possible and make sure they aren't damaged or could become damaged. Seems like common sense but people die every year from poorly vented or none vented generators. *Never use a generator in or near the home.* Finally, as always, make sure you have working photoelectric smoke detectors as well as carbon monoxide detectors. You can't have too many of either.

By Chris Violette, Fire Chief

Project Updates

Lower Graniteville Playground: Thanks to enthusiastic hard work by Spaulding High School football players, coaches, and parents, several members of the Rec Board and the neighborhood, and supervision provided by MRC Recreation, the Lower Graniteville Playground Community Build was a success! The group installed a rocket ship climber for 5-12 year olds and a structure for 2-12 year olds all in one Saturday. The hill slide was installed by contractor Pettinelli & Associates. The length and height of the slide required reshaping the hill. The area will be fenced off until the new grass on the reshaped hill is strong enough. The rest of the playground is open for play.

Rt. 110—Mill St. Intersection: The state's contractor, J.P. Sicard, started work in September. Two unforeseen conditions required work pulling the crew away from the contracted assignment.

As of November 12 all curbing is done, including granite curbing on both sides of Mill Street. About 180' of concrete

sidewalk has been poured. All drainage is complete, and the pavement has been milled in preparation for paving. As of November 12 Sicard has to finish the concrete sidewalk, the paving on Mill Street and Rt. 110, painting road lines and the restoration work.

During the project Sicard encountered a buried sewer manhole at the bottom of Mill Street. Because of the depth of the sewer line in relation to the regraded street, the contractor had to relocate 225' of 10" PVC sewer pipe and install a new sewer manhole. While sloping the bank along Rt. 110 the contractor struck a concrete foundation wall. An 8' x 8' section of that wall had to be removed.

This 100% federally funded state project has shifted Mill Street to create a truer T intersection with Rt. 110 improving sight lines. The end of Old Route 302 was narrowed to better direct traffic reducing uncertainty of what a driver on Old 302 will do (where the driver will turn). Sidewalk will be extended from Summer Street to Old 302, and a curbed island at the corner of Bianchi and Rt. 110 will give that intersection definition and allow a stop sign to be installed.

After laying its water pipe from Old 302 to Bianchi the Town has not been involved in this project.

I-89, Exit 6 Work: Both northbound lanes of I-89 near Exit 6 were re-opened to traffic Saturday, November 9. The project is essentially wrapped up.

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

Seeking Citizen Members for 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 Budget Committee's duty is approving seven of the nine Town fund budgets and approving the other two (General Fund and Highway Fund) presented to voters for approval at May Town Meeting.

The Selectboard is seeking letters (letters or email) of interest from registered Town voters. The Selectboard will appoint two of the five citizen members. The Town Clerk-Treasurer appoints one member. Those three appointees get together and select two registered voters to fill out the Committee.

The Committee meets on Tuesday nights starting at 6:00 p.m. The Committee begins meeting the last Tuesday in January and meets weekly until the end of March. A special meeting or two may be needed. The Committee reviews the Town Manager's budget for nine funds. It approves (sets) the final budget for the Ambulance, Equipment, Sewer, Water, Cemetery, Building and Sewer Capital Improvement Funds. The Committee also studies the two largest budgets, General and Highway, and finalizes these budgets for voter approval.

Committee members have an important role in the Town finances and operations. During the review process the Committee receives much operational information and hears from department heads. While doing their part for the Town, Committee members gain a broader understanding of Town operations.

If you are not a snowbird and remain in Town during February and March, consider submitting your name for the Committee.

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All registered town voters are eligible. New faces and newcomers have been appointed to the Committee; don't let that deter you. To apply submit a letter of interest to the Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT, 05678 or to crogers@barretown.org by 4:30 p.m., December 26. A sample letter of interest is available on the Town website (www.barretown.org), click on Permits and Forms, scroll down to and click on Town Manager.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Would You Need Help in a Disaster?

Emergencies can take many forms. Ice storms, floods, fires, major traffic accidents, and similar events can cause power outages, isolate individuals, or prompt the need for evacuation. For elders, or for people with certain disabilities, such events, if prolonged, can become life-threatening if no one is available to help.

CARE (Citizens Assistance Registry for Emergencies) was created by state agencies and United Ways of Vermont to help. CARE is the means for emergency responders to identify and aid those who would need them if there were a wide-scale emergency. Examples include, but are not limited to, those who would need transportation, a wheelchair van, or have electricity-powered medical equipment.

If you or someone you know might need special help in such an emergency, please register with CARE. The registration form asks for phone numbers, email, needs, and reasons. You may be contacted annually to update your registration. However, please be proactive and update your registration as soon as there is a change to your contact information, especially your home address.

CARE registration does not guarantee your safety, and you will still be responsible for contacting emergency personnel should you feel you are in danger. But, registering with CARE will help first responders help you. For more information and to register, visit <https://e911.vermont.gov/care>.

Editors note: Information from this article was largely from <https://e911.vermont.gov/care>.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Emergency Shelter in Barre Town

Barre Town does not have a long-term emergency shelter, the BOR in Barre would be used if long term sheltering was necessary. However, Town residents should be aware that we do have short term shelters in the event of an emergency.

The Town would open Town own buildings for a place to go until either the emergency is over, or a long-term facility has been opened.

If your power is out at your home or it is in danger, and you and your family may need to stay warm, or you may have medical devices that depend on power, the first and primary place to turn would be the East Barre Fire Station located at 119 Mill Street in East Barre. Both of our fire stations are fully functional with emergency backup power in the event of a power outage. The East Barre station is better suited to host

residents and can provide warmth and power. A limited number of cots are also available along with a small kitchen and restroom facilities. If you have pets, we'd have to work together on that and handle them on a case by case basis.

If you are in a situation where you can't stay in your home during an emergency, chances are the fire station is already open. However, if you want to check or call ahead, you can use the following numbers: Fires stations, 479-9878, EMS station, 476-3147, or the police at 479-0509.

By Chris Violette, Fire Chief

Ice Preparations and Precautions

It is almost a sure bet a freezing rain event causing ice build up on ground surfaces, tree branches and overhead utility wires will occur during the winter. Not if it will happen, but when. Icy conditions on roads, walkways, driveways, or paths, and on trees and wires pose unique threats.



During the winter be aware of the weather forecast for the Barre area; check forecasts regularly.

If you must travel by car and know roads will be icy, allow more travel time so you can drive slower. Driving slower is the only viable option on ice. Snow tires and four wheel drive are not cures.

Obviously, use extreme caution if you must walk on icy paths, walkways, decks or patios, sidewalks or driveways. Prepare for icy conditions as needed for your situation. Don't walk on the ice, if not necessary. If it is necessary, have deicer and/or sand on-hand. (*See sand pile article on page 4.*) A walking stick or ice cleats might be helpful.

Ice build up can break off tree limbs or fell a tree in a road or on your property. Check the area around the branch or tree carefully before attempting to move it. Be certain the fallen branch or tree didn't pull down a utility wire. Assume any downed wire is an electrical wire and is live (charged). Stay clear and keep children and pets clear of any downed wire. Call 911 to report the wire (and tree if in the road). If the conditions that caused the tree or branch to come down haven't changed be aware more limbs or trees could fall.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Housing Rehab and Weatherization Loan Money

Do you own and live in a Washington County home that is in need of major repairs, weatherization, or accessibility changes for elderly or disabled household members? Consider a low-cost Green Mountain Home Repair loan from Downstreet Housing. Barre Town has its own share of money in this program that is allocated to Barre Town residents to help make your home safe, healthy, or warmer. To be eligible, your income must be less than 80% of the Washington County area median income, or less than \$44,100 for 1-person households, \$50,400 for 2-person households, or \$56,700 for 3 person households. Questions can be addressed to Pattie Dupuis: pdupuis@downstreet.org, (802)-477-1343, or drop in at 22 Keith Ave, Suite 100, Barre VT.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

CVFiber Survey

CVFiber, a Communications Union District, is planning to build a very high speed, mostly fiber optic-based network to your home or business. Our success depends on your interest. Without your help, the network cannot become a reality. We know that community-sponsored high speed broadband to the premise is financially possible based on the experience of 24 communities in ECFiber in Eastern Vermont. We need your response to this survey so we can learn about the number of possible subscribers and benefactors. This survey can be completed online at: <https://arcq.is/1uaOm1>, or by using your smart phone to scan the QR Code above. For more information visit www.cvfiber.net.



By Josh Jarvis, Town of Barre Delegate

Census Jobs

As of late September the U.S. Census Bureau was recruiting for thousands of workers nationwide to fill temporary jobs. According to the Census Bureau website the temporary jobs include: recruiting assistants, office operation supervisors, clerks, census field supervisors and census takers. The most jobs are for the census taker position.

The work hours are flexible. The Bureau website states the census taker job in Washington County, VT pays \$17.95 per hour plus mileage.

Visit the 2020 Census Jobs website (www.2020census.gov/en/jobs) for information. As the website states, for general information or for help completing the application call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Sometime next year your home should be visited by a U.S. Census Bureau census taker (who will have an official ID). When the census taker visits or if you receive a questionnaire in the mail, please cooperate. The more accurate the census information, the better for everyone. You count; be counted!

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

School Websites

The Barre Town School District was merged with the Barre City School District creating the Barre Unified Union School District.

The Barre Town Middle and Elementary School (BTMES) has retained its website. Parents and residents in general can obtain town school information at www.btmes.org.

Information about the union school district is at www.buusd.org.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Invitation to BADC's Marketing Unveiling

On Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the Barre Opera House Barre Area Development Corporation (BADC) will unveil its Barre Rock Solid marketing campaign. The public is invited to attend; there is no charge.

The marketing initiative includes a new website (barrerocksolid.com) which will feature three portals for : 1) new residents; 2) new businesses; 3) visitors. The website will offer 17 short videos of Barre businesses, institutions, attractions

and residents.

At the unveiling light refreshments will be offered in the lobby. Native Tongue will perform as people filter into the Opera House. The program will show some of the 17 films produced by BADC's consultant.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

No, No, Don't Flush It

The Green Mountain Water Environment Association (GMWEA) has released its second brochure about wastewater and water quality. The new brochure is titled "Don't Flush It." The brochure is for everyone. The information and advice applies to residents with an on-lot septic system and to residents using the Town's sewage collection system.



Chemicals in drugs (medicines) and personal care products (PCPs) disrupt an on-lot septic system and can seep into ground water. "Also, some antibiotics and antibacterials can impair performance of septic systems and wastewater facilities." Wastewater treatment doesn't treat all chemicals found in medicines and PCPs. These chemicals end up in the receiving river and lakes damaging the ecosystem.

"Never dispose of any medication - whether prescription or over the counter - in your sink drain or toilet." The Barre Town Police Department has a free drug drop-off box. It is for any over the counter or prescription drug. There is no requirement to register or show what you are dropping into the box. The box is in the lobby of the police station in the Municipal Building. Call 479-0509 for more information.

"Many PCPs for body care and comfort also put unnatural chemicals into septic systems and wastewater facilities. PCPs contain thousands of chemicals; some aren't so bad, but others show up frequently in health and environmental warnings. Always among the top ten worst PCP chemicals are: Phthalates, parabens, formaldehyde, siloxane (drug name often ends in - methicone), and diethanolamine." Try to purchase PCPs that don't contain these chemicals.

Copies of the GMWEA brochures What Not to Flush and Don't Flush It are available in the Municipal Building.

Editor's Note: Content in quotes is taken from the brochure Don't Flush It.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

BYSA 7th & 8th Grade Wrestling

Sign-ups will be held on Monday, November 26th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm and on Monday, December 2nd, 3:30 - 6:30 pm at Spaulding High School. 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

**Look for the next issue of the Town newsletter in
 February, 2020!**



Board, Commission Reports

Development Review Board – *By Chris Violette; Members: M. Nicholson, M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, C. Neddo, J. Valsangiacomo, and A. Valentinetti. J. Fecteau, and B. Wolfe, alternates.*

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

August 2019: Approved 2-lot SD, Phelps/Windywood Road; Approved 2-lot SD, Cutler Corner Road; Approved CUP, East Barre Road.

September 2019: Approved BLA, LePage Road.

October 2019: Approved 2-lot SD, Cutler Corner Road.

Planning Commission – *By Chris Violette; Members: C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, C. Violette, D. Pierce, B. Atwood, G. Clain, M. Gilbar.*

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August 2019: No meeting. Worked on Town Plan amendments.

September 2019: Reviewed proposed Town Plan amendments, Chapters 1-3.

October 2019: Reviewed proposed Town Plan amendments, Chapter 4.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - *By Harry Hinrichsen; Members: S. Corbett, J. Blow, and W. Kirby.*

September 2019: Recommended a wider road shoulder, from the T. Hill Playground to T. Hill Grocery; recommended a pedestrian activity sign with 15 mph advisory placard for Barclay Quarry Road; tabled action on Taplin Road Hidden Drive and E. Cobble Hill School Bus Stop Ahead signs; recommended yellow center lines be painted on Miller Road Ext.

October 2019: Recommended 2 Hidden Drive signs and relocating Curve Ahead sign on Taplin Road; tabled E. Cobble Hill Road School Bus Stop Ahead for more information; decided not to recommend School Bus Stop Ahead and street light on Windywood Road at upper Sugarwoods; recommended lowering speed limit from 40 to 35 on Windywood from upper Sugarwoods to top of hill; decided not to recommend School Bus Stop Ahead sign on Rudd Farm Road.
