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Reappraisal Wrapping Up

Following completion of reappraisal property inspections and data entry, the 2021 Grand List was lodged (filed) on July 6. Grievance hearings began on July 20 and are scheduled to be completed August 11. The Selectboard plans to set the fiscal year 2021-2022 tax rate on August 20.

When Interim-Assessor Russ Beaudoin lodged the Grand List abstract on July 6 the Reappraisal Notices were mailed for every parcel in Town. There are about 3,500 parcels. At the time the abstract was lodged Beaudoin reported the Grand List was 39% higher than the 2020 Grand List. In comparison, when the last reappraisal was completed in 2004, that Grand List was 56% greater than the year before.

Approximately 475 owners contacted the Assessor's Office with questions about their new assessed property value. Four hundred fifteen owners requested and followed through to have a grievance hearing. The Interim-Assessor, special assistant Michelle Pingree (reappraisal property inspector and experienced lister) and administrative assistant Jocelyn Pinardi worked evenings and weekends, scheduling appointments, conducting hearings, making decisions about grievances (only Beaudoin made these decisions) and entering data in the assessing software. Beaudoin expects he will file the Grand List with the state Department of Taxes on August 16. The Town expects to receive the state education tax rates on August 18 or 19.

When all the grievance hearings are completed the Assessor's Office will mail decision letters to every grievant. Those property owners may appeal that decision by submitting a letter to the Town Clerk within 14 days of the date of the decision letter.

In 2019 the state legislature changed the threshold for requiring a reappraisal. The minimum acceptable common level of appraisal (CLA) was raised from 80% to 85%. For 2019 Barre Town's CLA was 85.32%. *(Continued on Page 4)*



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Town Forest Logging

On April 6 five guests attended (virtually) the Selectboard meeting to express their dismay, concerns and opinions about the town forest logging. The residents stated they felt an area was clear cut, that the trails were "obliterated", the trails were dangerous to walk, damage had been done to vernal pools, and unmarked trees were cut. Two weeks later the Town's consulting forester, Jeff Smith, attended the meeting. The Selectboard read some background information about the town forest and logging. Smith explained his role and the goal of the current logging contract.



Saturday, June 19 a previously planned logging workshop was held. Three Selectboard members and 25 other people were present, including 4 town officials and 7 individuals with some role in the logging, including Smith, Vermont Land Trust forester and land steward Caitlin Cusack, Washington County forester Robert Nelson and logger Bryce Limlaw. The group walked much of the northern half of the 72 acres logged area. Smith led the attendees to mapped vernal pools, the one planned clear cut, a brook crossing, and an area where a logging road was constructed and restored. At these stops Smith, Cusack, Nelson, and Noel Dodge, a VT Fish and Game Wildlife biologist, pointed out relevant facts and answered questions.

The Selectboard held an advertised public discussion about forest logging on August 3. Nine guests attended and one person who could not attend submitted a written statement. *(Continued on Page 5)*



All Town Offices Will Be Closed:
Monday, September 6th - Labor Day

Dates & Events:

- August 30 - First Day of School at BTMES
- September 18 - Fall Bulk Trash Collection
- September 25 - Fall Festival
- September 30 - Property Taxes Due
- October 31 - Cemeteries Close
- November 1 - Last Day Town Right-of-Way Work
- November 1 - Winter Parking Ban Begins
- November 15 - Property Taxes Due

Cemeteries Close

Barre Town owns the Wilson, West Hill and Maplewood cemeteries. Officially the cemeteries close October 31, however, the operating policy is to accommodate interment needs into November while the weather and ground conditions allow it. Cemeteries officially re-open May 1, but depending on ground conditions late April interments may be possible.



Lots are for sale in the Maplewood and Wilson cemeteries. At the Wilson Cemetery columbaria niches also are available for holding cremains. In Maplewood some lots are laid out for family columbaria which are granite structures similar to a headstone but designed to hold cremains of several family members.

During the winter roads into the Wilson Cemetery are blocked to prevent damage to roads or lawn during a thaw.

Until October 31, for more cemetery information call the cemetery sexton at 479-0722. After October, until late April, call the town manager's office (479-9331).

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Vacancies

DPW Seasonal Helpers – full time: The town's Department of Public Works seeks seasonal employees through the fall. During the pandemic, the town takes employee and public health seriously and will provide COVID-safe protocols and equipment. Only applicants 18 years of age or older and who have a valid driver's license can be considered. A regular week is 40 hours, any hours worked over 40 per week will be paid at time and a half. Seasonal DPW employees are needed to keep up with roadside and utility work. Tasks include, but are not limited to, clearing roadside brush blocking drivers' view, and traffic control at work sites. Flagging training will be provided. The regular schedule is Monday through Friday, 7:00am -3:30pm. The 2021 pay rate for a first-time seasonal helper is \$12.75 an hour. To apply: The application can be picked up at the Town Offices at 149 Websterville Road or downloaded from the town website: Submit your application by email to offices@barretown.org or by mail to Town of Barre, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678, or drop off at 149 Websterville Road either via one of the drop boxes or by walking in. Positions open until filled.

Deputy Town Health Officer – as needed: If you care about public health, especially when it comes to rental properties, consider serving the town as its deputy health officer.

Training is provided at no cost, and you would be working with the town's experienced town health officer. The deputy serves when the town health officer is unavailable, perhaps a few times a year. The town pays the deputy a \$400 annual stipend. Deputy town health officers, like the town health officer, is appointed by the State of Vermont on recommendation by the town's Selectboard. For more information on what a town health officer does, visit www.healthvermont.gov/environment/town-health-officer.

To apply, send your resume and email expressing your interest to offices@barretown.org.

Development Review Board Alternates: The Selectboard seeks two alternates to the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB meets once a month to review certain town land use requests to help ensure the town is developed according to the town plan. Requests could be for subdivisions, variances, conditional use permits, site plans, and appeals of decisions made by the Zoning Administrator. Training is available at no cost. To apply, send an email to offices@barretown.org. See the sample letter of interest at www.barretown.org/BoardCommissionLetterOfInterest.docx.

Housing Advisory Committee: The Selectboard seeks a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Housing Advisory Committee. This committee is consulted by the town on housing-related matters when they come up. It has not met much in recent years. In the past it has advised the town on housing rehabilitation loans, before Downstreet Housing took over that loan program.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Water and Sewer Billing Rates

On June 15, 2021 the Selectboard set the F.Y. '21-'22 water and sewer billing rates. The manager's proposed '21-'22 Water Fund budget included raising the water consumption fee from \$7.10 to \$7.38 per unit (100 cubic feet or 748 gallons) and raising the quarterly base charge from \$62 to \$65. The Budget Committee approved the manager's recommended budget with no changes. The Selectboard adopted these rates for billing during F.Y. '21-'22. The water consumption charge increased 4%, while the quarterly base charge went up 4.8%.

For F.Y. '21-'22 the manager's proposed Sewer Fund budget was based on an annual sewer fee of \$330, a \$14 or 4.2% increase. The Budget Committee also adopted this budget with no changes. The Selectboard approved the \$330 annual fee. This is the first sewer fee increase since 2014-2015 when the fee was increased from \$310 to \$316. For F.Y. 2012-2013 the fee was \$350, then lowered to \$310 for 2013-2014.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

~ REMINDER ~

*The first installment of property taxes are due
September 30, 2021.
The other 3 installments
will be due:*

- November 15, 2021
- February 15, 2022
- May 16, 2022



Paramedics in Medical School

September 2014, the Class of 2018 arrived and settled at Dartmouth College. Thirty-six of those freshmen were selected for 15 available positions with the Dartmouth Ski Patrol, a commitment of 4 years. Two of those freshmen, Caroline Lauer and India Dasbach would begin a 7-year adventure of Emergency Medicine in the Upper Valley and Central Vermont areas. Initially they became certified in CPR and first aid, acted as patients for a Fall Refresher, and were evacuated from a chair lift as part of the ongoing training program at the Dartmouth Skiway. They finished their freshmen year with their Outdoor Emergency Certification. Their sophomore year included getting vested, passing a series of tests on snow to become full-fledged ski patrollers. They would continue their training, taking first a bridge course to earn their National EMT, then Advanced EMT Paramedic and Critical Care Paramedic, all while serving as Training Officers, teaching two OEC courses, graduating from Dartmouth, studying for and taking the MCATs (medical school entrance exam) and applying and interviewing for medical school. They followed the footsteps of their mentors and a few other Dartmouth Alumni and began working in the ambulance network in Vermont. The Assistant Director of the ski patrol worked at Barre Town EMS as a paramedic and after visiting her there, they applied to be per diem employees.

Little did they know they were embarking on a 3-year journey to include a world pandemic, transporting COVID patients, working testing centers and vaccination clinics, along with everything else that is EMS. Although their paths diverged, they both became integral members of BTEMS, at times working as temporary full-time members. India chose to start her term at Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in the Fall of 2020, while remaining a per diem employee with BTEMS, as well as helping out with the ski patrol. Caroline chose to defer for the year and continued to work in a temporary full-time position with BTEMS and achieve her critical care certification before starting her term at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Both are remaining on staff with BTEMS, working when they can while balancing med school.

This relationship has proved to be mutually beneficial. EMS can be a grueling career with a great deal of burn-out. Bringing in college students and recent graduates can, and in this case did, bring enthusiasm and energy to a very busy EMS agency. At times, especially with the pandemic, they were given and took on leadership roles and projects like handling the computer documentation of COVID vaccine schedules and records. In return they earned life experience and a great addition of their med school applications and resumes. Working so intensely in EMS will benefit them both in school and as they embark on their careers in medicine, giving them a foundation that they can apply their new knowledge to and an empathy for their patients and patient's families that they may have not had before. Everyone involved gained friendships, knowledge, and a new way of looking at situations. When asked what three things they gained from working at BTEMS India stated, "Teamwork under pressure and learning to lead scenes and interact with various agencies, how to be compassionate towards patients from all different backgrounds and trying to take the full picture of their health situation when we have the privilege of stepping into their homes, and how to be a positive co-worker and have fun at work while still taking the job seriously." Caroline stated, "teamwork and patient care skills that will serve me throughout my career in medi-

cine, a better understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of our healthcare system, and most importantly 40 best friends for life."

Whether it was working a code, swabbing noses, holding the hands of a scared elderly dementia patient that was being transported to a nursing facility, sharing a birthday cake with fellow employees, hanging Christmas lights, decorating the station, getting the ambulance unstuck from the snow, singing happy birthday over the radio, these young women stepped up to the challenges and not only did an excellent job, but went above and beyond expectations.

By Leanne Hatch, Full-time BTEMS Paramedic

New Town Clerk

I was elected to office as the Barre Town Clerk on May 11, after long-time Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna Kelty's retirement. I reside in Barre Town with my husband and two daughters. I have lived in Barre Town for the past 40 years and come from a third-generation of Barre Town residents. Prior to being elected I worked at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School as an administrative assistant. I bring 20+ years of office experience to my team. My advanced skills in organization, multi-tasking, record keeping, and communication will be valuable in helping the office stay efficient. I am well versed with technology and look forward to seeing what future opportunities I may have in helping the Town advance within the tech world. I will enjoy using my leadership skills to plan events and am excited to showcase this skill with the managing of elections and am dedicated to building relationships. This is proven with my team-player attitude that I always stays focused on. I am honored to have been elected to this position and look forward to my future with the Town of Barre.

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Employee Changes

Comings: **Jennifer Bushway** was appointed Assistant Town Clerk in May to take over stewardship of the town's land records after Alice Bartlett's retirement. 'Jenn B' (as we sometimes call her, because of 'Jenn A' below) comes to us with prior town clerk office experience in New York. She's proven to be a team player and a quick study. Please welcome her the next time you're in the town offices!

When Donna Kelty decided not to run for Town Clerk-Treasurer, the town split the Clerk and Treasurer functions into two positions, a full-time elected clerk and a part-time appointed treasurer. **Jennifer Allard** was appointed Town Treasurer in May. 'Jenn A' works for Barre Town Tuesdays through Fridays, 8 am to noon. She came to us with extensive finance and accounting experience and a B.S. in accounting and finance from Worcester State College. Further, she's been the Town of Williamstown's part-time Treasurer for six years and counting. Barre Town's new Finance Office is fortunate to have her expertise and good humor.

Thatcher Morrison was initially hired as a per diem police officer in March of this year and was then transitioned to a full time position on July 1st. Thatcher is a recent graduate of UVM and is a welcome addition to the team.

Goings: Police Officer **Paula Russell** resigned at the end of July to take a day-shift position with the Barre City Police Department. We will miss her presence in this community and her contributions to the department.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

(Cont'd - Reappraisal Wrapping Up)

Knowing the CLA would fall below 85% when it was updated by the state, in December 2019/January 2020, the Selectboard ordered the reappraisal to start in September, 2019. As a result of the reappraisal the CLA now should be near 100%.

The new tax rate will be lower than the F.Y. '20-'21 tax rate. The tax rates before and after every appraisal since 1980 are shown below:

Fiscal Years	Before	After
1980-81/1981-82	\$2.70	\$2.21
1988-89/1989-90	\$3.40	\$1.92
1997-98/198-99 (land only)	\$2.64	\$2.44
2003-04/2004-05	\$2.88	\$1.7173

As of August 10, the reappraisal has cost \$214,213. An annual state grant saved in the Reappraisal Fund pays for the reappraisal.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

ARPA/CLFRF Funding

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) included \$350 billion in pandemic-related aid for state and local governments. Of that funding, Barre Town is slated to receive \$808,189, plus an allocation of county funds; amount to be determined. Specific guidance on how the funds can be used is still forthcoming, but the Interim Final Rule defines four broad categories of eligible use:

1. To respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;
2. To respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers;
3. For the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenue collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency; and
4. To make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

The Selectboard has voted to accept the funding, however, they have not made any decision as to how it will be used. The funding needs to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026, giving the Selectboard and town management time to decide how to best use the funds in a way that prioritizes governance, leverages other ARPA aid, and invests in the best uses for long-term recovery.

By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director

CORONA VIRUS COVID-19 UPDATE

As you have no doubt heard, the COVID-19 delta variant is increasing infection rates around the country and in Vermont. The delta variant is so infectious that fully vaccinated people are likely transmitting it, although mostly unvaccinated people are being infected. Further, fully vaccinated people are very unlikely to sicken, and if they do, are not as likely to get very sick, compared to unvaccinated people.

Still need the vaccine? Barre Town EMS is offering free vaccines Mondays and Thursdays, 3pm to 5pm, through September 2 at the Barre Town EMS Station at 4 McLaughlin Rd. The shot is the 1-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. No appointment is needed if you arrive at those times and dates. If you would like a vaccine and cannot make those times and dates, call the Barre Town EMS station at (802) 476-3147 to arrange a time for individuals or small groups.

Changes to operations: As of this writing, the town offices remain open to the public without restrictions. Stay tuned to the town website for changes, especially if state-level changes are announced by the Governor or Department of Health. In the meantime, masking for unvaccinated people continues to be encouraged, though not required.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager

Recreation News:

On September 25, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the Barre



Town Recreation Board will host their 5th annual free Fall Festival for families at the Rec Area picnic shelter, 46 Websterville Road (behind the school). The popular firefighter challenge, police agility course, pumpkin bowling, and toddler dabble area will return!

New this year will be kiddie disc golf and henna tattoos. Other activities like apple stacking and crafts will also be available. However, no hay bale maze this year. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Stay tuned to the town website at barretown.org/departments/recreation, Facebook, or Front Porch Forum for updates, including any COVID-related updates.

Fall Tennis Clinics: By popular demand, tennis instructor Lee Wilschek will offer Saturday tennis clinics in September this year. The details are still being worked out. Call the town at 479-9331 or email Elaine at ewang@barretown.org if you are interested for yourself or your children aged 8 and up. Details will also be posted to the town website.



Story Walks: The Aldrich Public Library children's Story-Walks return to the Barre Town Forest, #6 trail through October 31. Park at 44 Brook St., and go up the hill to the left. The Story-Walk takes about 15 minutes.

By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager



Deadline to Work in Road Right-of-Way

The deadline for utility work for digging, especially for sewer or water line repairs, in the Town road right-of-way is November 1, 2021. Only emergency work will be considered after this date.

If you have any questions regarding the work to be done in or along the road near your property, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at 479-2595.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer



School Starting

School starts on August 30th this year. It is still unclear what the traffic pattern for child drop off/pick up at the middle/elementary school will be. If traffic necessitates a plan such as last year, we ask drivers to be patient, refrain from using their cell phones, and have children remain in their seats until they are dropped off. We



understand the frustration but last year we saw children hanging out side windows, standing through the sunroof, etc.

Along with parents who drop off their children, busses will resume picking up some students. We ask that all drivers be mindful of busses, and pay special attention to the warning lights. Yellow lights indicate the bus is about to stop. School season also means more children walking along the road, or standing at their bus stop.

Drivers who fail to stop for a school bus displaying flashing red lights are subject to a \$249.00 fine and 5 points on their Vermont operators license.

By Bill Dodge, Chief of Police

Winter Parking Ban

Each year between November 1st and April 1st, no vehicle may be parked on the street, or within the town right of way between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. Vehicles found in violation may be ticketed and towed at the owners expense. Each violation (ticket) carries a fine of \$10.00 not including towing and storage fees, and each night constitutes a separate offense. Please help our highway department keep our roads clear and safe for travel by making sure your vehicles are not parked within the right of way.



By Bill Dodge, Chief of Police

(Cont'd - Town Forest Logging)

Two guests (a married couple) made favorable remarks about the recent logging and logging for forest management in general. The Town Recreation Board chairman suggested everyone should learn from what happened and move forward. Caitlin Cusack from VLT attended. The other 5 guests stated concerns about the logging and logging in general; some calling for a halt to future logging. The Selectboard intended this session to be for gathering public input. Another discussion is planned for August 31, during which the Selectboard will begin discussing whether the current logging contract should be finished during the winter of '21-'22. Updating the forest (logging) plan within community forest plan also may be discussed.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Visit the Town of Barre website (www.barretown.org) for announcements, publications, permit forms, monthly calendar, etc. The site includes information on boards and commissions, administrative departments, public safety, meeting minutes, genealogy information, keyword search function links to other sites of interest and much more!



COVID Utility Program

Behind on your utility bills? Right now there are two State programs open to assist Vermonters with past due utility bills.

◆ VERAP

The Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program (VERAP) is designed to "alleviate income pressure on tenants and landlords and restore stability to the rental community". If you are a renter in Barre Town you and your landlord can apply to have your water and sewer bill arrearages paid to the Town. The program can also assist with rent, rent arrears and your other utility bills. Applications are being accepted through December 31st, 2021, or until available funds are depleted. For more information about the program, or to apply, visit erap.vsha.org. If this program is of interest act now before funds are exhausted.

◆ VCAAP II

You may remember last year's VCAAP program; now the program is back as the 2021 Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program (VCAAP II). VCAAP II "provides financial support to customers who may face disconnection of service because of past-due balances for their electric, landline telephone, Vermont Gas (natural gas), water or sewer/wastewater charges". Residents can receive up to \$10,000 in assistance and businesses can receive up to \$50,000. The application deadline is October 25th, 2021, and grants will be awarded on a first come first served basis until funding is exhausted. For more information about the program, or to apply, visit publicservice.vermont.gov and click on "Utility Help for Businesses, Renters and Homeowners".

Renters are encouraged to apply for VERAP before applying for VCAAP II.

By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director

Reporting Emergencies

Flash flooding resulting in partial or complete wash-out of a road(s) probably is Barre Town's number one emergency hazard. Winter storms with ice, heavy snow, and strong wind causing downed trees blocking roads or knocking out electric power could be the second leading hazard.

If residents observe one of these problems has occurred they should call the Town department of public works, the department responsible for roads. The telephone number to call Sunday through Saturday, 24 hours per day is 476-3522. After hours calls to this number are forwarded to the EMS station. If the call is not answered there it is forwarded to the Town's emergency dispatch service. Dispatch has contact information for all management staff to get a response started.

Loss of electric power should be reported to the appropriate power supplier: Green Mountain Power or Washington Electric Co-op.

The state asks that if home or private property damage is suffered from flooding or wind, please call 211 and leave your contact information to receive a call back. The state appreciates the property damage information to help understand the full scope of the disaster. VT 211 also may help the caller with referrals.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Project Updates

Rt. 110 Bridge: Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTTrans) has several projects on the books for our area. VTTrans' VT 110 bridge project located at the roundabout in East Barre is currently in design and is scheduled for construction in 2024.

Rt. 14 Intersections: The two intersection projects on VT 14 at Bridge Street and Quarry Hill Road are also in design and are set to be constructed in 2023. Also US 302 is planned to be paved in the fall of 2023 with work on the bridge deck in East Barre done in 2022.

Recreation Area: The recreation area stormwater practice (stormwater lingo for structure or facility) is in the bidding phase. Award of the construction contract is expected at the August 31 Selectboard meeting. The Friends of the Winooski River (FWR) secured 100% funding for the project design, construction and construction oversight. Watershed Consulting (also happens to be the Town's consulting stormwater engineer) was hired as project engineer. An optional pre-bid meeting was held August 6. Nine contractors attended. The project work consists of re-grading two swales from the recreation area across the back of the St. Sylvester Cemetery property, construction of a bioretention basin and a level lip spreader, and remediation of an eroded gully. St. Sylvester gave the Town an easement for the stormwater practice in April, 2021. The contract work period is mid-September to mid-December, 2021. The construction estimate is \$100,000 to \$200,000. The Town will be responsible for future maintenance.

Wildersburg Common: This project was submitted to the state for inclusion in the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program. It was one of 10 across the state awarded funding to produce conceptual plans. The state contracted with Watershed Consulting to produce those plans, which were completed this summer. On August 2 Watershed submitted pre-application material to Watershed United Vermont, a grant funding source. WUV quickly responded that a full application will be accepted; completed applications are due September 3. The grant program would pay 100% of the costs for final design. The Town would be responsible for future maintenance.

DPW Yard: The public works yard at 129 Websterville Road has more than 3 acres of impervious surface. A stormwater practice is needed before the water reaches the little brook between the yard and Bolster Road. A practice has been designed. The FWR applied for a grant twice before but the Town was not awarded the grant. Pending Selectboard authorization (on August 17 or 31), FWR will apply for grants again. The first application is due September 3. Once again the grant would provide 100% funding. This practice would be below grade so DPW could continue using the ground over the treatment practice.

W.I.P. Waterline: On March 2, 2021 Town voters authorized borrowing up to \$450,000 to finish the 8" waterline in Phase 2 of the Wilson Industrial Park project. The 2,700' waterline would connect the existing 8" pipe near the bottom of Bolster Road to the existing 8" pipe near the former SBE building on Parker Road. The Town applied for state Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) funding. After the April newsletter the Town learned this project was not selected for funding in the first round of awards, however, if other water systems which were awarded funding do not use it by the end of the year, the funding for their awards could be re-allocated.

The Town's consulting water engineer has continued working on matters to make the W.I.P. project ready for construc-

tion. The Environmental Report and the Historic Properties Review were completed and submitted to the state. The construction permit application was submitted. Response to the state's questions and requests for more information was submitted.

The funding being sought provides 75% forgiveness (grant) of the loan amount. Pre-payment of the balance is allowed. The loan could be paid off with income from a W.I.P. lot sale.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer and Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Construction Work Remaining

Summer construction paving is completed for the season.



Although the paving is done there are still maintenance items, shouldering, tree trimming, ditching, ect., that will still be going on the roads that were just paved.

Along with the maintenance items on the recently paved roads, the Public Works crews will be installing the next 500' section of waterline on Littlejohn Road. This water line project is a continuation of a multiyear plan to upgrade the Websterville waterline system. Once it is all completed it will bring better hydrant flows for fire suppression, increase system capacity and reduce chances for leaks.

With the cooperation of the weather, Public Works plans on working on the 5-year Gravel Road Plan. Roads in this plan will either get topped with new gravel or will have some of the gravel removed before being resurfaced. The roads on the list for this year are Lower Usle, Averill Road, Taplin Road, and Phelps Road.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

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



Fall Bulk Trash Collection—September 18

From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 18 the Town will accept bulk trash items from residents. The service is provided at the public works yard at 129 Websterville Road. The service is for residents’ home use to clean up their basement, garage and outside. The service is not for business waste or to clean up rental properties. Residents must bring a tax or utility bill or this newsletter with mailing label plus a driver’s license to verify residency.

Bulk trash generally means items too large to fit a weekly trash bag.

Examples of these accepted large items include: concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks, building demolition material (siding, windows, doors, lumber, roofing shingles, paneling, sheetrock and plaster), carpets, furniture, porcelain fixtures, mattresses, box

springs, large plastic toys, pool liners and pool covers.

There are specific preparation, handling, disposal and cost instructions for some materials. If bringing any of the following please take note of these special notes:

Roofing shingles – No vans or box trailers with loose shingles will be accepted. Shingles must be in containers – boxes, buckets, bags or tubs. Loose loads (in cars, pick-up trucks, or open trailer) will be directed to the side and unloaded when no other user is waiting for service. The per vehicle prices listed below are doubled for all loads containing shingles.

Concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks, large stones – These items are set aside for recycling. Don’t mix in with other materials. Concrete must be free of wire and rebar.

Building demo – Small pieces of sheetrock, plaster, tile, wood scraps, etc. must be in buckets, boxes, barrels or other containers for ease of unloading. Loose loads will be directed to wait for a break in the line. Larger pieces of lumber, vinyl siding, wood siding, gutters and the like must be cut to easily handled lengths and bundled.

The price list is show below. Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted at this site; cash or check only. Loads with mostly roofing shingles are charged double amounts shown below.

Some materials are not accepted at the landfill or require additional work before disposal, therefore the following items are not accepted: lawn waste, household trash and common recyclables, tires, hazardous materials, large metal items (furniture, appliances,

lawn mowers, gas grills, bicycles, exercise machines, aluminum siding), electronics, tv’s, computers, stereos, monitors, refrigerators, microwaves.

Price List

Car.....	\$10
Pickup Truck.....	\$15
Unloaded car or truck w/loaded trailer.....	\$15
Loaded car and trailer.....	\$20
Loaded pickup and trailer.....	\$25
Truck larger than pickup (1-ton max).....	\$20
Loaded large truck and trailer.....	\$25
Van, box truck, (10' max).....	\$25

Unvaccinated residents are asked to wear a mask at the check-in station or if approached at the unloading station. At the unloading station remain in the vehicle, unless asked for help.

Salvaging is permitted. Be careful around traffic by the front gate. The Town Cemetery Commission will provide volunteer help. Please donate to the Commission and help keep the cemeteries in great condition. Other volunteers al-

ways are welcome. To learn more about volunteering or about the service in general call the Town Manager’s Office (479-9331).

Lawn Waste - Leaf Disposal

The Town operates a small lawn and garden waste disposal site on Holden Road, thus it is often referred to as the Holden Road Lawn Waste Site. The site is located about 150 yards below the Holden Road-Graniteville Road intersection.

When the site is open the Town accepts tree branches (up to 5”in diameter) and brush. Tree material larger than 5” diameter is accepted but is placed in a separate pile for free firewood. Grass clippings, hedge clippings, excess vegetables, dead garden plants and flowers are accepted at another pile. Leaves also are accepted.

The tree branches, brush and Christmas trees are chipped once per year. The product is stock-piled at the lawn waste site for residents to take. There is no charge. The decomposed vegetative matter and the firewood also may be taken free of charge.

A volunteer monitors the site Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 - 6:00. A Town employee is there Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to noon. During prime leaf disposal season the site will be open extra weekend hours. On Saturdays October 16, 23 and 30 the site will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. On Sundays October 17, 24, 31 it will be open from noon to 4:00 pm. The Town anticipates keeping the site open on Saturday, November 6. Hours after that date depend on the weather. All proper uses of the site are permitted during the extra hours noted above.

Please do not rake or dump leaves into roadside ditches or other drainageways. Leaves can plug culverts and ditches causing minor flooding.

Do not leave bags, boxes, totes or plastic sheeting at the site. To haul more leaves per trip consider chopping leaves with a lawn mower. If hauling loose leaves in a pick-up cover the load securely.

For more information check the Town website or call 479-9331.



By Carl Rogers, Town Manager



BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Development Review Board – *By Chris Violette; Members: M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, J. Valsangiacomo, C. Neddo, A. Valentinetti, J. Fecteau and M. Gilbar. Alternates: vacant*

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

- April 2021:* Approved: SD: Steven Young at Hillside Ave; Variance: Erwin & Shirley Kreiss at 13 Orchard Terrace.
- May 2021:* Approved: BLA: Eric Lozier & David Oles at 93 & 101 Curtis Road; CUP: Aaron Fuller at 34 Church Hill Road; tabled Variance: David Otis at 35 Booth Road.
- June 2021:* Approved: Variance: David Otis at 35 Booth Road.
- July 2021:* Approved: BLA: Town of Barre & St Sylvester Parish Charitable Trust at Church Hill Road; Malcolm Hayward (LE) & Brent Sleeper at intersection of Nichols Road and Farwell Street; Waiver: Lee Kimball at 342 Camp Street.

Planning Commission – *By Cindy Spaulding; Members: C. Sanborn, C. Violette, T. Reil, B. Atwood, G. Clain, M. Gilbar and C. Chase*

AUD=Allowed Use Determination

- April 2021:* AUD: Tabled Matt Systo at 85 Bridge Street.
- May 2021:* AUD: (approved) Matt Systo at 85 Bridge Street; Thomas Martin (dba: Tiny’s Trash Service) at Farwell Street and Nichols Road.
- June 2021:* AUD: (approved) Aaron Fuller at 34 Church Hill Road; Pat York multi-curb cut at 13 Lisa Drive.
- July 2021:* Canceled.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - *By Josh Martineau; Members: S. Corbett, J. Blow, W. Kirby, Dave Freeman, Bret Meyer*

- April 2021:* Approved Speed Hump, Bumps and Tables Policy. Approved “No Trucks” sign on West Road.
- May 2021:* No Meeting.
- June 2021:* Elected Chairman and Vice Chair, discussed overweight permitting and locations for speed studies.
- July 2021:* No Meeting. -

Look for the next edition of the Barre Town newsletter in November, 2021!