

Barre Town Newsletter

Municipal News



Annual Town Meeting and Budget Information

Approximately 42% of a property owner's tax bill is used to support the town's General Fund and Highway Fund budgets. Total tax bills of \$3,400 are not uncommon. Many property owners are paying \$1,425 per year to operate the General and Highway Fund budgets. Residents have a say about the town's financial plans (consequently, their tax bill) on Tuesday, May 8.

The General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets together total \$5,088,376, which is a \$226,880 or 4.6% increase. A tax rate increase of 3.5¢ (4.2%) would be needed to support the budgets. Taxes on a homestead assessed at \$150,000 would increase \$52 per year.

General Fund: The GF accounts for \$119,040 of the \$226,880 increase. A 2¢ GF tax increase will be needed for the budget that is going up 4.7%. The proposed GF budget is balanced. The percent of revenue derived from the property tax continues to climb. 81.6% of the GF revenues are supplied by the property tax. There are no capital improvement projects and only one capital equipment purchase in the GF budget.

The single largest spending increase in the FY '08 GF budget is for health insurance. Effective January 1, 2007, premiums for the town's policies rose by an average 9.3%. A 13% increase is anticipated on January 1, 2008. In all, health insurance is expected to cost \$27,550 more during FY '08.

Close behind health insurance is \$25,000 for a public safety (police, fire and ambulance) consolidation study to be done in conjunction with the City of Barre. The sum of \$50,000 from the City and the Town would pay for a study by a qualified independent consulting firm and would inform the Selectboard of the value, consequences, process, and structure of a public safety consolidation.

An emergency power generator for the Municipal Building (\$18,400) is the only capital equipment purchase in the GF. The new generator will replace a 1940s vintage military surplus generator installed in 1992 during the renovation and addition project.

Vehicle equipment rent paid to the town's Equipment Fund (EF) is increasing \$19,100 for the police and fire departments combined. The increase for these departments is consistent with the 12% equipment rent hike needed to properly fund the Equipment Fund.

Some accounts are going down. The top three reductions are: (1) \$17,000 less in the transfer to the EF because a shelf storage unit installed in the Town Clerk's vault will not be purchased again; (2) \$12,000 budgeted to paint the outside of the Municipal Building in FY '07 will not be needed again; and (3) \$7,490 has been trimmed from the Barre Area Development account.

Highway Fund: The proposed FY '08 HF budget is \$2,448,075 which is 4.6% or \$107,840 greater than the current HF budget. The HF is not balanced, and \$18,000 of fund balance will be applied. A 1.5¢ tax rate increase will be needed.

The HF is the Equipment Fund's largest customer, thus the 12% rate hike has the greatest impact on the HF. On top of the rate increase, through the Budget

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Picnic Shelter Reservations



Yes, it's that time of year again to brush off your baseball glove, grab some hotdogs and burgers from the grocery store, and get out and have a picnic at the Barre Town Recreation Complex behind the Elementary School. To reserve the pavilion for a family reunion, company picnic or club outing, contact Recreation Supervisor Don Gainey at 476-6174 or 883-5415 or email offices@barretown.org. A large BBQ pit, water, electricity, lights, and restrooms are available on location. There is a \$25 fee (+\$1/person) for the use of the pavilion.

It would be wise to call well in advance if you would like to use the shelter area. According to Mr. Gainey, "It's a popular location for a gathering, and the space books up pretty fast. I already have booked a lot of slots for the summer."

- Joe Colangelo, Intern

FIREWORKS

Home firework displays must be permitted by the Town. Contact the Town Clerk's Office at least 2 weeks before your fireworks show.

DRIVEWAY WORK

The Barre Town Highway Ordinance requires a property owner to obtain a Driveway Permit prior to installing or reconstructing driveways. The permit is available through the Planning & Zoning Office.

Tax Assessment Deadline

The Town Assessor is putting together the property tax Grand List for the July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 tax year. When the Grand List is completed, all property owners have a once-a-year opportunity to grieve their assessment.

If improvements were made to your property before April 1st and the assessor was made aware of these improvements, the owner will receive a "Notice Of Change Of Appraisal" around May 15. Within 14 days of receiving the Notice or the publishing and posting of the "Notice Of Your Right To Appeal", owners must write to the assessor stating the reason(s) why they think their assessment was inaccurate. The assessor will then review the grievance and talk to the property owners via phone, visit the property, or meet with them in person.

Tax Due Dates May Change

The Monday night Town Meeting warning was the same for years -- until 2007. The State's new law sending homeowners' property tax prebates to the town prompts a new Article. Voters at Town Meeting will decide if prebates received from the State shall be applied pro-rate, thereby reducing the amount of each quarterly tax installment equally.

The homeowners' prebate information must be available before the Town prints tax bills. Barre Town mails tax bills no less than 30 days before the first payment is due. Allowing for

delay in obtaining the prebate information, the due date for the 1st installment will be pushed back to September 1, with subsequent quarters also due on the first of the month. During FY '08, however, the 1st falls on a weekend in every month when a tax installment is due. Thus, the tax due dates for FY '08 would be September 4, December 3, March 3, and June 2. Sewer payments would be due on September 4 and March 3.

Volunteer Appreciation

In celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 15-21) the Barre Town Selectboard hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night during the Selectboard meeting on April 17. Barre Town

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\$wim Lessons

The Barre Town Selectboard has decided to allocate money for reimbursing families up to \$25 on a first-come-first-serve basis this summer in order to help support swim lessons for local youth. The status of the pool in Barre City is uncertain, and the Town has \$2,450 budgeted for swim lessons. Selectboard member Marion Fish believes that, "Swim lessons are a valuable service, and we (on the Selectboard) want to make sure this service is open for the children of Barre Town. Given the situation, this was the best alternative the Board could offer."

The \$25 reimbursement covers the expenses for 98 youth. Last year the non-resident rate (which would apply to Barre Town

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SWIM LESSONS *(cont'd. from p. 2)*

residents this summer) for swim lessons at the Barre City pool was \$28. This option could be exercised if the pool is open.

Another alternative could be going to the First In Fitness Aquatic Center, in Berlin, which offers both group and private swim lessons. Private lessons are \$150 for five 30-minute lessons for non-members and \$75 for five group lessons for non-members. The rates for members are \$100 and \$50 respectively. If you are interested in lessons at First In Fitness, contact Derek at 223-6161.

Another option is at the Lotus Lake Camp in Williamstown. Their half-day camp offers Red Cross swimming, hiking, and crafts. Call John & Dorothy Milne at 433-5451 for more information.

Undoubtedly, there are countless other options for swim lessons this summer. If you buy swim lessons for your child(ren) and want a reimbursement, be sure to get a receipt. Call the Barre Town Manager's Office at 479-9331 for more information regarding this service.

- Joe Colangelo, Intern

Community Events

- **Kiwanis Bicycle Safety Course** - Saturday, May 5 for 4th grade students, Barre Town Middle & Elementary School parking lot. Registration required; time assigned after registration. Call 479-0970 for information.
- **Central VT Humane Society Walk For Animals** - Saturday, May 19 at 11 a.m., Knights Of Columbus, Farwell Street. Call Randy at 479-0791.
- **East Barre Hose Co. (Fire Dept.) Father's Day Chicken Barbeque** - Sunday, June 17, noon-2:00 p.m. at the East Barre Fire Station.
- **Barre Homecoming Days** - July 26-29, downtown Barre City.

Selectboard To Consider New Zoning Bylaw

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed new zoning bylaw on March 14, 2007. A few relatively minor concerns were raised by citizens. As a result, the Planning Commission held a special meeting on April 4 to discuss those concerns. In a couple of cases, they actually made changes.

Probably the most significant change made was in East Barre where the village was split into two zones. Commercial zoning is proposed along lower Mill Street east towards the dam, including Bianchi Street and all parcels north of Rt. 110. The commercial zoning allows many uses including residential. The remainder of what had originally been proposed to be the East Barre Village zone will be absorbed by the surrounding high density residential zone. Other changes included lowering the minimum lot size in highway commercial from 1.5 acres down to 1.0 acres but raised the road frontage requirement from 125' to 200'.

The Planning Commission will conduct one more public hearing on April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectboard meeting room at the Municipal Building. It is possible that after that hearing, the process will be turned over to the Selectboard for their review and public hearings.

New Ordinance Curbs Use Of Alcohol at Parks

The Town of Barre's neighborhood parks -- Christa & Mikayla Playground in East Barre, Upper Graniteville playground, Upper Websterville playground, Lower Graniteville playground, Trow Hill playground, and South Barre park -- are designed for the benefit of young children, teenagers, senior citizens, basketball players of all ages and families. In the spirit of keeping these places, safe, lively, and family oriented, the Selectboard is working on an ordinance that would ban the consumption of alcohol at these parks and disallow any inebriated person(s) from entering the area.

This ordinance was a byproduct of conversations with the School Board and problems that seemed to creep up in regards to alcohol use at the softball fields. Selectman Chip Castle explained, "We looked at our existing ordinance and found that it did not restrict the use of alcohol at our neighborhood playgrounds. I think common sense will tell you that alcohol and playgrounds just don't go together."

The Selectboard introduced the ordinance and held a 1st reading on April 3 and held a public hearing on April 17.

- Joe Colangelo, Intern

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day

BUDGET INFO. (cont'd. from p. 1)

Committee review process, it was recommended and accepted to shorten the dump truck replacement cycle from 10 years to 7 years. The shorter cycle requires a higher payment to the EF initially (to pay for the trucks), but after 7 years the shorter cycle should be cost neutral or save money due to higher re-sale value of trucks and lower repair costs. The Budget Committee also recommended replacing a used grader. A 10-year lease purchase plan will cost \$21,500 per year.

Rising equipment costs are offset by a reduction in staffing. The HF had been carrying one extra employee pending an employee's retirement. The employee retired during FY '07. With one less employee in the budget, the FY '08 budget is realizing savings of about \$45,000.

The usual level of road projects will be completed. Thanks in part to an estimated \$7.50 per ton price increase for paving, the cost of paved road projects is \$20,000 more. (See Project List on page 7.)

The Town was awarded a State grant to repair a 5' diameter culvert under Quarry Hill Road. The Town must pay 10% of the project cost which is estimated at \$7,200. Planning for the Websterville and Graniteville sidewalks to be finished this summer and expecting the Town to take over the South Barre sidewalk, \$5,000 is budgeted for winter sidewalk maintenance.

The GF, HF, and the other 7 budgets were reviewed and analyzed by the Budget Committee (the Selectboard and 5 citizens: Val Vallerand, Barry Stryker, Jeff Newton, Gordon Booth, and Jeff Blow). The committee met 13 times from late January to April 2, including one Saturday morning.

Booklets more fully describing the budgets are available at the Graniteville General Store, Lawson's Store, Municipal Building, Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Trow Hill Grocery, Brookside Country Store, and Hannaford's. The Selectboard will present budget information on CVTV Channel 7 the week before the election. Check the WORLD or CVTV Channel 7 for dates and times.



COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

"The more you lose yourself in something bigger than yourself, the more energy you will have." Norman Vincent Peale

Twenty-nine (29%) percent of American adults volunteer. If you are among the 71% who don't volunteer, you could take a step toward joining the millions of Americans who do. Use the form provided below or send a letter or email to submit your name as a candidate for a board, commission, or committee. Information about each board is available on the Town web site (www.barretown.org). Click on Boards and Commissions. Service on a board or commission is not overwhelming. Town staff prepares agendas and minutes. Generally, the citizen board members receive a meeting packet to read before the meeting. All boards have regularly scheduled monthly meeting nights (see below). The recreation, cemetery, traffic safety, and zoning boards usually cancel several meetings during the winter due to lack of business. Mail the form provided below or submit a letter (resumes welcomed) to the Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or email a letter to crogers@barretown.org. Letters and forms received on or before May 18 will be forwarded to the Selectboard for consideration.

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER POSITION ON TOWN BOARD

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone (daytime) _____ (evening) _____ (e-mail address) _____

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON (meeting date):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment - 4 yr. term (3rd Wed.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee - 3 yr. term (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board - 3 yr. term (2nd Tues.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission - 4 yr. term (2nd Wed.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Advisory Cmte. - 3 yr. term (3rd Wed.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission - 5 yr. term (4th Wed.) |

Background / Experience / Interest _____

Town Voting: May 7 and 8

The two most important election dates for the Town are coming up on Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8. To participate in the Open Town Meeting on Monday and to cast a ballot in the Annual Election of Officers and Municipal Budgets, you must be registered to vote in Barre Town. The deadline to register is April 30 at noon. Go to the Town Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building to register or contact them at 479-9391 or email the Clerk at dkelty@barretown.org.



Registered voters need not wait until May 8 to cast their ballot. Early voting ballots are available to vote in person at the Clerk's Office or by mail. Request an early voting ballot by contacting the Clerk's Office.

The Annual Town Meeting on May 7 begins at 7:30 p.m. and is held in the Barre Town School gymnasium. There is a slight change in the agenda. (See the article on page 2). After the articles about tax collection dates and how to apply the new State prebate to tax bills, the Town will consider authorizing the Selectboard to sell real estate and hear the presentation of the 2007 Wendell F. Pelkey Award. A public hearing about the town budgets will be held after the Town Meeting.

On Tuesday, May 8 the polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voting is conducted in the school gymnasium. Voters will use Australian ballot to elect town officers, vote on adoption of two municipal budgets (see article on page 1), 16 not-for-profit agency funding requests, and 2 special articles.

If a registered voter suffers a late illness and can't go to the polls, two Justices of the Peace will deliver a ballot. Contact the Town Clerk's Office (479-9391) on Monday, May 7 before 4:30 p.m. for a sick ballot.

Mammoet / VELCO

In days of yore (well, the late 19th and early 20th centuries), big teams of horses and oxen hauled large granite blocks from our quarries. This spring and summer, Barre Town will witness a slightly different team hauling a larger, much heavier load.

VELCO is expanding its Granite Substation in Williamstown. Two transformers and 2 phase shifters will be delivered from the Netherlands. At the end of the long trek, the superloads will traverse Barre Town's Middle Road, Graniteville Road, and Baptist Street on their way to the electrical substation.

Mammoet is a worldwide leader in moving, rigging, and lifting heavy and oversized loads. The Canadian

firm will use 2 truck tractors and possibly a large frontend loader to haul the 200 ton loads up Middle Road. The transformers will weigh about twice as much as the largest granite blocks hauled out of Rock Of Ages. To prevent road and underground utility damage, Mammoet uses a trailer with 12 independent axles. Each axle will have 8 tires. The pounds per square inch will be comparable to a typical tractor trailer unit because of the numerous tires. The impact on the road will be less because the unit will move at walking speed, not 40-50 mph like a tractor trailer would travel.

The first delivery is tentatively scheduled for May 3 or 4. Middle Road, Graniteville Road, and Baptist Street will be closed when the oversized loads are on the road. Residents will be able to leave their homes by turning away from the procession. Escort vehicles and police units will alert motorists of what section of road is closed.

The second delivery may be made in late May or June, and the last 2 loads are expected in late July or August.

Veterans Flags



Each year on Memorial Day our nation pays special tribute to all its veterans. Veterans buried in Barre Town and Barre City cemeteries are representative of every conflict our nation has encountered.

Adults and age-appropriate adolescents are invited to participate in honoring our deceased veterans by placing a flag on their graves. The flag-placing event is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 – rain or shine. Arrive at a cemetery of your choice by 8:15 a.m. In case of extreme weather, the makeup date is May 26.

- Doug Nadeau, Chair, Flags For Veterans

Volunteers *(cont'd. from p. 2)*

is fortunate to have dozens of people who volunteer their time to serve the Town on various boards, commissions, committees, and through work on special events and projects. Each volunteer receives an appreciation pin. Volunteers who reach their 5th year of service also receive a small token of appreciation. For reaching their 10th year of service, volunteers receive a 10-year pin and an engraved desk clock. Volunteers who reach their 20th year of service take home a 20-year pin and a plaque. This year, the Selectboard gave special recognition to: Cedric Sanborn (20 yrs. - Planning Commission), Burnie Allen (20 yrs. - Recreation Board), Chauncey Liese (10 yrs. - TSAC), and Dan Newhall (10 yrs. - TSAC).

- Joe Colangelo, Intern

SPRING BULK TRASH COLLECTION

MAY 12 -- 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Spring bulk trash collection will be offered Saturday, May 12, at the DPW yard on Websterville Road (where the school buses are parked). Use this service to clean up after your home improvement project and/or to clean out the garage or basement. If you need to do some cleaning out, use the service; don't dump the material illegally over a bank or at the Holden Road lawn waste site. Last year, the illegal dumping of lumber and building material caused the Holden Road lawn waste site to be closed except on Saturdays.

The service is offered to Town residents for their home use only. Bring a tax bill or utility bill to confirm residency. The boxes below list the fees, accepted items, items that aren't accepted, and where those items can be taken. **Scraps of building demolition material such as wood, sheetrock, plaster, and especially roof shingles must be in boxes, buckets, or barrels.** Lumber must be cut down to easily-handled lengths; don't bring in the side of an old shed in one piece please!

BRING	FEE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden and upholstered furniture • Large plastic toys • Swimming pool liners • Porcelain fixtures • Carpet, mattresses • Building materials - doors, windows, vinyl siding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car \$4.00 Pickup truck \$6.00 Unloaded car or truck w/loaded trailer \$6.00 Loaded car or pickup w/loaded trailer \$10.00 Truck larger than pickup (1-ton max.) \$10.00 Loaded large truck w/loaded trailer \$15.00

DON'T BRING	TAKE TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tires ■ Computers ■ Consumer electronics - TVs, stereos, copiers ■ Metal, including appliances ■ Household trash, recyclables ■ Household hazardous wastes: pesticides, oil-based paint ■ Tree branches, leaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVSWMD Wilson Depot CVSWMD Wilson Depot CVSWMD Wilson Depot CVSWMD Wilson Depot CVSWMD Wilson Depot CVSWMD household hazardous waste collection - October 14 Holden Road lawn waste site

The C.V. Solid Waste Management District's Wilson Depot is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact the District at 229-9383 or visit the District's web site at www.cvswwmd.com.

New adult volunteers are needed to work part of or the entire collection. To volunteer, or for more information, call a Selectboard member or Town Manager Carl Rogers at 479-9331.

Boards and Commissions Summary Report

PLANNING COMMISSION (M. Nicholson, H. Miller, C. Thygesen, C. Sanborn, T. Ackerman, E. Bancroft, Jr.)

February 2007: Approved request by L. & J. Levesque on behalf of A. & E. Conti for revised final for the purpose of re-approval plat not filed in timely manner.

March 2007: Approved request by P. Couture for 2-lot subdivision on Littlejohn & Donahue Rd.; approved request by R. & M. Bolus, lifting of deferral on School Rd.

April 2007: Approved request by McHay Dev. for 2-lot

subdivision for purpose of merger with lands of Moreau on Washington Rd. and Waterman St.; approved request by Capital City R.E. Holdings for allowed use determination to allow commercial building in industrial zone on So. Barre Rd. **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (P. Malone, P. Badger, R. Jensen, M. Reaves, M. Gallo)

February 2007: No meeting.

March 2007: Approved request by D. Smedy for 13' variance from rear setback on Cummings Rd.

April 2007: No meeting.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (D. Newhall, P. White, J. Blow, D. Allen, C. Liese)

February 2007: No meeting.

March 2007: No meeting.

Landscaping & Fencing



It is a violation of the Barre Town Code to plant trees, shrubs, flowers or gardens between the edge of the road and the property line or edge of the Town's right-of-way. It is also a violation to erect fences

or walls in the r.o.w. When planning a landscaping project, contact the Town Engineer to better determine if your project is allowed.

Town Code Sec. 6-21 requires a permit for all work in or adjacent to the town highway r.o.w. This covers all types of activities, not just utility work. Permits are issued through the Engineer's office, with applications available online or in the Planning & Zoning Office. The Code states that the Engineer shall first review any work that involves digging or filling in the r.o.w.

Remember to call Dig Safe (1-888-DIG-SAFE) and any local utility to avoid costly damage to lines.

Cedars, lilacs, and other shrubs or trees that tend to spread out and increase in both height and diameter are not recommended for street corners where sight distance is important. Be mindful of the nearby driveway or side street when planning a fence or stone wall installation. Split rail fences are preferable to stockade fences. A low stone wall is better than a high wall along the backside of the road r.o.w. for the same sight distance reasons.

- Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer

Lawn Waste Site

A small group of people have volunteered to monitor the lawn waste site on Wednesdays between 3 pm-7 pm. Thanks to these community-minded individuals, residents will have 2 opportunities (the other is on Saturday morning 8 a.m.-noon) to use the site.

Many people use the drop-off service. Anyone, especially users, who could volunteer 2 hours or more per week to tend the site is asked to call the Town Manager's Office (479-9331). If possible, form a team to share the duty.

There has been a very good response to previous announcements seeking help. The notice for an Assistant Health Officer drew a strong field of candidates. An office helper was hired after the notice in the last newsletter. The response is appreciated. Hopefully, the interest in helping the Town (help its residents) will continue, and several more residents will come forward for this service.

Green Up Day 2007

Green Up Day is May 5. We are looking for individuals, groups, or organizations to help with cleaning up our roadsides or with financial help to cover expenses such as food for the BBQ, T-shirts and postage.

We will have a BBQ at lunchtime for volunteers. Every person who picks up bags from the Town Office or from us and people we see cleaning on that day will receive a ticket for the BBQ. This is our way of saying thank you for helping us make Green Up Day in Barre Town a success. To help make this a success and possibly an annual tradition, we need as many volunteers as possible to help set up, serve, and clean up.

If you have a road or an area that you wish to clean up, please contact us. Or contact us and we will let you know areas that need the most attention or if someone in your neighborhood needs your help. You can pick up bags at the Town Office or we can deliver them to you. Call us at 476-3955 or email at btvtgreenup@yahoo.com.

- Danette & Jeff Gagne, B.T. Green Up Day Coordinators



2007 Paved Road Projects

Milling - June 25-July 13:

Camp Street - City line to #355

Church Hill Road - Graniteville Rd. to top of hill

Morrison Rd. - Allen to Upper Prospect

Upper Prospect - Morrison Rd. to Airport Rd.

Windywood Rd. - Hill St. to pond at orchard

Cold Mix Pave & Chip Seal - July 9-27:

Holden Rd. - end of existing pavement to Pelouquin

Richardson Rd. - end of pavement to School Rd.

Paving Contract #1 - July 23-Aug. 10:

Morrison Rd. - Allen to Upper Prospect

Upper Prospect - Morrison to Airport Rd.

Church Hill Rd. - Graniteville Rd. to top of hill*

Cherrywood Dr. - entire

Reclaiming - Aug. 6-17:

E. Cobble Hill - Clark's pit to W. Cobble Hill

Paving Contract #2 - Aug. 27-Sept. 14:

Camp Street - City line to #355

E. Cobble Hill - Clark's pit to W. Cobble Hill

Valley View Circle - entire

Windywood Rd. - Hill St. to pond at orchard

*spot repair, regrade, drainage improvements.

PROJECT UPDATES

- **Websterville-Graniteville Sidewalks:** Acquisition of easements from Lower Websterville property owners is complete. The VT Agency of Transportation's Right-Of-Way (R.O.W) Certificate is required before seeking construction bids. The R.O.W. Certificate can't be issued until details regarding the railroad crossing are finished. A scope of work, with drawings, and a cost estimate will be prepared by the design engineer. These documents will be sent to the Washington County Railroad (WCRR) for review. A Finance & Maintenance Agreement has been drafted. When the scope of work and cost estimate are approved, 3 divisions of AOT and the WCRR must sign the Agreement. Coordinating these details with so many offices is time consuming. Project bidding is not expected until May. Progress was made in one area: bidding for resident engineer (inspection) is underway. Construction is still expected this season.
- **East Barre Sidewalks:** Kevin Russell was selected to provide project manager services. The Cooperative Agreement with the State was executed. Mr. Russell can begin seeking proposals for a design engineer.
- **Quarry Hill Culvert:** Four companies submitted bids for the culvert repair job. Hebert Excavation, of Williamstown, submitted the low bid at \$39,000, which is below budget. The Selectboard awarded the contract to Hebert on March 20. Completion is due by July 16, 2007.

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE

As of late, confusion has grown in regards to catching cats or other animals. If you set a Have-A-Heart trap and catch a domestic animal, it is your responsibility to take the animal to the Central Vermont Humane Society. The Animal Control Officer will not pick up these animals. The Animal Control Officer is supervised by the Police Department. If you have a concern or need information, please call the Chief of Police at 479-0509.

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