

**BARRE TOWN BUDGET REVIEW
FOR THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2014-2015**

February 11, 2014

BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES

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The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Budget Review Committee for the proposed 2014-2015 fiscal year budget was held February 11, 2014 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Emergency Operation Center, Lower Websterville at 6:30 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeff Blow, Rob LaClair, Greg Donahue, JP Isabelle, Rolland Tessier, William Wolfe, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Jay Perkins, and Jeff Newton. Members not present included: Chris Day.

Also in attendance were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, and Shop Foreman Mike Martel.

CALL TO ORDER

Town Manager Rogers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

EQUIPMENT FUND

The proposed FY 14-15 Equipment Fund will be increasing 4.18%. Equipment purchases, parts, and insurance are the majority of increase. Revenue is generated by the other funds using the equipment and paying rent to the Equipment Fund. Some years where there is little snow, equipment is used less frequently resulting in less revenue to the Equipment Fund. Other rental costs are fixed such as the Town Manager's vehicle, copiers, etc. There is one new revenue account - the rent the Town will receive for the Solar Farm to be built off Websterville Road.

DPW Superintendent Tetreault & Shop Foreman Martel were present. They discussed the following items with the Committee: generator auto-transfer switches, savings on electricity due to lighting (overhead and auto sensors) improvements, purchase of culvert steamer, chippers (buying versus renting and life expectancy), workmans comp insurance expense and our discount, and the purchase of a small chainsaw.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

There was a brief discussion on B.O. D. charges. Rogers stated the program was implemented after testing in 2008. The businesses were re-tested in 2010. The Manager further noted the Engineer would like to do re-testing again this spring.

JP Isabelle noted the Aldrich Library annual loan is paid off and wanted to know what the payment amount was. Rogers stated it was \$36,000 - \$37,000.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Next week the Committee will review of the Equipment Fund. Be prepared to discuss them at the meeting next Tuesday. If you have questions prior to the meeting feel free to call (479-9331) or email (crogers@barretown.org) the Town Manager.

Should you be unable to attend a meeting or will be late, contact the Town Manager as soon as possible. He will also be available if you want a one-on-one session to catch up on the information you missed. The Budget Committee meetings are audio taped and will be another resource available to you. All meeting minutes are posted on the website (www.barretown.org). From the homepage, look under the Boards/Commission button, and click on Budget Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING OF February 11, 2014 continued:

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by Rob LaClair, the Budget Committee unanimously approved the minutes of February 4, 2014. Donahue was not present for the vote.

APPOINT A CHAIR

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Tessier, the Budget Committee unanimously appointed Robert LaClair as Chair of the Budget Committee. Donahue, was not present for the vote

NEXT MEETING

The Budget Committee meeting will reconvene on Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Operation Center, Municipal Building in Lower Websterville.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 7:51 p.m.

Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Barre Town Budget Committee

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