

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

March 4, 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 March 4, 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, William Wolfe, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Chris Day, Jeff Newton (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), Greg Donahue, and Rolland Tessier.

Also in attendance were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre, Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen, DPW Superintendent Richard Tetreault, Joel Schwartz BAD Director and other BAD board members.

CALL TO ORDER

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

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Carl provided a Summary by Departments for review, and highlighted items in each department that contributed to the budget figures as presented so far.

BARRE AREA DEVELOPMENT

Joel Schwartz, Director of the BAD addressed the Budget Committee about its funding for the 2014-2015 year. Based on level funding from both Barre City and Barre Town of \$49,000.00 each and some interest income, they are working with a total budget of \$99,000-\$100,000. This would include \$4000.00 for a revamped website and \$2500.00 in additional marketing for Wilson Industrial Park.

He also presented an estimate for a turning lane at the intersection of Pitman Road and Websterville Road of \$98000.00. That figure is for the entire project to be hired out, but estimates that the Town could do a lot of the site work which would amount to about \$70,000.00 of that figure.

HIGHWAY FUND

Harry Hinrichsen and Rich Tetreault presented various pricing and options for paving work on Cutler Corner Rd. Harry explained the Milling process vs. the Reclaiming process and the pros and cons of each. Jay Perkins was not present, but Carl presented his input on the increase in outside services for the proposed budget. He is opposed to spending \$97k on injected asphalt reclamation (too expensive and technology not widely used). He proposed:

Reclaim Cutler Corner road w/.25 gal of calcium chloride @\$1.75/SY x 16,744 SY= \$29302.00
Pave the entire road with 2" of base (16,744 SY + 2933SY) x \$8.88 = \$174,731.00
Total: \$204,033 - This represents a savings of approximately \$42k from the proposed budget.

He would also only pave base on Cheney Road @2" (rather than the 3" in the proposed budget). This represents another \$27k savings. We would have to budget for the 1" wear course for these 2 roads in the 2015-2016 budgets (\$115k). Total savings would be \$69k leaving a net increase for outside services of \$50k for the 2014-2015 budgets.

There was discussion about the pros and cons of doing a base coat now and a wear coat later, as well as the amount of chloride suggested in Jay's proposal.

On a motion by Blow, seconded by Donahue, the committee voted to follow Jay Perkins Proposal with two changes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING OF March 4, 2014 continued:

- 1.) To increase the amount of chloride used to the industry standard (a half - two thirds gal/SY).
- 2.) To pave Cheney Road with the full 3" to finish it.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Next week will be continued work on the General Fund Budget.

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.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Due to time the item was passed over until next week.

NEXT MEETING

The Budget Committee meeting will reconvene on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at the Emergency Operation Center, Municipal Building in Lower Websterville.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Deborah Lefebvre, Assistant Town Clerk

Barre Town Budget Committee

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