

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

March 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 March 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, William Wolfe, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Greg Donahue, Jay Perkins, JP Isabelle and Rolland Tessier (arrived at 6:45). Chris Day and Jeff Newton were absent.

Also in attendance were: Town Manager Carl Rogers, and Assistant Town Clerk Deborah Lefebvre.

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

On a motion by Donahue, seconded by Wolfe, the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2014 were approved.

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Carl provided a sample format for submitting budget discussion items. Items should include Account number, dollar amount, use line item detail when possible, whether it is a reduction, increase or elimination of the item. It could also be just a discussion item.

GENERAL FUND

Carl provided a Summary by Departments for review, and highlighted items in each department that contributed to the budget figures as presented so far. Departments reviewed included Administration and Finance and all other departments (.441-.498)

Overall the budget increased by \$46,750, or 2.311 %. Discussion reviewed changes in each department which were significant to the department's budget. There were a few items in the current budget which were not included in the new budget, for example: money for Town Forest kiosks, library bond paid off in FY 13-14, funding for new web site (one time). Some of the increases included: One time \$5,850 for retired bookkeeper to instruct/train new bookkeeper, \$15,000 for Upper Websterille Playground improvements and \$8,430 town insurance policies increases.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

Next week will be continued work on the General Fund Budget. Chris Violette and Mike Stevens are expected to be present to address the Fire and Police department budgets. Submit any budget items for discussion as soon as possible. The remaining meeting schedule is March 18, March 25 and April 1. Town Meeting warning needs to be signed April 1, 2014.

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

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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.

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.

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The meeting recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Deborah Lefebvre, Assistant Town Clerk

Barre Town Budget Committee

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