

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
June 2, 2009

P.I.L.O.T. Board Photo; interviews with Ken Yearman & Byron Atwood 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving minutes from meeting of May 26
4. Announcements
5. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
6. Consider appointments to Planning Commission and CV Regional Planning Commission.
7. Discuss Bridge Street bridge report and discern what written comments will be.
8. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
9. Miscellaneous:
10. Round the Table
11. Executive Session: (legal, personnel).
12. Adjourn

**BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES**  
June 2, 2009

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 2, 2009 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, Lower Websterville at 7:04 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Jeffrey Gagne, Jeff Blow, Jeff Newton, William Wolfe, and Marion Fish.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl Rogers, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Town Management Intern Kelly Houston, Jeanne Daniele, Fred Thumm, and Claire Duke.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2009 with the following correction:*

- 1) Page 1, Call to Order, delete the time of 7:083 p.m. and replace with 7:08 p.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A new introductory Youth Track & Field Program is being offered this summer recreation season. This program is sponsored by both Barre Town and Barre City Recreation Departments and is open to residents 7-14 years of age. The program will run from June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce children to track and field events. For a fee of \$25.00 participants will train with experienced staff on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in preparation for two track meets. The two track meets are the Hershey's Track Meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> and the Vermont Recreation and Parks Association Track & Field Meet on July 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information on either of the meets visit <http://www.hersheystrackandfield.com> and <http://www.vrpa.org>. For a registration form contact either the Town Manager's office (479-9331) or stand by for an online posting at our website [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org).
- The Barre Town Heritage Festival Committee is holding a fundraising event at the Canadian Club on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and comedy show. To purchase tickets or to donate a silent auction item, please contact committee coordinator Kathie Felch @ 479-9391 or email [bhf@barretown.org](mailto:bhf@barretown.org).
- The Town Auditor's position is open. If you have an interest in public accountability this might just be the public service opportunity for you! The Town Manager's Office will be accepting letters of interest up until the Friday before the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Starting in the month of June and ending in the month of September the Selectboard will begin its summer schedule. Meeting dates for the month of June include June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and the 30<sup>th</sup>. In the months of July and August, the Selectboard will meeting every other week and resume weekly scheduling after September 1<sup>st</sup>. For a complete listing of meeting dates visit the Town's website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)) or call the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331.

## GUESTS

Jeanne Daniele informed the Board she was present once again to request use of Town land in the Wilson Industrial Park (WIP) for a community garden. Having heard the land in question was possibly going to be sold the VT Foodbank had been approached and is willing to use some of their land for garden plots/demonstrations with the understanding they receive any "unused" produce.

Ms. Daniele will look for other land in the WIP for this use and the Manager will put the item on the Board's agenda.

APPOINTMENTS TO PLANNING COMMISSION & CV REGIONAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION

Background: Last week the Selectboard made selections for boards, commissions, and committees. Most were made except for one seat on the Planning Commission and the Central Vermont (CV) Regional Planning Commission. Given the interest of candidates and the number of available seats, the Board chose to interview each candidate to aid in the decision-making process.

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Marion Fish noted she was not present at last week's meeting but was not happy with the process the Selectboard used for appointing to the Planning Commission. Ms. Daniele was the incumbent, had a good attendance/participation record, and has the best interest of the Town at heart.

Claire Duke, Planning Commission member, reminded the Board she was also appointed last Fall and has enjoyed serving. It has been more work than expected but worth it. She was present to support Ms. Daniele's reappointment to the Planning Commission stating she is a "good thinker" which is the right place (on the Planning Commission) for this type of individual.

*A motion was made by Fish, seconded by Gagne, to appoint Jeanne Daniele to the Planning Commission for a term of 4 years to expire May 31, 2013. The motion failed with Wolfe, Blow, and Newton voting no.*

Blow stated he had attended numerous Planning Commission meetings to observe the proceedings. He agreed Ms. Daniele attending meetings and there was good debate. However, out of respect for the Planning Commission's goals he did not feel she "stayed focused to task." He noted the Selectboard gave the Planning Commission a clear charge of issues to work on.

Ms. Duke stated the Selectboard's list was inadequate, but noted one of the items on the list has been completed. She has collected information on what exactly the Planning Commission is supposed to do.

Rogers stated the purpose of using a Development Review Board is to consolidate the permit review process for applicants and to free up the Planning Commission to work on ordinance revisions and policy review.

*On a motion by Newton, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted to appoint Ken Yearman to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term to expire May 31, 2013. Fish and Gagne voted no.*

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Jeanne Daniele as the Barre Town representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.*

#### DISCUSS BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE REPORT - COMMENTS NEEDED

Background: The Selectboard is asked to submit written comments on the proposed Bridge Street bridge replacement project by July 3, 2009. At the last Selectboard meeting several questions were raised. Will there be adequate access to the right-of-way? Will the bridge be maintained in the winter during the construction phases of the project? What will the sidewalk on the bridge cost? What is the distance between the bridge and Route 14?

The Manager's notes to the Selectboard state the road right-of-way is 3 rods; the cost of the sidewalk needs further investigation; and the distance between the Bridge Street bridge and Route 14 is 585 feet.

During discussion Rogers informed the Board the sidewalk from the bridge to Route 14 is close to the East Barre sidewalk project. Using the AOT Cost Estimate Guide, without curbing the cost would be \$111 per foot. This does not include other work like

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drainage, etc. His estimate on cost is around \$200,000 - \$250,000. Consensus is this sidewalk project is a good candidate for an AOT enhancement grant.

Further discussion focused on the temporary footbridge (estimated \$100,000 cost, with a 90/10 split), construction season, detours during construction, and the Route 14/Bridge Street intersection reconstruction. The Manager will check with AOT on the Route 14/Bridge Street reconstruction timeline.

*On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the Town Manager to send a comment letter to the AOT regarding the BARRE BRF 6100(7), TH7, Bridge 11 over the Steven's Branch Alignment/Structure Study noting the Barre Town Selectboard prefers the Alternative D design.*

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Newton, the Selectboard voted unanimously to include in the comment letter to the AOT regarding BARRE BRF 6100(7), TH7, Bridge 11 over the Steven's Branch Alignment/Structure Study that the Barre Town Selectboard would like an off-site detour and strongly encourages the AOT to finish the bridge project in one construction season.*

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Fish, the Selectboard voted unanimously to include in the comment letter to the AOT regarding BARRE BRF 6100(7), TH7, Bridge 11 over the Steven's Branch Alignment/Structure Study that the Barre Town Selectboard would like a temporary footbridge to be constructed, preferably in the Fall prior to the spring construction season of the bridge replacement.*

**WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT**

*A motion was made by Gagne, seconded by Wolfe, to approve the accounts payable warrant.*

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Town Management Intern, Kelly Houston, informed the Board she had been notified the 5K race held at the Barre Town Recreation Field this past week was a very successful event.

**'ROUND THE TABLE**

Wolfe noted the hedges at the corner of School Road/Beckley Hill Road need to be trimmed as they impair the site distance.

Gagne noted there are still tires and some fencing sitting by the Graniteville Post Office which were placed there on Green-Up Day and have not been picked up.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*On a motion by Wolfe, seconded by Gagne, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss legal, personnel and labor contract negotiations.*

*On a motion by Gagne, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 9:42 p.m.*

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ADJOURN

*On a motion by Fish, seconded by Wolfe, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.*

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*Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer*

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*Selectboard Chair*

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*Barre Town Selectboard*