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## *New Assistant Town Manager Hired*



**ALL TOWN OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON:**  
*May 30th—Memorial Day  
July 4th - Independence Day*

### **DATES & EVENTS**

- May 1 – Cemeteries Open*
- May 7 – Green Up Day*
- May 7 - Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection*
- May 10 - Election Day*
- May 14 – Spring Bulk Trash*
- May 16 – Property Taxes Due*
- July 19 – Barre Homecoming*
- Aug.15 – Property & Sewer Due*

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***(See two inserts for more info.)***

Elaine Wang has been hired to fill the vacant Assistant Town Manager position. She and her husband have been residents of Barre Town since 2009.

Since graduating from the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Vermont, she has worked at an environmental outreach nonprofit based in Burlington, VT, Chittenden Solid Waste District, Transportation Research Center at UVM, and most recently at the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC), an international development nonprofit headquartered in Montpelier. During her seven and a half years at ISC she supported the management of ISC's projects in the U.S. and Asia benefitting the human and natural environment, health and safety of factory workers, and project management skills of nonprofits. She also researched and wrote about U.S. municipal best practice and traveled frequently for ISC around the U.S. and Asia, most often China.

After working for years to support wonderful but distant communities, Elaine became interested in a career change to local government management and the opportunity to improve the community where she lives and can interact daily with those whom she serves. She has been working part-time for the Town as Special Projects Assistant to the Town Manager since August 2015, managing the Revitalize Trow Hill Playground project and the Bridge Street Sidewalk Transportation Enhancement Project, among other tasks. Her first day as the Assistant Town Manager was April 4, 2016.

Elaine has been an Alternate Commissioner on the District 5 Environmental Commission since 2012 and a member of the Barre City Energy Committee since 2012 and will continue in these capacities.

## ***Budgets & Voting***

Come May 10, or sooner if the early voting option is exercised, town residents will elect town officials, decide if proposed General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets are approved and decide if sixteen not-for-profit agencies will receive a donation.

The article on page 3 provides details of voting options and about voting on May 10. It is not necessary to go to the polls on May 10 or even go to the Town Clerk's Office to vote. Voting at home is possible; call the TCO and ask about an early voting ballot.

The ballot lists articles about approving the GF and HF budgets, the two budgets supported by property tax revenue. For the proposed fiscal year (FY) 2016-2017 GF budget property taxes account for 84.7% of all revenues. In the HF property taxes supply more of the revenue - 92.5%.

Per the Town Charter, the Budget Committee determined the amounts of the GF and HF budgets placed on the ballot. The Committee also determined the amount of the other seven budgets supported by other revenue sources. Those budgets (in order from largest to smallest) are: Ambulance, Equipment, Sewer, Water, Cemetery, Building, Sewer Capital Improvement Fund.

Citizen's serving on the Budget Committee with the selectmen were: Joanne Cyr, Bob Nelson, Val Vallerand, Paul White and Bill Wolfe. Their service is deeply appreciated.

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## Police News



The new Barre Town website is up and running. We encourage everyone to check it out as soon as you get a moment. One new feature is the Crime Tip Form. This form is a great place to report activity that you feel may be criminal but not in need of immediate police response. This information will be sent securely and directly to the Chief of Police, however, you will not receive a response immediately. If you have a crime that needs to be reported immediately please call dispatch at (802) 479-0508.

Warmer weather is here and more people will be out and about. Children will be out playing or headed to local playgrounds. There is also an upswing in the amount of walkers on the roads. Please slow down when you see people, especially children, near the roadway. Children may dart out into traffic suddenly without looking.

The Barre Town Police radar trailer is already being put out in different parts of the community. If you would like to put the radar trailer to use in your neighborhood please contact the Barre Town Police Department at (802) 479-0509.

This year the Barre Town Police Department was awarded a Governor's Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant. This grant helps pay for more police patrols to combat aggressive and distracted driving including speeding, cell phone use, texting, and educating people on use of seat belts and current Vermont Statutes.

The Rock of Ages Company has brought to our attention that there has been an increase of vandalism and trespassing on their property. The police and Rock of Ages are working together to deal with these issues. We would like to remind you that Rock of Ages does not want people on their property. Also, please remember that swimming in abandoned quarry holes is prohibited. It is incredibly dangerous as many times there is no means of egress and objects can be hidden just underneath the surface of the water.

National Police Week is May 15 – May 21, 2016. Barre Town Police along with police departments throughout the nation observe this through many different events. The Barre Town Police Department participates in local events.

*By Nicole Poulin, Clerk*

## What Do I Need A Permit For?

**Driveway:** Driveway Permits are issued by the Town Engineer's Office for both new and existing driveway work. The permit protects the Town's interest in the road relative to drainage along the road, drainage in the driveway and grading a the driveway apron. Permits are required for almost any work done on an existing driveway in the vicinity of the Town road end of the property. If you are planning to do driveway improvements such as re-graveling, regrading, culvert work, repaving or resurfacing, please contact the Town Offices at 479-2595 for a Driveway Permit. You do not need a permit if you are applying sealcoating. The cost of this permit varies.

**Fireworks:** Application required at least 15 days prior to event. The cost of this permit is \$15. Contact the town clerk's office.

**Outdoor Burning:** A permit is required from the Fire Warden (802-498-8694, leave message) for legal burns of clean, natural wood and vegetation only. There is no cost for this permit.

**Home Improvement(s) or New Construction:** Exterior renovations or construction more than 64 square feet will need a permit. Contact the Zoning Office (802-479-2595) for more information. The cost of this permit varies.

*By Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer; Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer; Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Director.*

## Survey Report

On Election Day you may have been among the 338 residents who took our survey (thank you!) on accessing information about Barre Town. In order of popularity, here are the results among those who took our survey:

1. Barre Town Newsletter = 80%
2. Town website = 68%
3. Insert in tax bill = 40.8%
4. Called town offices = 40.5%
5. Barre Town ads in newspaper = 31%
6. Announcements posted in stores = 27%
7. Posts on Front Porch Forum = 23%
8. Slectboard meetings on tv = 16%
9. Department Facebook pages = 15%
10. Selectboard meetings online = 5%

The results of this survey helped us better understand what ways work best for residents to get information and how to prioritize improvements:

1. Newsletter: Look for survey in the summer newsletter asking for your ideas to improve the newsletter.
2. Website: Send suggestions for improving the town website, or submit your pictures for the town website to [offices@barretown.org](mailto:offices@barretown.org).

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

## National EMS Week

May 15—21 is the 42nd National EMS Week. In 1974 President Gerald Ford authorized EMS Week to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. It is also the 50th anniversary of the birth of EMS. A 1966 report, *Accidental Death and Disability: The Neglected Disease of Modern Society*, identified accidental injuries as the "leading cause of death in the first half of life's span." It led to a standardized training curriculum and other measures that are widely credited with

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### **Continued—National EMS Week**

launching the EMS system that we know today.

Locally, national EMS week will be highlighted by an event on the State House Lawn on Tuesday, May 17 (May 20 is the rain date.) from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. The VT Office of EMS will sponsor an event offering hands-only CPR training, car seat checks, blood pressure checks, display of old ambulance and equipment, rescue demonstrations and EMS coloring contest.

*By Chris LaMonda, EMS Director*

### **National DPW Week**

May 15 - 21 has been declared National Public Works Week. Barre Town has 68 miles of paved roads, 28 miles of gravel roads, water and sewer systems plus the maintenance shop which is all maintained by the DPW. Public Works also maintains the equipment for the police, recreation, cemetery, fire and ambulance departments. DPW maintains the school buses under contract with the school. There are 14 DPW employees that work hard to keep up with everything that goes on in Barre Town. Thank you to our town DPW employees who work so hard!

*By Richard Tetreault, DPW Superintendent*

### **Declaring Your Homestead**



Each person who owns property and lives on that property MUST declare homestead each year by April 15. If they do not, they will receive a penalty. Even if you do not believe you owe property taxes, you must declare homestead in order to qualify for Property Tax Adjustment. Filing a Homestead Declaration is easy and can be filed online. To insure you are taxed at a residential rate please file as soon as possible. If you wish to file for a property tax adjustment claim (tax credit) and are not prepared to do so when filing your homestead you can do so at a later date.

The State of Vermont opens their website in mid January. You may file online at [www.tax.vermont.gov](http://www.tax.vermont.gov).

If you are not able to file online please feel free to call 479-2595 and we will provide you with a form to file.

*By Joseph Levesque, Assessor*



contact Michelle McAllister at 476-6617, ext. 6306.

If you have a child born on or before August 31, 2011, who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, and you did not attend the Kindergarten screening in April, please

✂ *Clip N' Save* ✂

#### BARRE TOWN ELECTION CALENDAR For period ending August 30, 2016

<b>2016 Election</b>	<b>Event Date</b>	<b>Pet. Deadline Date – 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Voter Regist. Date – 5:00 pm</b>
Open Town Mtg.	5/04/16	N/A	5/04/16
Annual Town Mtg.	5/10/16	3/30/16	5/10/16
Statewide Primary	8/09/16		8/03/16

**Major & Minor party petitions due: May 26, 2016**

**Deadline to register to vote** is the Wednesday prior to the election date.

**Election Information** is available at the Barre Town Municipal Building, various local markets, and on the Town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)).

**Statewide Primary Elections** are held every even number year.

**Hours:** Australian ballot voting will take place at the Barre Town Elementary School gymnasium. The polls will be open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. for all elections. Handicap services are available. If you require assistance from the school parking lot area to the gymnasium contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391 prior to each election.

**Early Voting Ballots:** There are NO standing orders – you must make your ballot request for each election. To make a request call 802-479-9391, stop by the office, or email [dkelty@barretown.org](mailto:dkelty@barretown.org).

**Checklist Applications** – Checklist (voter registration) applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Telephone 802-479-9391 or email: [dkelty@barretown.org](mailto:dkelty@barretown.org).

**LOOK FOR THE NEXT ISSUE ..... of the town newsletter in August, 2016.**

### **Save the Date**

ARCC OPEN HOUSE  
MAY 21, 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Car-Seat Recycling\*  
Compost truck demos  
Kid activities  
Reuse crafting demos  
Raffle and Door prizes  
Tour the ARCC

Food Trucks & Refreshments....and more!  
\*for residents of CVSWMD towns only

Recyclables Collection Center, 540 North Main Street, Barre  
**Central VT Solid Waste Management District**

## Continued - Budgets & Voting



The GF and HF total \$6,250,156, which is \$187,975 more than the current budgets. The increase is 3.1%. Both budgets are balanced, meaning revenues equal expenses. According to the town assessor the Grand List (property tax base) will grow .81% or \$500 per penny of tax rate, consequently the two budgets

together will require a 3¢ tax rate increase. The annual municipal tax bill for a property assessed at \$175,000 would increase \$52.50.

For FY 16-17 the GF budget would be \$3,502,356, which is 4.5% or \$152,395 greater than the current year budget. The GF tax rate would increase 2.76¢. The GF budget includes the emergency services (police, fire, emergency management and town's payment to its Ambulance Fund). This section is the largest of the three GF sections. Other notable GF departments are recreation, library, solid waste, and all the offices (or departments) in the municipal building. For instance, the expenses for this newsletter are provided for in the GF.

No additions to or deletions from current GF services are planned. One might say the investments in the recreation properties, especially the softball field, will offer better service. Likewise the police budget includes \$2,970 for a contribution to a regional sex investigation unit that one could say improves the police services.

One minor personnel/staff change is proposed. At the recreation board's request a new part-time (25 hrs./week) seasonal (17 weeks) maintenance worker is included in the proposed budget. The board asked for this new position because the other recreation workers leave work at 3:30; no employee is in the main park after 3:30. Softball, baseball and soccer teams, however, start play between 5:00 and 6:00. The new position will cover that gap.

Significant projects are in the recreation division budget. The budget provides \$19,000 to fix and pave the school parking lot driveway from Websterville Road to the recreation area gate. That should be an one-time expense. \$10,000 is budgeted to replace the buried electric cables to the softball field lights. Thirty-plus years ago cable to the light poles was placed in a ditch without conduit. The proposed project is for conduit and wire from the control panel to each pole. In FY 17-18 the light fixtures may be replaced.

Another significant project expense is a \$12,940 increase in the Cemetery Fund subsidy. \$5,895 of that amount is for sandblasting and painting the historic wrought iron fence on two sides of the Maplewood Cemetery. This \$5,895 would be repeated in FY 17-18 and work done during 2017. The other \$7,045 will be used to reconstruct the main gravel road in the Maplewood Cemetery. That expense should not need to be repeated.

One more notable project is repairing the softball field backstop, for which \$6,000 was allocated.

The single largest change in a GF expense is an increase of

\$50,000 in the GF's payment to the Ambulance Fund, Barre Town's per capita fee. The second largest change is the aforementioned recreation paving. Third on the list is a decrease of \$16,275 in animal control officer wages because after July 1 Barre Town will not hire-out its ACO to the three other towns. (This produces an equal reduction in reimbursement revenue.) A \$15,280 increase in police straight time wages places fourth on the list of top changes. The Cemetery Fund tax appropriation is fifth, and sixth is a decrease in health insurance premiums (\$10,595).

For FY 16-17 the HF budget would total \$2,747,800, if voters approve. That amount is \$35,580 or 1.31% greater than the current budget. A .24¢ tax rate bump would be needed for that budget.

No staffing changes are planned for the HF budget. One very minor service change is three additional days of street sweeping in late summer (\$1,200). The list of paved road projects (a \$741,095 expense) are shown on page 5.

Other sizeable project expenses are: 1) the town's share of the Pelouquin Road culvert replacement (\$45,160); 2) one-half (first year of two) of the town's share of the Bridge Street sidewalk construction (\$12,980); and 3) \$4,315 for drainage work in the Crescent lane and Ridgewood Terrace neighborhoods.

Significant account changes (in order from the biggest) are: 1) -\$16,165 in summer maintenance wages as more of the crew's time is budgeted in other funds and departments, for example recreation and cemetery; 2) +\$9,640 for purchase of salt based on the price paid during 15-16; 3) +\$9,250 in summer maintenance town equipment charges; 4) +\$6,650 for contracted snow plowing because contracts have expired; and 5) -\$4,000 for town's share of Bridge Street sidewalk engineering not needed again.

The ballot lists 17 other funding articles. For the second year Article 5 will ask if voters will approve \$55,000 for the Aldrich Library. (This is in addition to the \$125,000 in the GF budget.) Sixteen not-for-profit agency requests equal \$55,450.

A budget booklet will be available before the election at the following locations: municipal building, Brookside Country Store, Trow Hill Grocery, Morgan's East Barre Market, Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Lawson's Store, Graniteville General Store and Hannaford's. The booklet provides more budget details, the Warnings, and the Budget Tour Booklet.

A budget presentation will be played on local cable access, (Channel 194.) the following times:

Friday, 4/29 at 2:30, 5:30, 9:30 pm

Saturday, 4/30 at 8:30, 11:30 am and 2:30 pm

Check Channel 194's guide for additional times.

Questions about the proposed budgets can be directed to the town manager at 479-9331.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*



## Project Updates

**Bridge Street Sidewalk and Area:** This Barre Town project to construct a sidewalk along the north side of Bridge Street between Route 14 and the bridge is still in the preliminary plan phase. Recently it has served as an illustration of how even relatively small-scale efforts to improve transportation facilities can become complex. The planned municipal sidewalk borders private residential property, a planned private development, a state-controlled intersection (Rt. 14), and utilities owned by yet other entities. Three projects affect the Bridge Street sidewalk plan and timeline, but coordination between them should result in benefits to all. Underneath the planned location of sidewalk, Barre City plans to upgrade the water line to the mobile home park on Bridge Street to the east of the bridge. It is in the interests of Town taxpayers that the water line work be complete before the sidewalk is constructed. Fortunately, the City plans to complete the upgrade this spring and sidewalk construction is unlikely before spring 2017.

That brings us to the three projects converging at the intersection, all planned for construction in 2017: the sidewalk, the One Bridge Street private development, and the VTrans Rt. 14/Sterling Hill /Bridge Street intersection improvement project. Recent negotiations between the three parties will likely result in a small portion of the One Bridge Street land being deeded to the town for a left turn lane on Bridge Street; the state constructing the One Bridge Street access to Rt. 14; the state constructing the portion of sidewalk from the intersection to the eastern edge of the One Bridge Street access to Bridge Street; and One Bridge Street constructing the sidewalk portion crossing their access to Bridge Street. The sidewalk project should therefore cost less than the initial budget estimate of \$164,400, funded with federal (80%) and Town of Barre (20%) dollars. For more information contact Elaine Wang at 479-9331.

**Rt. 110/Mill Street/Old 302 Intersection:** As described in the February newsletter, the state is in planning stages for improving the intersection of Route 110, Mill Street, Old Route 302, and Bianchi Street in East Barre. VTrans and its consultant engineering firm for the project, VHB, have taken into account input from the January 5 public hearing and have revised the plans so that Bianchi remains a two-way street, instead of changing to a one-way as proposed earlier. To accommodate this, minor adjustments to the Bianchi Street approach to VT 110 are being proposed, as well as some minor vegetation clearing to maximize sight distances for vehicles exiting Bianchi Street. Complete streets components, including pedestrian and bicycle facilities, are being incorporated into the project as possible. Other changes to the intersection, and the timeline for the project, are still as described in the public hearing in the February newsletter. Construction is still planned for 2019. No costs for this project will be borne by the town. For more information contact Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer, at 479-2595.

**Route 63 Paving:** VTrans is planning to pave Rt. 63 (between the Rt. 14 traffic signal and I-89), this summer. The work will be a basic mill, fill (shim) and pave (1.5 inch). The Miller Road/Miller Road Ext./Rt. 63 intersection will not change. The intersection with Rt. 14 will have a slight change: a left turn arrow will be painted on the pavement for traffic pointing east at the Rt. 63/Middle Road light. This left turn will remain unsignalized. This project is being paid for with federal (80%) and state (20%) money.

**Town Forest Logging** - The logger, George deNagy, finished logging the area north of Littlejohn Road. Because of the lack of snow cover and warmer than usual weather town forester Jeff Smith recommended logging on the southside of Littlejohn Road be suspended until the winter of 2016-2017. At its meeting on March 1 the Selectboard voted to extend the contract with deNagy and suspend logging until the fall of 2016. Smith recommends deNagy be allowed to start logging in mid-November, weather and ground conditions permitting. The town received a check for \$1,628 as payment for the wood harvested from the northside of Littlejohn Road

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager and Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

## Summer Paving Projects

### Bonded Wearing Course Paving - July 11 - 29

- Philbrook Street
- Pearl Street
- Dodge Avenue
- W. Cobble Hill Rd., Hill Street to Ridgewood Terr.
- Compo Street
- Crest Street



### Pavement Milling - July 18 - 29

- Hebert Drive
- Meadowcrest Lane
- High Street
- Summer Street
- Garden Street
- Mill Street— entire length
- Graniteville Road - Baptist Street to Church Hill Rd.

### Hot Mix Paving, Phase A - August 1 - 12

- Graniteville Road - Baptist St. to Church Hill Rd.
- Websterville Road - Quarry Hill to #149
- Hebert Drive
- High Street
- Summer Street

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## Continued - Summer Paving Projects

### Hot Mix Paving, Phase A - August 1 - 12

- Clyde Street
- Garden Street
- Norris Street
- Mill Street - entire length
- Teja Road
- Church Street
- McLaughlin Road - Rt. 302 to end of pavement
- Barre Town School - West Driveway entrance

### Hot Mix Paving, Phase B - August 29 - September 14

- Miller Road Ext. - Rt. 63 to Williamstown Town Line
- Allen Street - City Line to #212
- Pierce Road
- Meadowcrest Lane
- King's Row
- Morin Road
- Plainfield Brook Road - Rt. 14 to Camire Hill Road

If you have questions regarding the work to be done on the road near your property, please contact Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer at 479-2595.

## Photo Contest



The Recreation Board is planning to produce a 2017 monthly calendar featuring photographs from the town forest and recreation in the Town of Barre. The Recreation Board soon will announce how photographs can be submitted. The Board is organizing a small panel of experienced photographers to do the judging and selecting a photograph for each month. It has not been decided if prizes, in addition to credit on the calendar, will be given.

Photographs used in the calendar will match the month. A photograph shot in February could be used for January, but a photo taken in June wouldn't be appropriate for December. There will be a limit on the number of photographs submitted per person.

Residents could take pictures from now until September (probably when photos will be due) and could look through photos taken in the past year.

Details will be announced through the Recreation Facebook page, website announcements and on Front Porch Forum.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

## Tax Grievance Process



The assigning of property values is a science-designed to provide a fair, equitable process - but an imprecise one. This imprecision is addressed by allowing taxpayers to contest the appraisal of the property by the following tax grievance process.

The 2016 Grand List with updated property values will be available at the Town Office in the first week of June. Look for notices of its availability (known as "the lodging of the abstract grand list") on the town website, the newspaper, grocery stores, or post offices. If the Assessor for Barre Town has changed the appraisal of your property, you will receive a notice in the mail. Any taxpayer (not just those whose property appraisal has changed) may dispute their property appraisal through the tax grievance process, which is detailed in state law. A summary of the process is below:

1. **File a grievance with the Assessor** in writing by 14 days from the lodging of the abstract grand list, which will be the same date any notices of change in appraisal are mailed. The Assessor will schedule a time to hear the grievance. The purpose of the Assessor's grievance hearing is to discover any possible errors or omissions in determining the value of a property. The burden of proof and persuasion is on the taxpayer. Upon completing the hearings, the Assessor will notify the taxpayer in writing of his decision. *If the taxpayer does not agree with the Assessor's decision...*
2. **Appeal to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA)** in writing to the Town Clerk within 14 days from the date that the Assessor mailed the result of his/her grievance hearing, #1 above. The purpose of the BCA Tax grievance hearing is for the BCA to judge whether the property being appealed was assessed fairly when compared to other similar properties in town. The burden of proof and persuasion is on the taxpayer. All parties may introduce any relevant material and evidence (including oral presentation of fact presented under oath) during this hearing whether or not they were submitted previously to the Assessor. After the presentation of evidence and cross-examination, the BCA will appoint an inspection committee of three members to inspect the property and submit written findings to the full BCA within 30 days of the date of the BCA hearing. During the property inspection property owners shall not engage in conversation pertaining to the appeal unless questions are asked by the inspection committee. Within 15 days of the BCA receiving the inspection committee's report, the BCA will decide and list reasons for their decision. The Town Clerk certifies the decision, records it in the grand list book, and notifies

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### **Board, Commission Seats**

At the end of May the Selectboard makes board, commission and committee (BCC) appointments. If you would like to be considered for one of the BBC seats listed below cut out the quick application form and mail it to the Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or drop it off at the Municipal Building. Another way to apply is to submit a letter of interest. A sample letter of interest (LOI) is available on the website at [www.barretown.org/Pages/boards/interest.pdf](http://www.barretown.org/Pages/boards/interest.pdf). The LOI would be mailed to the same address listed above. ***Applications are due by noon on Friday, May 27, 2016.***

BCC members learn a lot about their subject through meetings. The town offers to pay League of Cities and Towns and other training fees to help members learn more about their duties. BCC members have impact on matters that make a difference to town citizens. Learn more about the BCCs by going to the website and using the Boards and Commissions button.



#### Application for Board, Commission or Committee

***Please print:***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ***I am interested in serving on:***

- |  |         |                                   |
|--|---------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission           | 1 seat  | meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board      | 2 seats | meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate members             | 2 seats |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee    | 2 seats | as needed                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission           | 3 seats | meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board              | 2 seats | meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. | 2 seats | meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday |

#### ***Continued - Tax Grievance Process***

the property owner in writing of the decision by certified mail. If the taxpayer does not agree with the BCA's decision.....

3. **Appeal to either the state appraiser or superior court** within 30 days of the town clerk's mailing the notice of the decision. More information about this step will be provided by the town clerk when mailing notice of the BCA decision. *If the taxpayer does not agree with the state appraiser or superior court decision...*
4. **Appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court.** These appeals are governed by the Vermont Rules of Appellate Procedure.

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

**Development Review Board** – *By Heidi Bennett, Planning & Zoning (M. Nicholson, M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, S. Driscoll, G. Richards, J. Valsangiacomo, J. Fecteau, J. Hameline)*

**February 2016:** Continued C&B Thygesen and P&K Grange for boundary line adjustment off Meadow Wood Drive; continued C&B Thygesen and B Sanborn/P Hislop for boundary line adjustment off Meadow Wood Drive; continued One Bridge Street for major site plan approval off Bridge Street

**March 2016:** Continued C&B Thygesen and P&K Grange for boundary line adjustment off Meadow Wood Drive; continued C&B Thygesen and B Sanborn/P Hislop for boundary line adjustment off Meadow Wood Drive; continued G Booth & M Systo for boundary line adjustment off Bridge Street; continued One Bridge Street for major site plan approval off Bridge Street

**Planning Commission** – *By Heidi Bennett, Planning & Zoning (C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, C. Violette, D. Bordo, C. Duke, J. Hameline, G. Clain)*

**February/March 2016:** Continued work on amendments to the Town Plan

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee** - *By Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer*

**February 2016:** Held public hearing on Osborne Rd. speed limit; reviewed Osborne Rd. speed limit change and recommended to selectboard to reduce speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph; Rt. 14 S. Barre Rd., VTrans confirmed posting 40 mph speed limit for north bound traffic as well as advisory signs; discussed having DPW upgrade street name signs for Leo, Morin and Kings Row; discussed, recommended DPW to trim spruce tree at corner of Kings Row to improve sight distance; recommended 4 school symbol signs for school zone at Montessori School; reviewed summer 2016 VTrans Rt. 63 paving project; reviewed Websterville-Quarry Hill Rd. intersection signage; reviewed status of speed limit for Graniteville Rd. intersection between Middle Rd. and picnic area; discussed speed limit between Allen St. and house #179 on Morrison Rd.

**March 2016:** Recommended center line and side line striping on West Rd. and Cutler Corner Rd.; requested traffic loops from CVRPC to monitor speed and traffic counts on Morrison Rd.; discussed Graniteville Rd. project with VTrans and Paving Grant; discussed CV Regional TAC items including High Risk Rural Road candidates and local bridge candidates; discussed moving TSAC meetings to the fourth Wednesday night of the month.