BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD AGENDA
June 16, 2015

P.I.L.O.T. Stormwater 101 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consider approving agenda.
4. Consider approving minutes from meeting of June 9, 2015.
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests (for non-agenda items).
7. Consider adopting Resolution No. 7-15 in appreciation of Steven Jeffrey's service through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns.
8. Consider adopting Resolution No. 8-15 in appreciation of Karen Lane's service at the Aldrich Library.
9. Discuss with Viateur Fecteau about possible acceptance of new town road.
10. Consider Town service charges for RockFire.
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants.
12. Miscellaneous, including fireworks permits for:
    a: Yacavoni, Beckley Hill Road
    b: LePage, Farwell Street
    c: Canadian Club, East Montpelier Road
    d: Lawson, Church Hill Road
13. "Round the table"
14. Executive session: (if needed).
15. Adjourn.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MINUTES
June 16, 2015

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Selectboard of June 16, 2015 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were in attendance: Rolland Tessier, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Tom White, and Jeff Blow. Rob LaClair was absent.

Attendance for the regular meeting included: Town Manager Carl R. Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Jim Fecteau, Vic Fecteau, Marianne Kotch, Nancy Pope, Rob Spring, Janet Poeton, Mary Ann Huang, Lee Bonamico, John Thomas Poeton, Judy Cookson, Sarah Costa, Ian Gauthier, Jeanne McCool, and Karen Lane.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was recited by those present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to amend item #12, Miscellaneous and add a fireworks permit for Thunder Road Race Track. LaClair was not present for the vote.

MINUTES

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the Selectboard Meeting minutes of June 9, 2015. LaClair was not present for the vote.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Barre Town Fire Department will hold a Father's Day Chicken BBQ at the East Barre Fire Station, located at the intersections of Route 110 and Mill Street in East Barre, is Sunday, June 21, 2015 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. The menu includes: BBQ Chicken, pasta salad, rolls, milk and ice cream. A half-chicken meal is $12 and a quarter chicken is $8.00 Take out is available and proceeds will benefit the Barre Town Fire Department.

- Barre Town is looking for another volunteer to help operate the lawn waste site near the top of Holden Road. We are able to offer this service free of charge to residents thanks to volunteers. Sadly, one of our volunteers passed away last fall. We would like to keep the lawn waste site available three (3) days a week. If you can volunteer 3-4 hours one day a week, please call the Manager's Office at 479-9331 or send an email to crogers@barretown.org.

- On June 16th, the Assessor's Office will mail the Notice of Change in Appraisals to owners whose property assessed value changed as of April 1, 2015. A notice will be published in the local newspaper at the same time. All property owners, regardless of a change in appraisal, now have an opportunity to grieve (meaning appeal) their property assessment. You can read the Barre Town newsletter for more information.

- There is a vacancy on the five-member Cemetery Commission. If you are a town resident who is interested in serving on the Commission, please send a letter or email of interest to the Town Manager's Office (crogers@barretown.org). The Cemetery Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Usually meetings December through March are canceled. For more information visit the Town website (Boards and Commissions page). Letters/emails of interest will be given to the Selectboard for action and appointment on June 30, 2015. To speak with someone about the Cemetery Commission call Carl Rogers at 479-9331.

GUESTS - None

RESOLUTION No. 7-15 Honoring Steven Jeffrey (VLCT)

Background: Steven Jeffrey became the Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT) Executive Director in the early 1980's. The Town cannot think of the VLCT and not think of Steve. During his tenure the VLCT developed a first-class Member Services division (PACIF, unemployment comp insurance, health insurance) and the Municipal Assistance Center which provides training, consulting, and resource materials. Mr. Jeffrey is retiring after 36 years and the Town is thanking him for his service.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adopt Resolution No. 7-15, "A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont In Appreciation of Steven Jeffrey's Service to the Town of Barre." LaClair was not present for the vote. The Resolution was read by Mitchell.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-15 Honoring Karen Lane (Aldrich Public Library)

Background: Karen Lane, after 25 years at the helm of the Aldrich Public Library is retiring. What an excellent job she has done, given the limited resources, in providing the varied services for Library users. All libraries have gone through a transition given the introduction of computer technology; there has been everything from old desktops to the use of mobile devices (phones, tablets, etc.). Ms. Lane was an integral part of this evolution – thank you!'

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On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to adopt "Resolution No. 8-15, A Resolution of the Town of Barre, Vermont In Appreciation of Karen Lane's service to the Town of Barre." LaClair was not present for the vote. The Resolution was read by Tessier.

POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF NEW TOWN ROAD

Background: In 2000 the Fecteau property, off of Beckley Hill Road, was subdivided into 3 lots. One house was built in August 2001. The Fecteau's chose to use a shared driveway instead of building and turning over a new road to the Town. In 2003 and 2005 the "roadway" was extended for two more houses. This "roadway" is now about 650' long with a hammerhead turnaround. The Zoning Administrator thought he heard the "roadway" was built to town road standards. The Engineer would need to confirm this which may require core samples to verify the base and sub-base material and depth.

Mr. Fecteau's letter to the Town states he knows the "roadway" needs improving, but before going through the expense of constructing to these standards would like to know if the Selectboard would accept this roadway as a town road.

Jim and Vic Fecteau were present. Discussion points were:

- There is the possibility of future development which would mean the road would be extended. However, there are no formal plans at this time.
- As the road is upgraded make sure the Town Engineer makes the necessary inspections during the various stages. This will eliminate the need for future "road bed testing."
- With regards to the sewer line, Board consensus is it should be turned over to the Town sooner as opposed to later.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to agree the Town would take over the proposed road once it is brought up to town standards as outlined in the Town Engineer's memo (see attachment) dated June 16, 2015, referencing Fecteau driveway off Beckley Hill Road and to address the issue of turning the sewer line over to the Town. LaClair was not present for the vote.

TOWN SERVICE CHARGES FOR ROCKFIRE EVENT

Background: The Selectboard unauthorized the permit for RockFire but asked to check the policy for how RockFire will be billed. The organization tied to this year's event is the Vermont Granite Museum of Barre (VGM), which is a not-for-profit organization. In Chart A of the policy the Town would use the Not-for-profit line. Last year's expenses came to $681 putting Rockfire in the 50% of expenses to be paid category. The Fire Chief confirmed the Fire Department is planning to use the same staffing and hours. The hourly rate has not changed. Not more than two Police Officers should be needed. Last year 1 full-timer on overtime and 1 part-timer worked. Should the Town assume this year both officers are full-timers on overtime our bill would increase $100. The bill still would be in the $250 - $999 range.

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to charge the Vermont Granite Museum of Barre for town services per the "Charges for Services Policy." LaClair was not present for the vote.

Blow stated that while he voted in the affirmative for this motion he is very uneasy that the project will benefit a neighboring community and that perhaps the policy may need to be revised.

White also supported the motion because the proceeds are to benefit Barre Town in that they are to be used for the purchase of the Grand Lookout. However, he has

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concerns because there is nothing in writing that specifies the VGM is holding the money for this purpose.

TAX COLLECTOR'S DEED FOR TWO PROPERTIES

Background: In May 2014 the Town held a tax sale and there were no bidders for two (2) properties, except for the Town's bid in the amount of taxes due. The Selectboard has already dealt with the Thomas mobile home. The second property is a 1.2 acre lot on Washington Road (Route 302) near the Town/City line. The owner did not redeem the taxes ($2,687.23). The next step would be the recording of a Tax Collector's Deed, after which, the Town would be the legal owner. At this step in the process the Town could offer the lot for sale – perhaps to the abutting property owner(s).

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to authorize the recording of a Tax Collector's Deed for Tax Map 033 Lot 064-02, land formerly owned by Misty Lynn Besette and Timothy Pillsbury. LaClair was not present for the vote.

WEEKLY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANT

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrant for June 12, 2015. Tessier recused himself from the vote as his employer had a payable in the warrant. LaClair was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by Tessier, seconded by White, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve fireworks permits for the following:

1. Thunder road International Speedbowl, July 2, 2015, rain date July 5, 2015;
2. Brad Lawson, 40 Churchill Road, July 4, 2015;
3. Robert LePage, 180 Farwell Street, July 11, 2015;
4. William Yacavoni, 390 Beckley Hill Road, July 11, 2015;
5. Canadian Club, 414 East Montpelier Road, August 7, 2015.

Asst. Manager Dorsett informed the Selectboard he has completed the ICS 100 certification he was required to take. A course is being arranged for Town employees, in particular the DPW.

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Mitchell stated it was good to see the regular CVTV crew in house again. He noted several other items.

- ✓ The thank you letter from Paul Cipher regarding his pleasant experience using the Town Forest;
- ✓ He will be on vacation June 29th through July 10th. He will attempt to make the meeting on 6/30 when the tax rate will be set.
- ✓ The new waste regulations and how the Town was complying – Rogers stated new receptacles were being placed in areas such as the DPW garage. The recreation fields will be next.
- ✓ For those not familiar with Websterville there has been difficulty in locating the 44 Brook St. Town Forest parking area. Mitchell asked for better signage.

Tessier wished his wife a happy 31st wedding anniversary.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by White, seconded by Tessier, the Selectboard voted to adjourn at 8.07 p.m. LaClair was not present for the vote.

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Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer	*Selectboard Chair*
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Barre Town Selectboard

Attachment – Town Engineer Memo

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TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING
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P.O. Box 116
Websterville, VT 05678-0116
Tel. Barre 479-2595

To: Carl Rogers, Town Manager

From: Harry H. Hinrichsen, Town Engineer

Re: Fecteau Driveway off Beckley Hill Road -Harry

Date: June 16, 2015

I have reviewed my past involvement with the project at the Fecteau Property on Beckley Hill Road. The work dates back to about 2001 when the first round of development occurred. The first thing to take place was the construction of the 8" sewer line which was first built to serve the house that Jimmy Fecteau was planning to build. I was present for the construction and testing of the sewer line.

The road was put in as a private road to serve a s a driveway to two or three homes initially. The road subgrade although not as wide as required for a town road was constructed of suitable base and surface gravel material and to the proper depth as a town road.

It has always been my understanding that the sewer was going to be turned over to the Town of Barre. It should be a prerequisite for the sewer to be turned over regardless of how long it will take for the road to come up to grade for Town Road Standards. The sewer currently serves four homes and it is anticipated to serve at least two more back in the north filed near Nichols Road in the future. The sewer will need to be deeded and to have the normal take-over fee and inspection done prior to acceptance.

The road needs to be a paved road of 22' width with 3' shoulders and full depth of 12" of base gravel and 6" of surface gravel followed by 3" of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA). The current driveway is only paved 14-15' wide with some gravel shoulders making it about 17' wide. The total road width would need to go to 28' with the shoulders. The majority of the extra work would come in the form of pavement removal, road bed construction and repaving. It is my understanding that the Fecteau family understands the requirements. They are willing to complete the work to Town Standards, but they aren't sure just how soon this would occur. If they go to the extent of doing the work to the Standard of acceptance, they would like an assurance that the Town will take the road over. The deed should be a Warranty Deed giving the Town ownership of the Right-of-Way. The hammer-head turn out to the right could come to the Town in the form of either a deed or easement from Dan Fecteau.

I don't have any problem with the concept of taking the Fecteau road over providing the Town Standards prevail. Regardless of whether the developers are going to do the work over an extended period of time or not, each phase or aspect of the road work should be done with the review and approval signed off by the Town Engineer's Office.