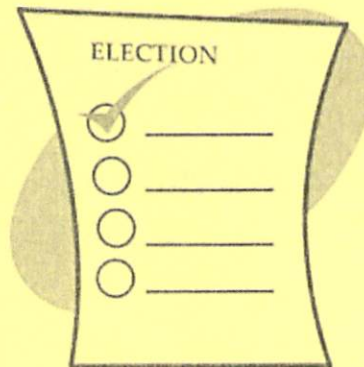


TOWN OF BARRE

Proposed Annual Budget



July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Election Date: May 12, 2015

PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET

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April 21, 2015

Dear Barre Town Resident:

The Annual Election and Voting by Australian Ballot is May 12, 2015. The ballot includes election of six town officials and twenty-one articles about financial matters. This booklet provides information about the financial questions, especially the General and Highway Fund budgets. The Table of Contents on the inside cover lists the resources, including the Warnings, provided in this booklet.

Thank you for picking up and reading this budget booklet. We hope that by reading this booklet your vote will be an informed vote. If you have any questions after you read the booklet, feel free to call any of us or the town manager. Another opportunity is attending the Annual Town Meeting on May 6, 2015. Immediately after the very brief Annual Meeting the budgets will be presented, followed by a question – answer session.

Voting

Voter registration for voting at the Annual Town Meeting and at the Annual Election closes at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Contact the town clerk's office (479-9391) for information about registering to vote or about obtaining an early voting ballot. If you can't get to the polls on May 12 try the early voting option.

<i>Annual (Open) Meeting</i>	-	<i>Wednesday, May 6, 7:30 p.m.</i> <i>Town Municipal Building</i>
<i>Annual Election</i>	-	<i>Tuesday, May 12, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.</i> <i>Barre Town Elementary School</i>

Budget Process

The budgets described herein were set after department heads and other staff submitted their budget requests to the town manager, who compiled his recommended budgets. While staff were building budget requests, the town clerk and we were assembling the five citizens who would serve on the Budget Committee. Town clerk-treasurer Donna Kely appointed J.P. Isabelle. We appointed Scott Hutchins and Paul Malone. Those three appointees selected Christopher Day and Jamie Fewer to fill out the Committee.

Committee members studied the manager's budgets – 9 different funds – for two months. Department heads and representatives of organizations met with us answering our questions and giving input. Staff researched and answered questions for us. Following the Town Charter, the Budget Committee voted to set the amounts of all budgets, except the General and Highway budgets. The Committee voted to present these General and Highway Fund budgets for voter approval. At the end of the process the Committee made revisions to four of the manager's budgets.

Barre Town has a thorough budget process. Five year plans and other budget information are updated. All fund budgets are prepared, reviewed and approved at one time. Town staff does its part. Your elected representatives and five

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volunteer citizens review and take action on the recommended budgets. Now it is the voters turn. We hope that you and many of your family, friends and neighbors will learn about these budgets and go to the polls May 12, 2015.

OVERVIEW
General Fund and Highway Fund Budgets

Fiscal year (FY) 2016 proposed budgets for the General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) total \$6,062,181, which is \$136,465 or 2.30% more than the current budgets. Both budgets are balanced. Non-tax revenue is going down \$8,680. The town assessor advises the Grand List is expected to grow about .82%. We can anticipate an increase of \$500 in tax revenue per penny of tax rate. One staffing change is included in the General Fund budget.

Table 1 shown below offers a 5 year history of the GF and HF budgets. Compared to the 2011-2012 budgets, spending has increased \$352,930 or 6.18%, which is an average annual increase of 1.54%.

Table 1. Five Year Trend

Fund	Yearly Amount and Percent of Total				
	'11-'12	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16
GF	\$3,005,136 (52.6%)	\$3,070,951 (54.1%)	\$3,244,851 (55.9%)	\$3,316,816 (56%)	\$3,349,961 (55.26%)
HF	\$2,704,115 (47.4%)	\$2,606,340 (45.9%)	\$2,535,530 (44.1%)	\$2,608,900 (44%)	\$2,712,220 (44.74%)
Total	\$5,709,251	\$5,677,291	\$5,760,381	\$5,925,716	\$6,062,181

The tax rate to support these two proposed, balanced budgets would go up 2.68¢. The percent increase in the tax rate is not consistent with the budget increase because the current budgets are not balanced. Last June when we set the tax rate we used \$60,900 of non tax money to minimize the tax rate increase. The proposed budgets on their own would require a 1.68¢ tax rate increase. Table 2 shows a 5 year history of municipal tax rates. The tax rate increase from '11-'12 to the proposed rate for '15-'16 is 6.14¢ or 7.14% over four years, a 1.78% average annual tax rate increase.

Table 2. Five Year Tax Rate History

Fund	Tax Rates by Year				
	'11-'12	'12-'13	'13-'14	'14-'15	'15-'16
GF	.4371	.4500	.4792	.4944	.5074
HF	.4167	.4015	.3757	.3948	.4086
Local Agreement	.0055	.0054	.0060	.0047	.0047
Total	.8593	.8569	.8609	.8939	.9207

The inflation rate (consumer price index) for April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015, as reported by the U.S. Labor Department is -.1%. The American City County web site tracks a municipal cost index (MCI) which is a composite of the consumer price index, producers' price index and construction cost index. The MCI change for April 2014 to February 2015 was .09%.

GENERAL FUND (budget summary starts on page 11)

The proposed 2015-2016 GF budget is \$3,349,961 an increase of \$33,145 or 1%. The property tax accounts for 83.4% of the revenue needed for this budget. Non-tax revenues are projected to decrease \$7,765 for '15-'16. The tax rate increase would be 1.3¢.

We typically divide the GF budget into three sections, each containing several departments. Table 3 shows the dollar and percent change for each section.

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Table 3. General Fund Budget Sections

<u>Section</u>	<u>2015-2016 Amt.</u>	<u>2014-2015 Amt.</u>	<u>\$ and % Change</u>
Admin. & Finance	\$737,925	\$735,000	+\$2,925 (.39%)
Public Safety	\$1,570,545	\$1,519,540	+\$51,005 (3.35%)
All Other	\$1,041,491	\$1,062,276	-\$20,785 (-1.95%)

Please see the General Fund Expenditures that start on page 14 for department totals. See the Tour Booklet starting on page 20 for description of departments. We'll concentrate on changes here. Table 4 lists the largest percent changes in department budgets. Explaining these changes helps relate the story of the proposed FY 2016 General Fund budget.

Table 4. General Fund Department Largest % Changes

<u>Department (Dept. #)</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
Auditing (.412)	+ 73.8%	+ \$25,165
Elections/B.C.A. (.414)	- 32.2%	- \$ 4,870
Animal Control (.452)	- 26.8%	- \$11,900
Recreation (.462)	+ 7.7%	+ \$ 8,985
Employee Benefits (.486)	- 6.9%	- \$32,385
Town Manager's Office (.413)	- 5.9%	- \$10,930
Town Clerk's Office (.415)	- 5.8%	- \$11,535
Police (.421)	+ 5.4%	+ \$43,185

The Auditing department is drastically changed because of the elimination of the bookkeeper position which happened last spring after the budgets were approved. The General Fund's share of the contracted bookkeeping and accounting service is placed in the Auditing department. The General Fund's share of the bookkeeper's salary was divided between the Town Manager's Office and Town Clerk's Office departments. Elimination of that salary is why the total of those departments is decreasing. Dropping benefits for the position is one reason the Employee Benefits department shows a decrease.

2015 is an off year (no state or federal fall elections) for elections, therefore the Elections/B.C.A department is reduced. When the FY 2014-2015 budget was planned Williamstown used our animal control officer. Williamstown has since hired their own A.C.O reducing the expenses for wages and mileage shown in our Animal Control budget. There is a corresponding drop in revenues, too.

The Recreation Department budget is increasing \$8,985 because of a one-time, \$9,600 project. The town owns and rents out the building at the South Barre playground. A new on-lot septic system is needed. After considerable time and effort shooting grades and talking with adjoining landowners, it was concluded the on-lot system was the best alternative.

The leading cause for the Employee Benefits department reduction is health insurance. Several health insurance accounts combined are going down \$29,390. The reduction is possible because of employees changing level of coverage, elimination of bookkeeper position and mostly because comparable VT Health Connect insurance plans are less expensive than plans currently used. A \$6,975 reduction in workers compensation contributes to the Employee Benefits decrease. The pension contribution account (covering all full-time General Fund employees) is going up \$3,175.

Finally, the Police Department is the largest General Fund department – most full-time employees (9) and greatest budget (\$831,855). The 5.4% department budget increase is the result of several factors:

1. Wages are expected to rise \$21,265. Of the department's 8 police officers, 5 are relatively new and haven't reached the top of the wage scale meaning there are cost-of-living and step increases for which to budget.
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2. The department still is transitioning to a new computer aided dispatch system. The new budget includes expenses for both the old and new systems (\$3,870).
3. The department was awarded a \$32,000 grant for a digital fingerprint machine. The machine is faster and more reliable. Like any computer based device it requires an annual maintenance and support contract. This one costs \$3,400.
4. The department's town equipment charge (paid to the Equipment Fund) on behalf of the 5 police cars and radar speed wagon is going up \$3,360.

Other significant notes of interest

1. Recreation - \$15,000 for playground (Upper Websterville) development in the current budget is being carried forward in order that the Trow Hill playground will be upgraded. The East Barre bike path money (\$4,700) is being carried forward to continue improving that new path towards Lower Websterville. A \$6,000 paving item in the current Recreation budget is not being carried forward.
2. Fire – A sum of \$6,000 will be spent on repairs at the East Barre Fire Station and for security cameras at both stations. The Fire Department's equipment charge is going up \$3,745.

HIGHWAY FUND *(budget summary starts on page 18)*

Table 5. Highway Fund Key Figures

Proposed FY 2016 budget =	\$2,712,220
Change from FY 2015 budget	+ \$103,320 or 3.96%
Tax rate change	+ \$1.38¢
Percent revenue from taxes	92.5%
Change in non-tax revenue	- \$915
Staffing changes	None

The proposed FY 2015-2016 Highway Fund budget would allow highway services to remain about the same. The road paving effort basically is the same as past years. (The FY 2015 budget was done a little differently; more on that below.) The Public Works Department has a gravel road work plan that includes maintenance and projects. (See list in Appendix A of the Citizen Budget Tour booklet attached to this booklet.) Provisions are proposed to carry out the usual roadside mowing, road crack sealing, road line and pavement marking painting, gravel road dust control and winter maintenance.

By far the biggest change (\$85,420) in the proposed budget lies in the Summer Construction and Retreatment departments – the road paving projects accounts. Last year the budget committee decided to pave the base course on the entire Cutler Corner Road – all 8,555' of it. The decision was made with the understanding that the 1 ¼" top course would be included in the FY 2016 budget. That paving is in the budget at a cost of \$91,385. The FY 2015 budget was built with another twist. The current budget includes only the town's share for paving a road that was subject of a paving grant application. The FY 2016 budget returns to the usual practice of budgeting the full amount for all roads planned to be paved and a grant, if awarded, is extra revenue.

Other notable Highway Fund budget increases are: a) \$6,970 in town equipment charges for winter maintenance; b) \$6,340 for contracted (street and sidewalk plowing) winter maintenance; c) \$6,000 for road salt; d) \$4,400 for health insurance; e) \$3,810 for winter maintenance wages.

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Offsetting these increases are a few notable reductions: a) \$8,455 for Pelouin Road area drainage improvements; b) \$5,145 in worker's comp contribution; c) \$4,000 in town share of grant projects (Quarry St./Rt. 14 intersection reserved, budgeting for engineering of Bridge Street sidewalk); d) \$3,705 for streetlights.

ARTICLE 5, LIBRARY SUPPORT

Something new on the ballot this year is Article 5 which asks if the Town will authorize \$55,000 to the Aldrich Public Library, in addition to the \$120,000 included in the General Fund budget. The current budget provided \$115,000 of support to the library. The Aldrich Trustees requested \$235,000 from the Town. The Trustees cited the low per capita support from the Town compared to other Vermont cities and towns. They said every year the Aldrich Trustees have to take more than the recommended amount from the library's endowment. That is not a sound financial practice. The manager recommended a contribution of \$160,000 to the library. The Budget Committee, after considerable discussion, decided to increase the budget to \$120,000, but to allow voters to decide if the library will get the larger increase. The Committee recommended the \$55,000 additional support be listed in Article 5. The combination of the budget and Article 5 would provide the Aldrich Library an amount comparable to what the City of Barre has budgeted. This amount also should allow the Trustees to stop taking more than the recommended amount from the endowment.

The \$55,000 is not included in the budget and the discussion about tax rates. If approved Article 5 would require an additional .89¢ on the tax rate.

EQUIPMENT FUND

The Equipment Fund owns all the Town's major equipment – vehicles, computers, radios and non-vehicular equipment (air compressors, cement mixers, gravel screen and the like). The Fund pays for purchase, insurance, operation expenses, and repairs of all equipment it owns – 80 pieces of equipment not counting radios, computers, and office equipment. To garage, maintain and repair equipment, the Equipment Fund pays building expenses and other overhead. All departments and funds pay "rent" to the Equipment Fund for the equipment used. An hourly rate is charged for public works' trucks, loaders, backhoes, etc. A monthly fee is paid for emergency vehicles, park mowers, computer system, and other office equipment.

For FY '16 the Equipment Fund budget will be \$1,365,065, a \$5,845 or .42% decrease from the current year. The rates are increased 3%. The total amount a fund or department pays in also is affected by projects. The General Fund departments are budgeted to pay a total \$308,025 in rent. The Highway Fund will pay in \$657,505, a \$9,125 or 1.3% decrease.

There are 3 departments in the Equipment Fund. The department totals are shown below.

Table 6. Equipment Fund Department Comparison

<u>Department</u>	<u>FY '14-'15</u>	<u>FY '15-'16</u>	<u>Diff. \$/%</u>
Administration	\$165,240	\$188,705	+\$23,465 / 14.2%
Garage	\$105,525	\$129,265	+\$23,740 / 22.4%
Repairs, Maint Operation	<u>\$1,100,145</u>	<u>\$1,047,095</u>	<u>-\$53,050 / -4.8%</u>
Totals	\$1,370,910	\$1,365,065	-\$5,845/ .42%

The Administration department major changes are: +\$14,300 for the EF's share of the new contracted bookkeeping service (first year EF has paid any of these expenses); +\$12,320 for health insurance because employee went from "opt-out" to 2-person

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coverage; +\$5,150 for workers' comp and +\$1,865 for unemployment insurance because mechanics' w.c. and u.i. moved from R.M.O to Administration; and -\$11,200 for office equipment per 5 year plan.

The Garage (buildings and grounds) department is up \$23,740 due to the following: +\$17,415 for debt service after 1 year reduction resulting from a re-financing; +\$3,880 for used oil equipment and town share of a new generator (grant will pay balance); +\$3,520 expenses for installing new generator.

The R.M.O.department includes the equipment purchases budgeted at \$498,655. That amount is \$28,395 more than the current year. See Table #7 below for a list of equipment purchases. The R.M.O can be reduced because of reductions to the gasoline account (-\$23,890) and diesel account (\$88,550). The R.M.O. department pays for auto insurance, 2 mechanics' wages, parts, and supplies and private repair garage expenses.

Table 7. FY 2016 Equipment Fund Purchases

1. Vibrating roller (year 1 of 3)	\$32,655
2. Police car (SUV)	\$31,000
3. 10-wheel dump truck	\$170,000
4. Existing equipment lease payments	\$265,000

BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund was created in FY 2004. Every Town department that owns a building pays money into the Building Fund based on estimated life and cost of repairing/replacing/upgrading basic essential building components. Examples of components covered by the Building Fund are the roof, windows, overhead doors, electrical system, heating/ventilating/air condition systems.

For FY 2016 the department's contribution rates were increased 4%. The total contributions for FY '16 are \$55,910. Before FY '15 the rates were not increased for a very long time, if ever. A series of 4 annual increases are planned to get the annual total contributions to about \$60,000, and then hold contributions at that amount for a while.

The General Fund contributions are increased \$805. The contributions come from the following departments: Municipal Building (\$8,620 for the municipal building); Police Department (\$50 for a small outdoor storage structure); Fire Department (\$8,750 for 2 fire stations); and Recreation Department (\$3,505 for 5 small buildings, 7 picnic shelters and thousands of feet of fencing). The General Fund contribution total is \$20,260.

The Highway Fund payments are going up \$75 and now stand at \$1,875. The contribution to the Building Fund are made on account of the salt building and sand shed (\$1,840) and a very small operator's building at the gravel pit (\$35).

The 5-year Building Plan is updated every year. The average annual project cost is \$52,711. Projects proposed for FY 2016 are shown below.

Table 8. FY 2016 Building Fund Projects

1. Repairs to municipal building front foyer, including roof	\$ 4,000
2. One half for east and west slopes of EMS station roof*	\$ 2,500

3. 60% for DPW shop roof*	\$ 48,500
* Remainder in FY 2015 Building Fund budget	\$ 55,000

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NOT-FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES

Last year voters approved all 16 agency donation requests that were on the ballot. There are no changes to the list of agencies or amounts on this year's ballot. See the Election Warning on page 10 of this booklet for a list of the agencies and amount requested.

Every agency met its obligations and submitted a report to the Selectboard. The Selectboard confirmed every group provides services that Barre Town residents could use, provided the resident meets the agency's program eligibility guidelines. Five agencies were selected to give the Selectboard a verbal report during a Selectboard meeting.

All 16 agency requests total \$53,450, which would require .87¢ in tax rate. A property assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$17.40 in taxes for the year, if all 16 requests were approved.

Table 9. Summary of Other (non-tax supported) Budgets

<i>FUND Primary revenue source</i>	<i>FY 2015-2016 AMOUNT</i>	<i>\$ and % CHANGE from 2014-2015</i>	<i>EXPECTED RATES for 2015-2016</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
<i>Sewer Fund 97.6% from customer charges</i>	<i>\$920,660</i>	<i>+ \$18,320 or 2.0%</i>	<i>No change expected; per household (connected to town sewer) fee \$316/yr.</i>	<i>Increase is in Collection Dept. New sewer pipe push camera (\$6,200) and charting manhole GPS coordinates (\$7,500)</i>
<i>Water Fund 99.8% from customer charges</i>	<i>\$342,990</i>	<i>+ \$25,050 or 7.87%</i>	<i>Rate for water would increase \$.47¢/unit. Base charge to Town water system customers would increase \$16/yr.</i>	<i>Budget includes waterpipe project from E. Barre roundabout to Hillside Ave. Purchase of water (\$14,600) and City's ready-to-serve charge (\$5,050) increasing</i>
<i>Equipment Fund 85% from town departments</i>	<i>\$1,365,065</i>	<i>- \$5,845 or - .42%</i>	<i>3% increase in rates charged to other funds (departments)</i>	<i>\$84,555 net savings on cost of gasoline and diesel. Debt service + \$17,415 after one year savings expired. Equipment purchases up \$28,395 per plan.</i>
<i>Ambulance Fund 63.8% from patient billing</i>	<i>\$1,813,430</i>	<i>+ \$29,945 or + 1.67%</i>	<i>Per capita rate charged to Barre. Town's <u>not</u> changing.</i>	<i>Wages up \$55,295; defibrillators paid-off saving \$29,465; health insurance premiums down (for variety of reasons) \$35,550</i>
<i>Cemetery Fund 36.2% from property taxes; 28.2% from services performed</i>	<i>\$62,820</i>	<i>+ \$1,390 or 2.26%</i>	<i>Tax subsidy to increase \$2,065</i>	<i>\$2,600 to replace ancient broken headstones</i>
<i>Building Fund 99.9% from town departments</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>	<i>+ \$4,000 or 7.8%</i>	<i>Raised contribution rates 4%</i>	<i>Second half of money needed for DPW shop roof headlines this budget.</i>

CONCLUSION

The volunteer service of the five citizens who served on the Budget Committee is greatly appreciated. The Committee met every Tuesday night for nine weeks and spent a Saturday morning touring town buildings and talking with

department heads about projects and their budgets. The committee members gave more time studying the budgets and 5 year plans between meetings. The citizen members were an active, equal part of budget discussion and votes. With the value of their professional experience, knowledge and perspectives they made suggestions built into the budgets.

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The proposed General Fund tax increase would be 1.3¢. A property assessed at \$100,000 would see a \$13 per year increase in its bill. The tax bill for \$150,000 property would go up \$19.50 per year. The Highway Fund tax increase would be 1.38¢, causing a \$13.80 tax bill increase for the \$100,000 property and a \$20.70 tax bill increase for the \$150,000 property.

You can watch and hear more about the budget by catching a budget presentation on CVTV, Channel 194 on the following dates and times:

Friday,	May 1	2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm
Saturday,	May 2	5:30 am, 8:30 am, 11:30 am
Monday,	May 4	10:00 am
Tuesday,	May 5	6:30 pm
Wednesday,	May 6	11:30 am
Thursday,	May 7	2:30 pm
Friday,	May 8	2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm
Saturday,	May 9	5:30 am, 8:30 am, 11:30 am

We hope you will read more of this booklet and catch the tv presentation. Even if you don't we encourage all registered voters to vote.

Respectfully,

TOWN OF BARRE SELECTBOARD

Jeffrey A. Blow, Chairman (479-2448)

Robert LaClair, (476-9668)

Jack Mitchell (476-7073)

Rolland Tessier (476-3112)

Thomas White (522-5457)

TOWN OF BARRE

**WARNING FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 6, 2015**

The legal voters of the Town of Barre are hereby warned to meet at the Barre Town Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road, Websterville, Vermont, on the 6th day of May, 2015, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening for a Town Meeting to act on the following articles. Immediately following this meeting, a public hearing will be held on the proposed budgets of the Town which will be voted on by Australian ballot at the annual election on May 12, 2015.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town of Barre will vote to pay its real and personal property taxes to the Treasurer in four equal installments as follows:

- First installment on August 17, 2015
- Second installment on November 16, 2015
- Third installment on February 16, 2016
- Fourth installment on May 16, 2016

ARTICLE 2. Shall the homestead property tax payments received from the State be applied pro rata to reduce the amount of each tax installment?

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town of Barre will vote to pay its sewer assessment to the Treasurer in semi-annual installments payable on August 17, 2015 and February 16, 2016.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town of Barre will vote to authorize the Selectboard to sell real estate belonging to the Town and not needed for Town purposes during the ensuing fiscal year, or change the use of any real property owned by the Town in accordance with the Barre Town Charter, Chapter 6, Section 41.

ARTICLE 5. To hear the Selectboard present the Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship & Service Award.

ARTICLE 6. To transact such other business as may legally come before the Town of Barre.

Dated at the Town of Barre, County of Washington, and State of Vermont, this 31st day of March, 2015.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD

Jeffrey A. Blow

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Jack Mitchell

Thomas White

Rolland Tessier

ATTEST: Donna J. Kelty

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**WARNING FOR ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND
VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT**

MAY 12, 2015

The legal voters of the Town of Barre, Vermont, are hereby warned to meet at the Barre Town Middle & Elementary School at Lower Websterville, Vermont, on the 12th day of May, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon for the annual election and voting by Australian ballot on the articles as hereinafter set forth.

Voting will be by written ballot. The polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Copies of the 2015-2016 proposed Town budget are available at the Municipal Building, Websterville; Trow Hill Grocery, Trow Hill; Hannaford's, South Barre; Lawson's Store, Websterville; Quarry Hill Quick Stop Quarry Hill; Brookside Country Store, East Montpelier Road; Graniteville General Store, Graniteville; and Morgan's East Barre Market, East Barre. The budget booklet is also posted on the Town web site: www.barretown.org; click on "Publications".

ARTICLE 1. To elect all necessary officers for the Town of Barre for the ensuing term commencing May 13, 2015.

ARTICLE 2. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$3,327,166 to operate the General Government of the Town of Barre during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$22,795 from the General Fund towards the operation of the Town cemeteries during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; said sum to be added to the General Fund authorizations under Article 2 above?

ARTICLE 4. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$2,712,220 for construction and maintenance of the Town highways and bridges during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015?

ARTICLE 5. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$55,000 to the Aldrich Public Library, in addition to \$120,000 included in the General Fund authorizations in Article 2 above?

ARTICLE 6. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$16,000 to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, Inc.?

ARTICLE 7. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,500 to Project Independence?

ARTICLE 8. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$6,000 to Central Vermont Council on Aging?

ARTICLE 9. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Retired Senior Volunteer Program for Central Vermont?

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Circle (formerly known as Battered Women's Services & Shelter, Inc.)?

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to People's Health & Wellness Clinic?

ARTICLE 12. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,900 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Barre Heritage Festival?

ARTICLE 14. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to the Family Center of Washington County?

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$7,500 to the Barre Area Senior Center?

ARTICLE 16. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to the Central Vermont Community Action Council (Capstone)?

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ARTICLE 18. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$350 to the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?

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ARTICLE 21. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

ARTICLE 22. Shall the Town of Barre establish wages and earnings for the following Town officers as listed below?

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|------------------|
| a) Auditors | - | \$13.00 per hour |
| b) Moderator | - | \$75.00 per year |
| c) Selectboard Members (each) | - | \$2,000 per year |

Dated at the Town of Barre, County of Washington, and State of Vermont, this 31st day of March, 2015.

BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD

Jeffrey A. Blow

Robert LaClair

Jack Mitchell

Thomas White

Rolland Tessier

ATTEST: Donna J. Kelty
Town Clerk-Treasurer

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND REVENUE

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Current Taxes:</u>			
011.311.100.000	Property Taxes – General	\$2,609,526	\$2,638,371
011.311.300.000	Property Taxes – Cemetery	<u>20,730</u>	<u>22,795</u>
	TOTAL Current Taxes	\$2,630,256	\$2,661,166
<u>Delinquent Taxes:</u>			
011.312.100.000	Current Year Delinquent Taxes	\$ 125,000	\$ 135,000
011.312.200.000	Prior Year Delinquent Taxes	<u>145,000</u>	<u>155,000</u>
	TOTAL Delinquent Taxes	\$ 270,000	\$ 290,000
<u>Other Items:</u>			
011.314.000.000	Payment In Lieu of Taxes/Rebates	<u>\$ 28,300</u>	<u>\$ 33,190</u>
	TOTAL Other Items	\$ 28,300	\$ 33,190
<u>Interest & Late Charges – Delinquent:</u>			
011.319.100.000	Interest/Late Charges 1% & 5%	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000
011.319.200.000	Delinquent Tax Coll. Fee 8%	<u>22,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
	TOTAL Int. & Late Charges	\$ 77,000	\$ 82,000
<u>Business Licenses & Permits:</u>			
011.321.100.000	Alcoholic Beverage Licenses	\$ 950	\$ 950
011.321.300.000	Fireworks Permits	160	220
011.321.500.000	Racing Permits	800	800
011.321.600.000	Special Events Permits	0	0
011.321.800.000	Tobacco Licenses	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
	TOTAL Business Licenses	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,980
<u>Non-Business Licenses & Permits:</u>			
011.322.100.000	Dog Licenses	\$ 6,400	\$ 5,000
011.322.200.000	Zoning Fees	4,000	4,000
011.322.250.000	Conditional Use & Variance	300	450
011.322.300.000	Driveway Permits	1,000	1,075
011.322.400.000	Burial and Transit	35	50
011.322.500.000	Subdivision Fees	1,100	800
011.322.550.000	GIS Update Fee	400	150
011.322.800.000	Site Plan Review	<u>1,500</u>	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL Non-Bus. Licenses	\$ 14,735	\$ 11,525
<u>Federal Grants:</u>			
011.331.100.100	DOJ Police Vest Grant	<u>\$ 275</u>	<u>\$ 550</u>
	TOTAL Federal Grants	\$ 275	\$ 550
<u>State Grants:</u>			
011.334.400.000	Current Use/Land Use	\$ 90,580	\$ 89,585
011.334.800.000	Act 60	<u>3,600</u>	<u>3,600</u>
	TOTAL State Grants	\$ 94,180	\$ 93,185
<u>Town Funds:</u>			
011.339.100.000	Pro-Rate School Cost Sharing	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
	TOTAL Town Funds	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
<u>General Government:</u>			
011.341.111.000	Recording Legal Documents	\$ 78,000	\$ 70,000
011.341.113.000	Recording Marriage Licenses	500	500
011.341.114.000	Issuing Hunting/Fishing Licenses	30	25

ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
011.341.115.000	Telephone/Maps Income	25	25
011.341.116.000	Certified Copies	3,600	4,200
011.341.117.000	Photocopy Charges	4,600	5,000
011.341.118.000	Vault Fees	1,100	950
011.341.120.000	Green Mountain Passports	50	50
011.341.121.000	Vehicle Registration	825	725
011.341.122.000	Passport Application Fee	0	0
011.341.129.000	Misc. Fees and Charges	800	800
	TOTAL Gen. Government	\$ 89,530	\$ 82,275
<u>Public Safety – Police & Fire:</u>			
011.342.111.000	Police – Thunder Road	\$ 19,000	\$ 15,000
011.342.112.000	Police – Other Contracts	200	200
011.342.113.000	Police – Local Ordinance Fines	15,000	15,000
011.342.114.000	Police – Parking Violations	400	400
011.342.115.000	Police – Accident Reports	1,500	1,750
011.342.118.000	Police – Test/Evaluation Reimb.	0	0
011.342.124.000	Police – ACO Revenue	25,050	12,105
011.342.129.000	Police – Miscellaneous	600	500
011.342.212.000	Fire – Town of Orange	2,900	2,900
011.342.220.000	Fire – Donations	200	250
	TOTAL Public Safety	\$ 64,850	\$ 48,105
<u>Sanitation:</u>			
011.344.310.000	Bulk Trash Collection Receipts	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800
011.344.320.000	Green Up	600	600
	TOTAL Sanitation	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
<u>Recreation:</u>			
011.347.100.000	Recreation Programs	\$ 1,000	\$ 750
011.347.200.000	BOR Rec. Field Lights	1,750	1,900
011.347.300.000	Use of Fields	2,600	2,600
011.347.700.000	Use of Picnic Shelter	1,600	1,800
011.347.800.000	Donations	2,650	3,500
011.347.900.000	Miscellaneous	25	25
	TOTAL Recreation:	\$ 9,625	\$ 10,575
<u>Miscellaneous:</u>			
011.360.200.000	Rents	\$ 7,150	\$ 7,150
011.360.800.000	Reimbursements	1,000	1,000
011.367.000.000	Refunds	500	500
	TOTAL Miscellaneous	\$ 8,650	\$ 8,650
<u>Interest:</u>			
011.370.100.000	Interest Earned	\$ 500	\$ 300
	TOTAL Interest	\$ 500	\$ 300
<u>Transfers:</u>			
011.399.998.000	Transfer In – BAD Incubator Bldg.	\$ 13,595	\$ 13,060
	TOTAL Transfers	\$ 13,595	\$ 13,060
GRAND TOTAL – GENERAL FUND REVENUES		\$3,316,816	\$3,349,961

PROPOSED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Selectboard:</u>			
011.411.110.000	Salaries	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
011.411.220.000	Mileage	25	25
011.411.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	7,030	7,330
011.411.500.000	Training & Information	100	125
011.411.600.000	Outside Services	7,050	8,300
011.411.900.000	Miscellaneous	2,090	1,925
	TOTAL Selectboard	\$ 24,295	\$ 25,705
<u>Auditing:</u>			
011.412.100.000	Salaries	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,075
011.412.200.000	Equipment Costs	85	90
011.412.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	3,000	2,800
011.412.500.000	Training & Information	50	50
011.412.600.000	Outside Services	29,890	55,250
	TOTAL Auditing	\$ 34,100	\$ 59,265
<u>Town Mgr. Off:</u>			
011.413.100.000	Salaries	\$ 148,845	\$ 137,030
011.413.200.000	Equipment Costs	8,595	9,105
011.413.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	6,885	6,245
011.413.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	1,280	2,005
011.413.500.000	Training & Information	3,680	3,285
011.413.600.000	Outside Services	14,085	14,785
011.413.900.000	Miscellaneous	325	310
	TOTAL Town Manager	\$ 183,695	\$ 172,765
<u>Elections/BCA:</u>			
011.414.100.000	Salaries	\$ 7,840	\$ 4,885
011.414.200.000	Equipment Costs	10	0
011.414.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	7,240	5,335
011.414.680.000	Misc. Professional Services	0	0
	TOTAL Elections/BCA	\$ 15,090	\$ 10,220
<u>Clerk/Treas. Off:</u>			
011.415.100.000	Salaries	\$ 163,550	\$ 152,250
011.415.200.000	Equipment Costs	3,210	1,925
011.415.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	11,765	12,440
011.415.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	1,190	2,015
011.415.500.000	Training & Information	1,025	1,010
011.415.600.000	Outside Services	16,035	15,590
011.415.900.000	Miscellaneous	85	95
	TOTAL Clerk/Treasurer	\$ 196,860	\$ 185,325
<u>Data Processing:</u>			
011.416.100.000	Salaries	\$ 7,830	\$ 8,000
011.416.200.000	Equipment Costs	6,590	7,385
011.416.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	200	100
011.416.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	930	2,400
011.416.500.000	Training & Information	200	200
011.416.600.000	Outside Services	16,850	16,565
	TOTAL Data Processing	\$ 32,600	\$ 34,650

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Planning/Zoning/Community Development:</u>			
011.417.100.000	Salaries	\$ 84,320	\$ 86,090
011.417.200.000	Equipment Costs	1,070	1,070
011.417.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	4,075	3,575
011.417.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	875	1,130
011.417.500.000	Training & Information	585	565
011.417.600.000	Outside Services	5,825	5,595
	TOTAL Planning/Zoning	\$ 96,750	\$ 98,025
<u>Assessor/Reappraisal:</u>			
011.418.100.000	Salaries	\$ 32,020	\$ 32,690
011.418.200.000	Equipment Costs	55	50
011.418.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	1,805	1,810
011.418.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	1,115	2,090
011.418.500.000	Training & Information	1,030	1,080
011.418.600.000	Outside Serv./Assessor Contract	53,490	53,350
	TOTAL Assessor	\$ 89,515	\$ 91,070
<u>Municipal Building:</u>			
011.419.100.000	Salaries	\$ 12,465	\$ 12,870
011.419.200.000	Equipment Costs	4,710	4,335
011.419.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	160	215
011.419.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	43,710	42,280
011.419.600.000	Outside Services	1,050	1,200
	TOTAL Municipal Building	\$ 62,095	\$ 60,900
<u>Police:</u>			
011.421.100.000	Salaries	\$ 545,900	\$ 566,810
011.421.200.000	Equipment Costs	123,625	137,175
011.421.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	2,365	2,220
011.421.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	9,375	9,315
011.421.500.000	Training & Information	5,955	7,635
011.421.600.000	Outside Services	89,320	92,315
011.421.800.000	Benefits	7,875	10,100
011.421.900.000	Miscellaneous	4,255	6,285
	TOTAL Police	\$ 788,670	\$ 831,855
<u>Fire:</u>			
011.422.100.000	Salaries	\$ 61,475	\$ 62,050
011.422.200.000	Equipment Costs	147,975	151,215
011.422.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	4,685	5,250
011.422.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	45,130	46,455
011.422.500.000	Training & Information	2,210	2,175
011.422.600.000	Outside Services	46,315	47,860
011.422.800.000	Benefits	12,900	14,000
011.422.900.000	Miscellaneous	500	650
	TOTAL Fire	\$ 321,190	\$ 329,655
<u>Emergency Management:</u>			
011.423.100.000	Salaries	\$ 1,025	\$ 1,030
011.423.200.000	Equipment Costs	4,720	3,880
011.423.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	25	25
011.423.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	385	650
011.423.500.000	Training & Information	100	100
011.423.600.000	Outside Services	700	575
011.423.900.000	Miscellaneous	0	0
	TOTAL Emergency Mgmt.	\$ 6,955	\$ 6,310

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Ambulance:</u>			
011.424.900.000	Per Capita Fee	\$ 402,725	\$ 402,725
	TOTAL Ambulance	\$ 402,725	\$ 402,725
<u>Solid Waste:</u>			
011.441.100.000	Salaries	\$ 8,395	\$ 8,620
011.441.200.000	Equipment Costs	9,595	10,495
011.441.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	1,715	1,890
011.441.500.000	Training & Information	8,235	8,235
011.441.600.000	Outside Services	17,655	19,050
	TOTAL Solid Waste	\$ 45,595	\$ 48,290
<u>Health Officer:</u>			
011.451.100.000	Salaries	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,900
011.451.500.000	Training & Information	75	75
011.451.600.000	Outside Services	265	250
	TOTAL Health Officer	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,225
<u>Animal Control:</u>			
011.452.110.000	Salaries	\$ 27,770	\$ 24,100
011.452.200.000	Equipment Costs	12,550	4,350
011.452.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	180	480
011.452.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	300	385
011.452.500.000	Training & Information	75	75
011.452.600.000	Outside Services	3,050	2,825
011.452.800.000	Benefits	355	165
	TOTAL Animal Control	\$ 44,280	\$ 32,380
<u>Culture:</u>			
011.461.900.000	Aldrich Library & Homecoming	\$ 115,000	\$ 120,000
	TOTAL Culture	\$ 115,000	\$ 120,000
<u>Recreation:</u>			
011.462.100.000	Salaries	\$ 47,360	\$ 48,380
011.462.200.000	Equipment Costs	3,605	6,920
011.462.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	21,590	19,395
011.462.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	27,135	27,565
011.462.500.000	Training & Information	135	175
011.462.600.000	Outside Services	15,700	15,275
011.462.800.000	Benefits	50	50
011.462.900.000	Miscellaneous	700	500
	TOTAL Recreation	\$ 116,275	\$ 118,260
<u>Development:</u>			
011.463.900.000	CVEDC/BAD/CVRPC	\$ 62,265	\$ 62,265
	TOTAL Development	\$ 62,265	\$ 62,265
<u>Transportation:</u>			
011.464.900.000	Green Mt. Transportation Agency	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
	TOTAL Transportation	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,875
<u>Debt Service:</u>			
011.472.900.000	Principal & Interest	\$ 40,845	\$ 39,560
	TOTAL Debt Service	\$ 40,845	\$ 39,560
<u>Insurances:</u>			
011.481.700.000	Property, Liability & Bonds	\$ 65,430	\$ 69,400
	TOTAL Insurances	\$ 65,430	\$ 69,400

<u>ACCOUNT #</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>2014-2015 BUDGET</u>	<u>2015-2016 PROPOSED</u>
<u>Employee Benefits:</u>			
011.486.810.000	Workers Comp., Unemp. Comp.	\$ 58,065	\$ 51,725
011.486.820.000	Pension	51,140	54,315
011.486.830.000	Health, Dental, Vision Insurance	259,780	229,815
011.486.840.000	Disability & Life Insurance	6,730	6,300
011.486.850.000	Social Security	87,950	88,990
011.486.880.000	Miscellaneous	115	250
	TOTAL Employee Benefits	\$ 463,780	\$ 431,395
<u>Other Items:</u>			
011.491.400.000	Property Purchases	\$ 1	\$ 1
011.491.500.000	VLCT	9,190	9,305
011.491.900.000	Williamstown & County Taxes	53,930	55,365
	TOTAL Other Items	\$ 63,121	\$ 64,671
<u>Interfund Transfers:</u>			
011.498.200.000	Equipment Fund	\$ 17,840	\$ 18,375
011.498.900.000	Cemetery Fund	20,730*	22,795*
	TOTAL Interfund Transfers	\$ 38,570	\$ 41,170
*Separate article			
GRAND TOTAL - GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES		\$3,316,816	\$3,349,961

PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Current Taxes:</u>			
012.311.200.000	Property Taxes – Highway	\$2,404,745	\$2,508,980
	TOTAL Current Taxes	\$2,404,745	\$2,508,980
<u>State Grants:</u>			
012.334.300.000	Highway & Streets	\$ 200,855	\$ 200,665
	TOTAL State Grants	\$ 200,855	\$ 200,665
<u>Fees & Charges For Service:</u>			
012.343.200.000	Services Rendered	\$ 1,000	\$ 800
012.343.300.000	Gross Load Permits	1,050	1,025
012.343.400.000	Unregistered Vehicle Permits	350	350
012.343.600.000	Road Opening Permits	500	300
012.343.900.000	Miscellaneous	400	100
	TOTAL Fees & Charges	\$ 3,300	\$ 2,575
GRAND TOTAL – HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES		\$2,608,900	\$2,712,220

PROPOSED HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Engineering & Administration:</u>			
012.431.100.000	Salaries	\$ 105,010	\$ 106,710
012.431.200.000	Equipment Costs	34,025	34,835
012.431.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	1,450	1,560
012.431.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	1,250	1,070
012.431.500.000	Training & Information	1,100	1,055
012.431.600.000	Outside Services	5,000	4,450
012.431.900.000	Miscellaneous	3,140	3,425
	TOTAL Eng. & Admin.	\$ 150,975	\$ 153,105
<u>Summer Maintenance:</u>			
012.432.100.000	Salaries	\$ 177,370	\$ 180,390
012.432.200.000	Equipment Costs	318,540	322,015
012.432.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	34,430	25,425
012.432.600.000	Outside Services	111,200	111,200
	TOTAL Summer Maint.	\$ 641,540	\$ 639,030
<u>Winter Maintenance:</u>			
012.433.100.000	Salaries	\$ 175,300	\$ 181,360
012.433.200.000	Equipment Costs	232,585	239,410
012.433.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	154,950	160,150
012.433.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	2,120	2,020
012.433.660.000	Outside Services	49,260	55,600
012.433.900.000	Miscellaneous	100	100
	TOTAL Winter Maint.	\$ 614,315	\$ 638,640

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2014-2015 BUDGET	2015-2016 PROPOSED
<u>Summer Construction:</u>			
012.434.100.000	Salaries	\$ 14,850	\$ 18,410
012.434.200.000	Equipment Costs	20,350	29,340
012.434.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	4,500	16,640
012.434.600.000	Outside Services	<u>305,365</u>	<u>264,285</u>
	TOTAL Summer Const.	\$ 345,065	\$ 328,675
<u>Retreatment:</u>			
012.435.100.000	Salaries	\$ 12,975	\$ 5,215
012.435.200.000	Equipment Costs	10,560	9,290
012.435.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	26,800	1,500
012.435.600.000	Outside Services	<u>287,765</u>	<u>423,905</u>
	TOTAL Retreatment	\$ 338,100	\$ 439,910
<u>Federal/State Projects:</u>			
012.436.400.000	Quarry St. Intersection	\$ 2,000	\$ 0
012.436.600.000	Outside Services	<u>6,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
	TOTAL Fed/State Projects	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000
<u>Employee Benefits:</u>			
012.437.100.000	Salaries (vac., sick, holiday)	\$ 62,395	\$ 60,075
012.437.810.000	Work Comp. Unemp. Comp	48,435	43,615
012.437.820.000	Pension	28,560	29,695
012.437.830.000	Health, Dental, Vision	159,390	162,150
012.437.840.000	Disability & Life Insurance	3,630	4,285
012.437.850.000	Social Security	43,805	44,500
012.437.860.000	Uniforms, Boots	4,635	5,260
012.437.870.000	Personal Protection Equipment	950	1,100
012.437.880.000	Miscellaneous	<u>875</u>	<u>1,450</u>
	TOTAL Employee Benefits	\$ 352,675	\$ 352,130
<u>Gravel Pits:</u>			
012.438.100.000	Salaries	\$ 19,970	\$ 21,605
012.438.200.000	Equipment Costs	32,135	33,100
012.438.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	1,725	1,870
012.438.400.000	Buildings & Grounds	55	60
012.438.510.000	Training & Information	1,400	1,400
012.438.600.000	Outside Services	875	600
012.438.900.000	Miscellaneous	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,520</u>
	TOTAL Gravel Pits	\$ 57,610	\$ 60,155
<u>Signing & Lighting:</u>			
012.439.100.000	Salaries	\$ 6,235	\$ 5,835
012.439.200.000	Equipment Costs	3,310	3,740
012.439.300.000	Supplies & Expenses	6,075	5,705
012.439.400.000	Streetlights	85,000	81,295
012.439.900.000	Miscellaneous	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL Signing & Lighting	\$ 100,620	\$ 96,575
GRAND TOTAL – HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES		\$2,608,900	\$2,712,220



Town of Barre

VERMONT

CITIZEN BUDGET TOUR

Fiscal Year
2015 – 2016

Saturday, February 21, 2015

Roman numeral = Tour Stop

Bulleted item = Tour drive-by or mentions

Tour Itinerary – Saturday, February 21, 2015

- I. **Municipal Building (8:00 a.m.)**
 - Lower Websterville sidewalk maintenance
 - Wilson Industrial Park
 - Parker & Pitman Road Paving

- II. **Department of Public Works Maintenance Shop**

- III. **Department of Public Works Truck Garage**
 - Wilson Cemetery
 - Silver Circle & Gold Spur Paving
 - Bonnie, Dianne, Judy & Holden Road Paving

- IV. **South Barre Fire Station**
 - Bridge Street Intersection
 - Bridge Street Sidewalk Project
 - Quarry Street Intersection

- V. **EMS Station**

- VI. **East Barre Fire Station**
 - Former Fire Department Smoke Training Lot
 - Waterman Street Water Storage Tank & Building
 - Littlejohn Road – Future Town Forest Parking Lot
 - Brook Street Forest Parking
 - Upper Websterville Playground
 - Solar Farm

- VII. **Return to Municipal Building (12:30)**

Introduction

Welcome to the 24th annual Citizen Budget Tour. This booklet is designed to help you navigate your way through the various Town departments and buildings in the hope that you will leave us today with a better understanding of how your government works for you.

On this tour we will try to point out what we have been able to do in the past, what we are doing right now, and what we are planning on doing next year and beyond. Questions are encouraged, and with elected officials and Town staff along for the ride, you should be able to get answers.

Please, take a few minutes to read through this booklet and mark anything that looks like it may be of interest to you. Enjoy!

Municipal Building

The Municipal Building is the heart of the Town government. The building is currently home to six departments and is the center for the bulk of the Town's administrative functions. Built in the 1930s, the building was first a school. When the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School was built in the 1960s, the brick portion of this building became Town offices.

In 1992, voters approved a bond for the addition which now houses the Police Department, the Selectboard meeting room, and a small conference room. The brick portion of the building was updated during the renovation. The Municipal Building also serves as an emergency operations center, and it is the official meeting place of Barre Town's many volunteer boards, committees, and commissions.

Barre Town has a Building Fund which is a sinking, or reserve, fund. In the past the Building Fund has paid for Municipal Building improvements such as parking lot lighting, roof (on brick section), and windows. Most projects approved for FY 2014-2015 have been completed. A security system has been installed to capture activity at all entrances, as well as within the Police Department, the main hall and the Town Clerk's Office. A new server was installed in September 2011, and in 2014-15 the building was transferred from a cable internet connection to a fiber optic internet connection. The stand-alone copier will be replaced by a networked multi-function printer, the phone system was upgraded and is now integrated with all municipal locations. The lease to own phone system will realize a \$30,000 savings in the purchase of a new phone system with significant reductions in the monthly phone bill after the three year lease commences.

Proposed budget requests include a large floor buffer for \$1,500, a rug shampooer for \$200, an automatic transfer switch for the emergency power generator for \$2,500, lighting replacement in the Planning/Zoning office for \$1,500, carpet replacement in the front lobby entrance for \$1,200 and the Selectboard meeting room for \$5,220 and repairs to the front entrance and gutter system for \$4,000.

The building is cleaned and maintained by a part-time employee. The Town Engineer oversees most capital improvement projects to the Municipal Building while partnering with Efficiency Vermont when possible to attain bang for the buck investments.

Town Manager's Office



The Town Manager's office is staffed by four employees: the Manager, the Executive Secretary, the Assistant Town Manager, and the part-time Accounts Payable Clerk (who can be found in the basement office). This office provides oversight and support for all of the other Town departments as well as the Selectboard, Recreation Board and Cemetery Commission.

The Town Manager is the CEO and CFO of Barre Town. The manager is responsible for orchestrating the day-to-day operations, including but not limited to providing leadership, conducting Town business, internal and external problem solving, budgeting, strategic planning, and developing policy. The manager wears many hats, serving also as grant administrator, labor negotiator, and project manager.

As with any organization, the Executive Secretary is vital to administrative function, ensuring organizational process, support and completion of daily office transactions. In addition to providing administrative support, the Executive Secretary also assists with insurance and vehicle registrations, formats and publishes the quarterly newsletter, compiles the Town Report, assists with weekly payroll, keeps the meeting room calendar, and updates announcements and calendar on the town website.

The Bookkeeping position has been eliminated and the duties divided between the Assistant Town Manager, a contractor - Batchelder and Associates (B.A.), and a new part-time Accounts Payable Clerk. As the Town's bookkeeping contractor, B.A. is responsible for financial record keeping for the Manager's Office. Specific duties include general bookkeeping processing payroll, weekly accounts payable, audit preparations and maintaining equipment records in addition to generating accounts receivables invoices.

The Assistant Town Manager has many responsibilities, changing as required to assist municipal need. Since joining the Town in April 2014, the ATM administers special projects, begun managing the maintenance of personnel records and administering employee benefits programs(formally done by the in-house bookkeeper), worked with the staff to updated the Town's internet to a faster more reliable fiber optic network, integrate all municipal locations into one hosted PBX phone system, served as the staff support to the Recreation Commission and conducting a needs assessment on all recreation properties, administering the Town Forest Management Plan, and generally assisting the Commission in continuous improvement of the Town's recreation facilities and programs.

The Accounts Payable Clerk (10 hrs/wk) oversees invoices and payables communicating with the bookkeeping contractor, vendors and staff to ensure the prompt and accurate payment of municipal bills.

There are no new significant requests in the Town Manager's Office budget for 2015-2016.

Town Clerk's Office

The Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office is arguably the most popular destination in the Municipal Building. Staffed by the elected Clerk-Treasurer, and three full-time Assistant Clerks, this office is responsible for many important tasks, including collecting payments on behalf of the Town (permit fees, utility fees, and property taxes). The Clerk's office also maintains all vital records, mails approved accounts payable checks, and provides customer service to a diverse group of patrons.



The Clerk's Office manages all elections and maintains the voter checklist. Land records (deeds, mortgages, approved plats, etc) are recorded here. They issue marriage licenses, dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, and motor vehicle registrations.

The Town Clerk is also the clerk to the Selectboard. She attends the meetings and transcribes the minutes. Meeting agenda and minutes are posted weekly on the Town website. The Selectboard decided to broadcast their meetings over the internet using UstreamTV. The Clerk now adds each meeting's Ustream link to the Town's website.

During FY 2014-15 the Clerk's Office replaced the vault locks, established a service to accept credit card and debit card payments, and began using a service to index Selectboard minutes.

The Town Clerk's Office is requesting in the budget for 2015-2016 includes the installation of new ports and outlets, two new larger computer monitors, and a shark "lift away" vacuum for use in the vault.

Assessor's Office

The primary function of the Assessor's Office is to value property for taxes. This office has one full-time Administrative Assistant. The Town Assessor is not a Town employee. His services are contracted for 20 hours each week.

During the last reappraisal cycle, the Town paid to have its tax maps digitized using Geographic Information System (GIS) software. At the same time, the Town purchased the ProVal database which has a \$2,400 annual maintenance fee. This information helps when calculating property value, increasing the Town's capacity to effectively conduct reassessments and reappraisals. The recession had slightly lowered home values, stabilizing the common level of appraisal. Barre Town shouldn't be forced to perform a complete reappraisal for a few more years.

The Assessor's Office computer software and maintenance account has increased in recent years to account for upgrades to the GIS software. The system maintains the tax maps and makes maps with several overlays available on the Town website. The GIS information can be used by anyone but can be especially helpful to real estate agents, lawyers, and surveyors.

For the 2015-16 fiscal year the assessor's office is requesting \$1,200 for a fire proof file cabinet to store Land Use records and \$250 for a new all in one printer.

Planning & Zoning Office

The Planning & Zoning Office is charged with the task of planning future development of the Town and ensuring that Zoning Bylaws are followed accordingly. This office handles applications for zoning permits, subdivisions, and certificates of occupancy.

Within this office there are two full-time employees - the Planning & Zoning Administrator and an Administrative Assistant. The department serves both the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board. The Administrative Assistant serves as the System Administrator and maintains the Town's email system, server, and the network of staff computers. The Planning & Zoning Administrator is responsible for coordinating community development block grants like the one secured for the S.B. Electronics project, preparing agendas, monitoring programs, administering grants, and helping to create applicable policies. There are no new significant requests in the Planning & Zoning Office budget for 2015-16.

Town Engineer's Office

The Town Engineer advises the Department of Public Works, Town Manager, and Selectboard on infrastructure projects within the Town; reviews subdivision plans for the Planning & Zoning Office; and prepares specifications for projects being put out to bid (e.g. paving, milling, roofing). This office includes the Town Engineer and a seasonal assistant (an engineering student who assists with projects in the summer and during school breaks).

Permits issued by the Town Engineer are: sewer, water, driveway, and work within rights-of-way. Other important office functions include informing residents about water and sewer connections, keeping an inventory of town roads, collecting "as-built" information, keeping plat files on older developments, and work on State and Federal grant projects. The Engineer is regularly working on grants such as the VTrans Structures Grant Program, High Risk Rural Roads, and Better Back Roads, to secure support in improving our Town highways.

The Town Engineer also serves as a staff representative to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. The engineer's office purchased a new large format printer scanner this year and has begun the process of digitally archiving older plans. The engineering office is requesting \$8,000 for the GPS mapping of all sewer infrastructure in the 2015-16 Sewer Fund budget.

Police Department



Counting the Chief and sergeant, the Police Department currently has eight full-time officers. Officers generally work four 10-hour shifts per week. The department also has a civilian Office Clerk/Dispatcher, who works from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the week. The Sergeant assists the Chief with his administrative duties and supervises the evening shift.

The Police Department has five marked cruisers. The Chief and Sergeant both have a dedicated vehicle, and one is assigned to each of the three daily shifts. Crown Victorias and Explorers have been phased out and replaced by Police Interceptors. The Equipment Fund buys one new police vehicle every year.

Police Cruisers are high-tech machines, each equipped with cell phones and laptop computers, called mobile data terminals (MDT), which allow officers to write reports and look up information while in the field.

An Animal Control Officer works out of the Police Department, who, in addition to providing services to Barre Town, is contracted to serve the neighboring towns of Berlin, Barre City, and Orange.

In addition to a new Police Cruiser, the department is requesting \$1,683 for body camera and taser evidence storage and administration license, \$1,287 for the purchase of three body cameras, \$1,029 for the purchase of a Taser, \$3,400 for the maintenance and support service for finger print machine, \$600 for a new computer, \$1,200 increase for officer training, and \$2,000 for a K-9.

Department of Public Works

The DPW truck garage on Websterville Road is the Town's oldest facility – built around 1960. Additions were added in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In 2003, when the Town moved into the new vehicle shop on Pitman Road, the truck garage was renovated. The building was rewired and the bathroom, break room, and locker room were all updated. In 2009, windows were replaced; in 2010 a new standing seam roof was installed; in 2011 the overhead lights were replaced with more efficient bulbs. Working off an energy audit conducted in 2010, many improvements could be done to insulate the building and improve energy efficiency.



The "yard" includes underground storage tanks for gasoline and diesel. The tanks' leak detection systems were replaced in 2010 after failed testing in 2009. Also at the yard are a salt storage building with an attached lean-to roof for storing equipment, a sand storage structure, a pole barn for outdoor storage of equipment and supplies, and the fenced Police Department impound lot and storage area. The School rents a portion of the yard to store the bus fleet, and they pay for their share of electricity, parts, and maintenance.

The DPW has 14 full-time employees: a Superintendent, two mechanics, a Shop Foreman, and 10 crew members. One of the crew members spends the majority of his time maintaining the water system, sewer system, and caring for signs. Each summer, four college students are hired to support summer construction projects.

During 2015-2016 the Town expects to spend approximately three-quarters of a million dollars on road projects. A complete list of paved road projects and gravel road projects planned for 2012-2013, as presented in the respective 5-year plans, are listed in Appendix A.

Requests for FY 2015-2016 include: Wood chipper - \$32,000, push camera (for sewer pipes and culverts) - \$6,200, 8" water line project - \$25,310, cleaning water tanks - \$4,150, truck garage generator installation - \$6,130 (partially funded by a FEMA grant), shop office area ceiling tiles and insulation - \$1,232, Waste oil tank, pump and containment system - \$2,347, rolling jack lift - \$2,600. And per the five year equipment plan: a new 10 wheel dump truck - \$170,000, and a vibrating roll - \$100,000.

Cemetery Department

The Town owns three cemeteries; Wilson Cemetery (corner of Quarry Hill and Websterville Road), West Hill Cemetery (Perry Road), and Maplewood Cemetery (corner of Nichols Road and Farwell Street). The cemeteries are operated and maintained by the Cemetery Commission and the Cemetery Division (seasonal staff). The Cemetery crew is a Sexton, two full-time employees, and one summer helper. The Sexton also supervises maintenance of the Town's recreational facilities, the two full-timers perform lawn maintenance at other Town locations, and the summer helper also works with the recreation department. The Cemetery Fund is supported by Cemetery Trust investments, operating revenues, and property taxes collected through the General Fund.

For FY 2014-2015 the Cemetery Department repaired and replaced the old metal fencing at West Hill and Maplewood cemeteries. The proposed budget includes \$2,600 to repair 13 broken historic headstones.

Barre Town Recreation & Athletic Complex

The Recreation Facility has grown in popularity and reputation throughout Central Vermont in recent years. As the Town's largest park, the facility features a number of athletic and leisure amenities: a sand volleyball court, four tennis courts, a basketball court, a running track, a full-size soccer field, a full-size baseball field, a full-size softball field, an all-purpose Little League field, a pair of picnic shelters, a skate park, and a Bike Path which will be connected to the East Barre Path (currently being planned) and to the Barre City Bike Path using funds bequeathed by Barre businessman Charlie Sempregon.



Recent updates at the recreation facility includes electrical repairs near the Edo Building, wiring to the Soccer Field scoreboard, the Skate Park surface was sealed, the picnic shelter was stained, the softball infield had significant material added and graded. At the Upper Websterville playground all of the equipment was removed, the site graded, a new picnic shelter installed, a new climber with slides and ADA play area, and ADA paved path installed. The current fiscal year will see the remaining playground equipment installed, landscaping, and new fencing. This year the Town received a \$24,000 grant to assist with the completion of this project.

Since as far back as 1991 the Recreation Maintenance crew has relied on three seasonal employees to keep grass mowed, and keep recreation buildings, grounds and equipment maintained. In 2015 there are still three seasonal employees but much has changed in the past 24 years. The recreation assets and duties have grown significantly. In an effort to be good stewards of these community assets the Recreation Commission is requesting an additional seasonal staff person and funds necessary to better maintain the properties. The proposed budget request is for the cost of another employee is estimated at \$15,723, the cost of repairing fencing is \$40,415 and the court surface repairs are \$24,683.

The Recreation Board is taking steps to upgrade the Trow Hill Playground for 2015-2016. This playground was once the site of the former Trow Hill Community School which closed its doors in 1961. Much of the playground equipment at this park remains from that school. The Recreation Commission is requesting \$20,000 for this project. The new playground will include; a wheelchair accessible path from the parking area to the picnic shelter and to ADA accessible playground equipment.

Fire Department (South & East Barre Fire Stations)



Barre Town has one Fire Department with two stations. The department is managed by the Fire Chief and a Deputy Chief. Each station has an Assistant Chief, a Captain, and two Lieutenants. The department provides primary (first called) coverage

to all of Barre Town and the largest share of the Town of Orange.

The department uses four engine (pumper) trucks, two at each station. Each station received a new HME pumper in 2011, replacing the two oldest vehicles (which were both sold in 2011). Two of the three tanker trucks are relatively new. The Town purchased two tankers from Deep South Fire Trucks for approximately \$128,000 each. One was financed for four years at 4% interest, and the other was bought with cash from the Equipment Fund in 2010-11.

The East Barre Station houses the main rescue truck (R-1), the utility pickup truck, and the rescue UTV and trailer. South Barre has a Hummer multi-purpose truck (wildland fire, mini pumper, and rescue equipment). Both stations received new door lock security system this year.

The 2015-2016 budget requests include a proposal to increase the firefighter emergency (call-out) pay to \$13.00/hr, a \$1,000 stokes basket for the UTV, \$2,000 for a security cameras at both locations, \$1,200 for flooring at the E. Barre entry and hallway, \$1,200 for repairs the building's side, and \$1,600 for the repair of the floor in bay four.

Wilson Street

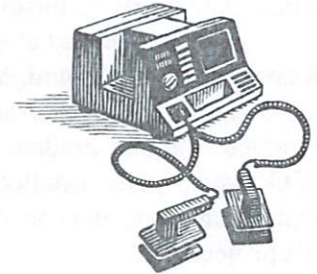
The day care's septic system requires replacement and there is \$15,000 -\$20,000 requested for the design and construction of a new system.

Emergency Medical Services Department

Barre Town EMS employs 13 full-timers: a Director, 6 paramedics, and 6 EMT-Is. The paramedics and EMTs are matched to form six crews. Two crews (a team) are on duty 24/7. One crew is assigned to the department headquarters (Rt 302 station) and one is assigned to rented space in the Berlin Fire Station. The teams work 24-hour shifts (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.) and have 48 hours off between shifts.

Call revenue (patient billings) and other minor operating income do not cover the nearly \$1.6 million in expenses. This will possibly become more evident depending on the outcome of legislative discussions regarding State healthcare coverage and reimbursements programs. Barre Town contracts EMS service with neighboring towns, which subsidize this gap with a per capita fee.

For fiscal year 2016 there is \$1,625 for cot preventative maintenance contract, \$8,700 for three infusion pumps and \$1,395 for three pulse oximeters. The budget is helped immensely by the pay-off of defibrillator lease in the current year, saving \$29,465.



Aldrich Library

The Town contributes annually to the Aldrich Library to recognize the value the library provides to the Barre Community as a whole. The Library board has requested a \$120,000 increase in contribution for FY 2015-2016.

East Barre Bike Path

The Town Bike Path Committee is working on two major projects. With the City, the Bike Path Committee has selected DuBois and King to design and engineer a connection between the existing Town and

City bike paths. The Committee is also laying the ground work for a bike path to connect East Barre to the existing Town path. This connection now begins off Websterville Road (near Church Street), and runs along the northern side of Websterville Road, and will end at the Municipal Building. The entrance to this path has now been paved, fencing and signage is installed. \$4,700 to continue work on the East Barre Bike Path will be included in the FY 2015-2016 proposed budget.

Town Forest

Purchase of the 355 acre town forest was completed in 2013. Voters approved borrowing \$100,000 to contribute towards the purchase. The first of four loan payments (from the General Fund) was made in December, 2013. The annual debt payment is \$25,000 principal and about \$1,000 in interest.

Two parking lots for forest users are provided. One is located at the top of Barclay Quarry Road; the other is on Brook Street. In FY 13-14 the Recreation budget purchased two kiosks (outdoor bulletin boards). The Brook Street parking area sees a high volume of year round users. The Town supplies a port-a-let at this lot.

The garage at Brook Street is divided in two halves and “rented” to the Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club and to Millstone Trails Association (MTA). The MTA, Thunder Chickens and Recreation crew take turns cutting the grass. The Thunder Chickens and the DPW crew keep the lot plowed. The cemetery crew collects trash and pick up leaves.

The forest is used by the general public and other organizations – Thunder Chickens, MTA, SHS cross country, CV Runners (5K). The Recreation Board continues to sponsor no cost guided nature walks. There is interest in expanding the walks to offering history walks, birding and geology walks.

For 2015-2016 plans are underway to build an additional parking area off of Littlejohn Road, and hire a forestry consultant to assist the Town in managing the resource. The parking area will be constructed using Town equipment, labor and materials, no additional funds are requested.

Other Facilities

Recreation Facilities

- Barre Town Recreation & Athletic Complex
- Parks & Playgrounds: Trow Hill, Upper Graniteville, Lower Graniteville, Upper Websterville, East Barre, Wilson Street (South Barre)
- Picnic Areas: Quarry Hill, Lower Graniteville
- Bike Paths: South Barre, East Barre, and Millstone Hill West

Utilities

- Sewer Pump Stations: South Barre, Orchard Terrace
- Sewage Metering Stations: South Barre, Cedar Street, West Skylark Terrace, Richardson Road
- Water Pump Stations: Old Route 302, Wilson Street
- Water Storage Tanks: Millstone, Waterman Street
- Waterman Street well & control building

Public Works

- Gravel Pit (Route 14, Williamstown)
- Holden Road Lawn Waste Site
- Outdoor storage – Websterville Road

Public Safety

- Fire Department Smoke Training Trailer
- Radio Equipment, Generator (Williamstown)

Other

Building (22 Wilson Street), rented to private day care provider

Appendix A Road Projects

Paved Road Projects

(budget found in Summer Construction and Retreatment departments of the Highway Fund)

- Plainfield Brook Road – Mitchell Road to Plainfield town line
- Plainfield Brook Road – 125' on lane spot re
- Cummings Road – entire length
- Cassie Street – between the two ends of Valley View
- Dian, Jud and Bonnie Lanes
- Holden Road – Peloquin to point near house #28
- Richardson Road – below Goldsbury Woods Rd to School Rd
- Phil Street – entire length
- Cutler Corner Road – 1" top coat
- Osborne Road - #165 to Phelps
- Goldspur and Silver Circle – entire lengths
- Parker Road – Pitman Road to Highland Sugarworks
- Pitman Road – Websterville Road to Parker Road
- Beckley Hill Road – Nichols Rd north to end of pavement (EOP)
- Pine Hill Road – entire length
- Nichols Road – entire length
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Gravel Road Projects

(budget found in Summer Maintenance of the Highway Fund)

- Old Route 302 – entire length
- Neddo Road – entire length
- Lower Usle Road – entire length
- (Lower) Phelps - Osborne Rd to house # 156
- Mitchell Road – Spruce Mtn. View to Plainfield Brook Rd

~ BUDGET FACTS ~

I. Current budgets (FY 14 – 15)

General Fund = \$3,316,816
 Highway Fund = \$2,608,900

II. Grand List Growth History

2006 - \$5,669,690 2010 - \$5,938,000
 2007 - \$5,789,108 2011 - \$6,003,000
 2008 - \$5,897,467 2012 - \$6,077,702
 2009 - \$5,898,075 2013 - \$6,018,586
 2014 - \$6,094,817 (7.4% increase since 2006(8 years); .92% increase per year)

III. Percent (%) Revenues from Property Taxes

General Fund - 79.3% Highway Fund – 92.1%

IV. 2.5% Budget Increase Impact on Tax Rate

(1% Grand List growth & all other revenues remain the same)

General Fund: 2.5% increase = \$82,920. 1¢ tax rate = \$61,500
 $\$82,920 \div \$61,500 = 1\text{¢ tax rate increase}$

Highway Fund: 2.5% increase = \$65,222. 1¢ tax rate = \$61,500
 $\$65,222 \div \$61,500 = 1.06\text{¢ tax rate increase}$

V. Tax Rate History

Budget Yr.	Town Rate	Ed. Homestead	Ed. Non-Homestead
2006-07	.8225	1.0989	1.4355
2007-08	.8319	1.0972	1.4602
2008-09	.8291	1.1541	1.5546
2009-10	.8473	1.1416	1.6324
2010-11	.8502	1.2193	1.6350
2011-12	.8593	1.2904	1.6210
2012-13	.8569	1.3014	1.6076
2013-14	.8609	1.3654	1.6661
2014-15	.8892	1.3930	1.7328
	8.1% inc.	26.76% inc.	20.71% inc.
	+1% ave.annual	+3.34% ave.annual	2.58% ave.annual

VI. Taxes Due per 1¢

\$100,000 assessed value=\$10	\$220,000 assessed value=\$22
\$140,000 assessed value=\$14	\$255,000 assessed value=\$25.50
\$175,000 assessed value=\$17.50	\$315,000 assessed value=\$31.50

VII. At present tax rate, annual tax bill for residential properties:

Assessed Value	Tax Bill	Assessed Value	Tax Bill
\$90,000	\$2,058	\$160,000	\$3,659
\$115,000	\$2,629	\$200,000	\$4,473
\$135,000	\$3,087	\$300,000	\$6,860

2015-2016 Budget Committee

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