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## Town Employee Changes

It is with mixed feelings that I write: your Assistant Town Manager has accepted appointment to the Winooski City Manager position. Up until recently, I had no plans to leave Barre Town. It's been a great place to do good work with dedicated, kind colleagues for a wonderful community. I have learned a great deal in the last six years from everyone, including many of you reading this. Barre Town has afforded me the opportunity to work alongside dedicated and knowledgeable people on many meaningful projects. These include visible ones like the Trow Hill and Lower Graniteville Playgrounds, the East Barre sidewalk and the softball field lighting upgrade, to the not-so-visible, like overhauling the town's personnel policy, planning and carrying out building improvements, and strengthening the town's IT systems against cybersecurity attacks. For all these experiences I will always be grateful to this community. However, I could not pass up the unique fit opportunity represented by Winooski's demographics and my background. My last workday for Barre Town is April 22. I'm confident Barre Town will continue to attract good people to work on your behalf.

As of June, Finance Clerk Deborah Lefebvre will be riding off into a well-earned retirement after an illustrious 8.5 years in the front office. Hired as an Assistant Town Clerk, Deb was later appointed Assistant



(Left, Deb Lefebvre, Right, Elaine Wang)

Town Clerk-Treasurer and then finally the Finance Clerk in the Finance Office, newly created in 2021. Deb has been a diligent professional, caring colleague, and delightful office mate to all of us. Her supervisor of 8 years, former Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna Kelty, said of her, "Deb has been the perfect employee. She possesses the ability to work independently or as part of a team. I love her attention to detail. Her communication skills are impeccable." True to form, Deb has been doing a great job passing on her institutional knowledge to her replacement Wendy Moore, currently Assistant Town Clerk, and to her current supervisor, Finance Director Katelyn Kran. As Katelyn said, "We've taken to calling Deb the encyclopedia in the Town Clerk and Finance offices. She is always ready and willing to answer questions, provide backstory, or just lend a listening ear. If she doesn't already know the answer to a question (a rare happenstance) it isn't long before she has uncovered it. Deb will be dearly missed upon her retirement; both as a colleague and a friend." Indeed – the town offices won't be the same without her knowledge and infectious laugh. Next time you're in, please wish her a long and happy retirement!

**Comings:** The police department is happy to welcome **Alex Bell** to the force. He has been employed by the Vermont Air National Guard and is doing well at the Police Academy. We look forward to having him with the team fulltime.

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

## Budget Vote Information

The Annual Election with Voting by Australian ballot in Barre Town will be held May 10. See the article on page 8 for more information about voting. The purpose of this article is to offer highlights of the General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets. More detailed and complete budget information is available in the annual budget booklet that will be available for pick-up at the: Trow Hill Grocery, Gunner Brook Store & Deli, Hannaford, Lawson's Store, Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Graniteville General Store, and Municipal Building. The booklet also is posted on the Town website. On the homepage, click on Publications and Budget.

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### Dates & Events

- May 1 - Cemeteries Open
- May 4 - Open Town Meeting
- May 7 - Green Up Day
- May 10 - Annual Town Election
- May 14 - Spring Bulk Trash Collection
- May 16 - Property Taxes Due
- May 19 - Board and Commission Letters of Interest Due
- May 21 - Barre Town Spring Run 5K
- June 4 - Recreation Movie Night

### Permits You May Need

**DRIVEWAY PERMITS:** Are issued by the Town Engineer. A driveway permit protects the Town's interest in the road the driveway connects to. The permit process also helps ensure the driveway's location is in a safe place for both how visible it is to the traveling public and how well a person exiting the driveway can see approaching traffic. Driveway permits are required for almost anything you may do to your driveway in the vicinity of the town road. This includes paving a gravel driveway or repaving an existing paved driveway. If you are having your driveway paved, you need a driveway permit.

**WORKING IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT:** Working in the right-of-way permits are issued by the Town Engineer in an effort to ensure that the Town's infrastructure remains in working order. The right-of-way extends about 14 feet beyond the traveled portion of a road. Exactly how far beyond depends on several factors, but if your work is close to the road, contact the Town Engineer at (802) 479-2595 to ask for help.

**BUILDING PERMIT:** Building a shed, a deck, a garage, or pretty much anything else outside more than 64 square feet in size, it is likely requires a Building Permit. A valid building permit takes about 25 days to obtain so you should plan and allow ample time before you begin your project. Projects 64 square feet or less do not need a building permit.

**BURN PERMIT:** If you're going to have an outside fire you may need a permit. Fires that are larger than an ordinary backyard campfire will need a permit. It is important to remember that you can ONLY burn legal material such as natural untreated wood and leaves. The Fire Warden can be reached by calling 802-498-8694 and leave a message. The Warden will call you back to discuss your plans and may require a site visit before he issues the permit. The burning of trash is never legal and is enforced by the Police Department with steep fines.

If in doubt about whether you need a permit for something, or you want to obtain applications, please call the Planning and Zoning Office at 802-479-2595. We are happy to help. Most permit applications are also available at [barretown.org/permits\\_and\\_forms](http://barretown.org/permits_and_forms).

**FIREWORKS PERMIT:** If you are planning a fireworks display, please remember a permit is required by law. Those who do not obtain a permit could be found guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or by both. (V.S.A. § 3135).

Fireworks as defined in V.S.A., Title 20 § 3131 means any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by explosion,

deflagration, or detonation. These include, but are not limited to firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, and cherry bombs.

Contact the Town Clerk's Office to pick up a fireworks permit application. You can also find the application on the Town website, [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org). All requests must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office at least **fifteen (15)** days in advance of the display. The application fee is \$25.00. This can be paid by cash, check or credit card. Please note when using a credit card there is an additional convenience fee.

The Barre Town Fire Chief, Chief of Police, and Selectboard will review each application. They have the authority to deny or place restrictions on requests.

Keep your family, friends, and neighbors safe and remember to obtain your firework display permit! As always, contact the Town Clerk's Office for any questions (802) 479-9391.

*By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk; Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Director and Josh Martineau, Town Engineer*



### Free Items

Through routine replacement schedules and the digital audio-visual improvements, the Town has office furniture, fixtures and equipment to give away. The items listed below will be given away to individuals or organizations on a first come-first served basis.

To see these items come to the Town Manager's Office:

- 5 black conference room table chairs
- 6 blue conference room table chairs
- 1 4'x 8' chalkboard
- 1 Savin C9120 copier (purchased in 2013)

The items are available now. Anything not claimed by May 14 might be discarded with the bulk trash collection. If interested in any of these items don't wait.

For more information call the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### Audio-Visual Equipment Upgrade in Town Meeting Rooms

During the pandemic, it became obvious to many organizations that their existing equipment was not suited to holding effective meetings if some people were gathered and others were joining remotely. The Barre Town Budget Committee and Selectboard decided an audio-visual equipment upgrade would be useful during and after the pandemic. After reviewing designs and proposals from several vendors, the town chose to work with Fuzz Buzz Technologies, from South Burlington. Two systems have been installed.

The largest conference room in the municipal building, where the Selectboard meets, has three large TV screens so those in the room may easily see people joining remotely, or presentations shared by someone in the room or remotely. The audio system includes a sophisticated microphone array that filters out unwanted noise, helps those in the room who are hard of hearing, and effectively picks up voices of those almost anywhere in the room for the benefit of those joining remotely. The camera system can automatically point and zoom to those speaking in the room. You can see this system in action during



Selectboard or Development Review Board meetings. This system, with associated electrical work, cost \$52,968.73. The Selectboard is considering a change order to allow voices to be heard from anywhere in the room.

Another conference room, which also serves as the town's Emergency Operations Center, now has one large smart board and a webcam. Meetings with fewer people in the room can now be effectively held in this room. If the Emergency Operations Center were activated, the smart board could be used as a collaborative white board. You can see this system in action during Recreation Board or Planning Commission meetings. This system cost \$5,979.62.

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

### Summer Help Needed

Those who like working outdoors have done well working with the town's Department of Public Works from mid-May to August. Tasks enhance road safety and shore up the town's water and sewer infrastructure. Training is provided. The first summer pay rate for 2022 is \$16.00 an hour, up to \$17.25 an hour for good attendance, plus time and a half for any overtime worked. Already have a part-time job? We will consider a

part time schedule or job sharing. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid driver's license. If you have questions, contact the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331 or [offices@barretown.org](mailto:offices@barretown.org). Applications may be picked up at the Town Offices at 149 Websterville Road or downloaded from [www.barretown.org/permits\\_forms/employmentapplication.pdf](http://www.barretown.org/permits_forms/employmentapplication.pdf). Positions open until filled.

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

### (Cont'd - Budget Vote Information)

This year (fiscal year 2022-2023) the Town has ten fund budgets; one more than last year. The state mandated the records (land records) restoration fee revenue and expenses for eligible uses of the revenue be kept in a separate fund. The revenue and three expense accounts were moved from the GF to the new Records Restoration Fund budget, which totals \$18,770.

A Budget Committee of five citizens and the five Selectboard members reviewed all ten budgets. The five citizens on the Budget Committee were Tony Amaral, Phil Cecchini, Alan Garceau, Mike Gilbar and Chris Neddo. The committee met every Tuesday night for at least two hours from January 25 to March 29. On its last night the Committee voted to make changes to four of the fund budgets. The final total of the GF and HF are presented to the voters for approval. The Committee adopted the other eight fund budgets.

The proposed GF and HF budgets total \$7,791,161, which is an increase of \$409,340 or 5.54% over current budgets. The estimated tax rate increase for the two budgets is 3.83¢.

The proposed GF budget amount is \$4,418,306, which is an increase of \$174,190 or 4.10%. The GF tax rate increase would be 1.58¢. The budget is balanced (revenues equal expenses). 87.04% of revenues would be produced by current year property taxes, a slight increase over the '21-'22 figure. The GF proposes two notable staff changes: a full-time, year-round recreation director and a temporary full-time police officer.

There are 24 departments in the GF budget. The five largest department budgets are: 1) Police (\$1,016,115); 2) EMS (\$599,780); 3) Employee Benefits (\$587,435); 4) Fire (\$414,115); and 5) Recreation (\$272,350). By percentage the biggest changes are in: 1) Animal Control (-60.28%); 2) Recreation (+41.28%); 3) Board of Civil Authority/Elections (+40.02%); 4) Selectboard (+20.35%) and 5) Finance Office (-16.73%). In dollars, the five greatest department changes are: 1) Recreation (+\$79,580); 2) Police (+\$70,275); 3) Finance Office (-\$38,115); 4) EMS (+\$26,680); and 5) Town Clerk's Office (-\$24,235).

In addition to the recreation director there is one other notable item in the Recreation budget. \$75,000 for replacing baseball field light poles is listed in the budget. The capital improvements account where the light poles are lodged is not rising \$75,000, however, because FY '21-'22's capital improvements are not repeated. The account increase is \$40,555. With salary, payroll expenses and benefits the recreation director position is adding \$69,250 to the budget. Yes, the sum of these two items is greater than the total Recreation increase. Other accounts (bleacher railings, one-half of the cemetery sexton/rec maintenance supervisor salary, East Barre Bike Path gravel) offset the two large additions.

The Police budget is proposed to increase \$70,275. The temporary full-time officer accounts for \$46,430 of that amount.

The new Finance Office Department's FY '21-'22 budget included \$48,000 to help with the transition from a private bookkeeping/accounting service to town staff. That \$48,000 is not repeated, however, \$6,000 was added to the cost estimate for the independent audit in case a single audit is needed.

Barre Town's payment (per capita fee) into its own Ambulance Fund is going up \$26,680 for two leading reasons: 1) adding a part-time administrative assistant; and 2) fee for billing services.

To help with hiring and transition in the town manager position, an extra \$16,890 is budgeted in the Selectboard and Town Manager's Office budgets.

The Animal Control budget is small (\$9,870 currently). This budget is reduced 60.28% because animal control wages were eliminated. The temporary full-time police officer will follow up on animal nuisance complaints. The Board of Civil Authority budget is up 40.02% because of the two state elections during the summer and fall of 2022.

For '22-'23 the proposed HF budget is \$3,372,855. That amount is \$235,150 or 7.49% greater than the current budget. Property taxes would generate 93.70% of all revenues. The tax rate would go up an estimated 2 1/4 ¢. This budget is balanced. Like the GF, staffing changes are planned. A public works person would be added and one of the contracted snow plowing routes would be cut. This change gives the public works department one more employee for completing warm weather tasks.

The HF has nine department. The five largest department budgets are: 1) Winter Maintenance (\$819,810); 2) Retreatment (paving) (\$593,945); 3) Summer Maintenance (\$567,630); 4) Employee Benefits (\$499,820); and 5) Summer Construction (milling and paving) (\$469,885).

The five greatest changes to by dollar amount are: 1) Summer Construction (+\$98,070); 2) Retreatment (+\$83,505); 3) Employee Benefits (+\$61,065); 4) Summer Maintenance (-\$24,600); and 5) Gravel Pit (+\$9,675).

The five greatest changes by percentage are: 1) Grant Projects (-\$35.70%); 2) Summer Construction (+26.37%); 3) Retreatment (+16.35%);

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4) Gravel Pit (+14.48%); and 5) Employee Benefits (+13.91%).

The proposed 2022 road paving work (see article on page 6) and the additional employee account for all but \$12,430 of the \$235,150 budget increase. Due to rising oil prices the estimated cost per ton of asphalt paved was increased 9.72%, or from \$72 per ton to \$79 per ton. The paving accounts in Retreatment and Summer Construction are up \$77,720. The work plan for 2022 includes more pavement milling (cost per square yard is the same) raising the Summer Construction department account for milling by \$35,855. Other road paving expenses - labor, equipment use, and materials are estimated \$68,000 higher than the current year.

With benefits, payroll expenses and wages the additional employee will cost \$72,675. However, because of the extra help, \$3,200 budgeted for hiring trucks was eliminated as was \$28,420 for a contracted plow route. The net expense for the additional employee is \$41,055.

The employee Benefits department is higher because of Worker's Compensation (\$15,890), health insurance (+\$14,930) and pension (+\$8,170). The amount of these increases are not due to the new position. Grant Projects is \$7,140 or 35.70% less because the \$10,000 set aside for the Quarry Street intersection project is not repeated.

Finally, in the Gravel Pit budget \$6,000 is planned for exploring and testing for a new source of sand and gravel on a parcel of land the Town owns.

For more budget information pick up one of the budget booklets, call the town manager's office, or watch the Selectboard presentation on CVTV.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

**Notice of Change in Appraisal**

The property taxes you pay to Barre Town are used to maintain town roads, provide emergency services, keep and improve recreation facilities, and more. Property taxes are based on the value of property as determined by the town's assessor, who is appointed by the Selectboard. This value determination is also known as an assessment or appraisal. Property assessment is designed to be a fair, equitable process, but it is not an exact science. Therefore, taxpayers have the opportunity to appeal the appraised value of their property every year. The 2022 grand list of all property values will be available at the Town Office in the first week of June. When it is, notices that it is available will be posted on the town website, in the Times Argus, at grocery stores, and post offices around town. This notice is known as "the lodging of the abstract grand list." The appraisal for your property may be changed by the Barre Town Assessor, Russ Beaudoin, if there have been structural changes or building permits since the 2021 grand list. In this case, you will be mailed a notice the same day the abstract grand list is lodged.

Any taxpayer, whether their property appraisal has changed or not, may dispute their property appraisal through the Property Assessment Appeal Hearings process. This process is set by state law. If you wish to dispute your property appraisal, follow this process:

**Step 1: File a grievance with the Assessor** in writing within 14 days from the lodging of the abstract grand list.

When the Assessor receives your grievance, he will schedule a grievance hearing with you. The hearing can be COVID-safe if appropriate. 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. It is recommended that you provide documentation to show that the assessment is unfair. Upon completing the hearings, the Assessor will mail the taxpayer notification of his decision.

**Step 2: Appeal to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA)** by writing to the Town Clerk within 14 days from the date that the Assessor mailed the notice of his decision from the appeal hearing (Step 1 above). The Town Clerk will notify you of the way the BCA hearing will be held depending on the COVID-19 situation. The purpose of the BCA property assessment appeal hearing is for the BCA to judge whether the property being appealed was assessed fairly when compared to other, similar, properties in town. Again, the burden of proof and persuasion is on the taxpayer. All parties may introduce any relevant material and evidence (including, while under oath, verbally describing facts) during this hearing, whether or not that evidence was 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 are not to 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 report, the board will report and list reasons for their decision. The Town Clerk certifies the decision, records it in the grand list book, and notifies the property owner in writing of the decision by certified mail.

**Step 3: Appeal to either the state hearing officer or Superior Court** within 30 days of the Town Clerk mailing the notice of the BCA decision (Step 2 above).

**Step 4: Appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court.**

For additional information on step 1, the grievance process, contact the Assessor's Office at (802) 479-2595 or [jpinardi@barretown.org](mailto:jpinardi@barretown.org). For additional information on step 2, the Property Assessment Appeal (BCA) process, contact the Town Clerk's Office at (802) 479-9391 or email [tlunt@barretown.org](mailto:tlunt@barretown.org).

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

**Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety**

In the warm weather more people will be out walking, running and cycling. If you are out walking or running, remember to wear bright colored clothes. If you enjoy walking at dawn or in the dark, carry a flashlight or wear a headlamp. If you're a cyclist, make sure your bike is equipped with working lights and has reflectors. Equally important, please wear a helmet. If you live on a heavily travelled roadway and are looking for a place to exercise, check out our fantastic bike paths. See the list on the Recreation insert.

*By William Dodge, Chief of Police*



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**PROPERTY TAXES DUE May 16th**



## COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES

If you are visiting town buildings, including the municipal building at 149 Websterville Road, you are not required to wear a mask. However, anyone is welcome to wear one. There are no restrictions on use of

playgrounds or other recreational facilities.

The Berlin Mall vaccination and testing clinic closed April 12. Barre Town EMS continues to offer vaccinations Mondays 3:00 pm—6:00 pm at the East Barre Station at 4 McLaughlin Road. If that time doesn't work for you, call the station at (802) 476-3147 for an appointment. For other walk-in vaccination locations, visit <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>. For walk-in testing locations, visit <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/testing/where-get-tested>.

### Disable Veteran's Tax Exemption Reminder

A reminder that if you are a disabled veteran, a surviving spouse of a qualifying veteran, or a child of a qualified disabled veteran, you may be eligible for a reduction of \$40,000 of the assessed value of your Barre Town home. And, proof of eligibility to the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs is due by May 1.

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

### CFLRF Update

A February newsletter article described the United States Treasury's (UST) new Final Rule about the coronavirus local fiscal recovery funds (CLFRF). The Final Rule contained a surprising provision offering the option to elect a standard allowance for revenue loss. The standard deduction could be the full amount of the CLFRF grant or up to \$10,000,000, whichever is less. On April 12 the Selectboard will be asked to authorize Barre Town make the one-time irrevocable decision to elect the standard allowance approach for CLFRF award in the amount of \$2,307,709 to spend on the provision of government services throughout the period of grant performance.

Because of budget work the Selectboard has not discussed use of CLFRF since January. However, action has been taken on the five leading uses reported in the February article. The digital audio/visual equipment in the Selectboard Meeting Room and lower lever conference room has been installed. (See article on page 3.) The radio system for the public works, ambulance and fire departments has been researched and discussed at the staff level. New base radios, antennae and associated cabling is needed to replace existing 20+ year old base radios. Those radios are needed regardless of the tower site eventually selected and can be moved. A decision about ordering that equipment is imminent. Engineering work is underway and the state permit for the DPW Yard stormwater facility has been submitted. Pipe necessary for the project was ordered. Engineering work for the Jail Branch waterline crossing is being coordinated with the Agency of Transportation and almost is complete (See article on Page 6.) The water pipe and parts for the project will be ordered soon to be sure it is on hand when needed next spring. Bids for the Upper Websterville waterline contract are due April 21.

Since the end of January three new suggestions/requests for use of the CLFRF have been submitted: two by town officials and one from the public. The Selectboard will discuss use of the funds during upcoming meetings.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### ARPA Funding Available for You

**Homeowners:** Late on your bills due to the pandemic? The Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA) is accepting applications from Vermont homeowners who are behind on their housing expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Funded through the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program provides grants for eligible Vermont homeowners for missed payments on their mortgage, utilities, including water and sewer, electricity, and home heating, as well as property taxes, and homeowner's or condominium association fees. The program is restricted to expenses related to a homeowner's primary home. Other eligibility criteria also apply. If applicants are approved, payments will be made directly to service providers. To learn more and apply, visit [vermonthap.vhfa.org](http://vermonthap.vhfa.org) or call (833) 221-4208.

**Renters:** The Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program (VERAP) was created to help renters dealing with financial challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. For eligible households, the program offers rental and utility assistance to help Vermonters avoid eviction or loss of utility service. Find out more at [erap.vsha.org](http://erap.vsha.org).

*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

### Home Water and Septic System Help

The governor and state legislature allocated \$1 million of ARPA funds to the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR), which will use the money to assist owner/applicant-occupied single and multi-unit (up to 4) residential properties that have failing or inadequate on-site water and/or wastewater systems. This program will help income eligible homeowners with their water well and septic system (tank and leach field).

The ANR website states Tier 1 households earn less than \$65,000 per year and Tier 2 households earn \$65,000 to about \$120,000.

The first application period closed April 15. Starting April 16 applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and funding will be provided as available. The website states, "Additional funding is anticipated in future fiscal years."

For more information see the website [www.anr.vermont.gov/content/funding-install-or-replace-water-or-wastewater-systems](http://www.anr.vermont.gov/content/funding-install-or-replace-water-or-wastewater-systems). For assistance email [rosalie.sharp@vermont.gov](mailto:rosalie.sharp@vermont.gov). *By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### Private Stormwater Facility

Property owners with three or more acres of impervious surface (e.g. rooftops, pavement, gravel surfaces) are required to have pollution reducing stormwater treatment. The state has allocated \$9 million this fiscal year (ending June 30, 2022) to help citizens and businesses comply with these regulations. The funding will help owners, "with technical support on permitting aspects, construction oversight and construction." The ANR website indicates funding will be available during fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Information for this announcement was obtained from the ANR website <https://anr.vermont.gov/content/treating-stormwater-runoff>. Refer to it and its links for more information, or contact [meagan.stettmisch@vermont.gov](mailto:meagan.stettmisch@vermont.gov).

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### Summer Road Construction Schedule

Pavement Milling and Hot-Mix Asphalt Paving: July 11 - September 16, 2022:

#### Pavement Milling:

- Church Hill Road - Websterville Road to House #171
- Waterman Street - entire length
- Sparrow Drive - entire length
- West Skylark Terrace - entire length
- Skylark Drive - entire length
- Robin Drive - entire length
- Cardinal Circle - entire length
- Goodhue - entire length



#### Hot-Mix Asphalt Paving:

- Church Hill Road - Websterville Road to House #171
- Websterville Road - Waterman to Church Hill Road
- Windywood Road - Sugarwoods Road to Sunset Road
- Middle Road - VT 14 to Upper Hutchins Circle
- Denison Drive - entire length
- Waterman Street - entire length
- Panther Drive - entire length
- Sparrow Drive - entire length
- West Skylark Terrace - entire length
- Skylark Drive - entire length
- Robin Drive - entire length
- Cardinal Circle - entire length
- Goodhue - entire length
- Countryside Drive - entire length
- Sugarwoods Road - entire length
- Smith Farm Road - entire length
- Fieldstone Road - entire length

*By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer*

### Project Updates

**Websterville Waterline Project:** This summer the Websterville Water System will continue the waterline upgrades that were started two years ago. This will be the final stage of the waterline upgrade. The remaining work to be completed on Libercent, Brook Street, and Violette Street will take place this summer. The project is out to bid this spring and construction will start mid to late summer. The project will upgrade the waterlines from 4-inch water line to 8-inch waterlines, which helps with water quality and required fire flows for hydrants. Any questions about the project please contact the Town Engineer at (802) 479-2595.

**VT 110 Bridge:** Vermont Agency of Transportation, VTTrans, is in the design process of replacing the VT 110 bridge located near the roundabout in East Barre. With new funding sources the project has been fast tracked for construction next summer, 2023. The project will be put out to bid this fall with work commencing early summer. VT 110 will be shut down with a detour for 60 days during construction. The detour will direct traffic to use Websterville Road to Quarry Hill Road through Barre City to US 302. Old 302 will remain open during construction. Also, part of the reconstruction of the bridge is the installation of a waterline. The water line is needed to provide sufficient water flows for hydrants on the roundabout side of the river. For more information on the VT 110 bridge project and other VTTrans projects please go to the VTtransparency website, [vtransparency.vermont.gov](http://vtransparency.vermont.gov).

*By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer*

### Ash Tree Removal

During the winter of 2021-2022 the department of public works finished removing ash trees from rights-of-way along Cutler Corner, lower Phelps, Belding, Maplecrest, Jalbert, Anderson, Nuissl, Pierce, Sierra-Lavin and Osborne Roads. Letters recently were mailed to property owners along Lyman Road and East Cobble Hill Road between West Cobble Hill and Sunnyside Drive. Because of warmer weather, public works might begin spring and summer work earlier than usual, thus ash tree removal along these two roads might not be completed in April.



Next fall or winter, DPW will resume ash tree cutting by finishing Lyman Road and East Cobble Hill from Sunnyside to West Cobble Hill. The next roads on the mailing and work list are: lower Sunset, Higuera, Windywood, Sugarwoods, Taplin, Partridge and the remainder of East Cobble Hill Road.

If you receive a property owner letter and want the wood from trees cut down, please take note of the instructions to call the DPW and ask that the wood be left for you.

Homeowners should determine if there are ash trees near their home or lawn. If there are ash trees near buildings or frequently used areas, consideration should be given to removing the trees before they succumb to damage inflicted by the emerald ash borer. For more information about the emerald ash borer and ash trees see the website [www.vtcommunityforestry.org](http://www.vtcommunityforestry.org).

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### CV Fiber Positions

Barre Town is a member of the communication union district (CUD) known as CV Fiber. Every municipal member (there are 21) may appoint a primary board member and an alternate board member. Both of Barre Town's positions are vacant at this time. Recently the Town's primary representative stepped down due to new work responsibilities. Several months before that the alternate accepted the position of treasurer for CV Fiber necessitating his resignation from the alternate board member position.

CV Fiber's mission is to bring high speed (through use of fiber optic cabling) to every address in the 21 town district. CV Fiber has progressed quickly since its inception in 2018. A full-time executive director experienced in telecommunications has been hired. The district has begun installing cable, and thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding CV Fiber is planning for much more work in 2022. CV Fiber holds remote meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Any Town resident interested in seeing CV Fiber become a success story and who may have digital technology, telecommunications or business management knowledge are encouraged to apply. (See the Board Appointments form on page 7.) For more information about CV Fiber visit its website: <https://cvfiber.net>.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### All Town Offices Will Be Closed/Open On:

**CLOSED: Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day**

**CLOSED: Monday, July 4 - Independence Day**

**OPEN: Tuesday, Aug. 16 - Battle of Bennington**

**BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

On May 24 the Selectboard will appoint volunteer citizen members to the seven boards, commissions and committees (BCCs) that help the Town operate, and appointments will be made to the CV Fiber Board. As required by the Town Charter, every year a notice that applications are requested is published. Notice is given for all seats up for re-appointment even if the current member wants to be re-appointed. The terms that are expiring in 2022 are shown below.



One current DRB member has stated he does not wish to be re-appointed. Both seats on the CV Fiber board are vacant. See the article on page 6. The quick application form shown below may be used to apply for any position. Citizens may apply for more than one position.

BCCs meet in the evenings in the Municipal Building. A staff member is assigned to each. Meeting material is sent to the members before the meeting. Except for the Cemetery Commission, staff prepares the agenda and writes the minutes. Occasionally training opportunities are available. The Town will pay registration fees. BCC members learn much about their area of responsibility and have an impact on town services and life in Barre Town. Learn more about the BCCs by visiting the town website and clicking on Boards and Commissions. A description of each BCC, past agendas and minutes are available. Another option is calling the Town Manager’s Office at 479-9331.

To be considered for one of the BCC seats listed below cut out the quick application form and mail it to the Town Manager’s Office, P.O. 116, Websterville, VT, 05678 or drop 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 <http://www.barretown.org/BoardCommissionLetterOfInterest.docx>.

The LOI would be mailed to the same address listed above. **Applications are due by noon on Thursday, May 19, 2022.**

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

**Application for Board, Commission or Committee**

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

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

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_ (Email): \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Board, Commission</u>	<u>I am interested in being a member of:</u>			<u>Term</u>
	<u>Meeting Night</u>	<u>Members Total</u>	<u>#Positions Due</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	5	1	5 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday	7	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> DRB Alternate members	2nd Wednesday	2	2	1 yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee	as needed	5	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission	3rd Wednesday	7	1	4 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board	1st Monday	7	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Advisory Comm.	3rd Wednesday	5	2	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> CV Fiber Board member/alternate	2nd Tuesday	2	vacant	1 yr.

**Board and Commission Reports**

**Development Review Board** – *By Cindy Spaulding; Members: M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, C. Neddo, J. Valsangiacomo, A. Valentinetti, J. Fecteau and M. Gilbar. Alternates: M. Titus and A. Labrador*

*AUD=Allowed Use Determination; CUP=Conditional Use Permit; SD=Subdivision; BLA=Boundary Line Adjustment*

**February 2022:** Appr. BLA for properties located at 62 Brule Rd and off of Phelps Rd; CUP to be reissued at 210 Beckley Hill Rd; Site Plan Review & Waiver for VT Creamery continued to March; CUP to build eight quad dwellings on single lot off Rudd Farm Dr.; Reviewed DRB’s Rules of Procedures.

**March 2022:** Site Plan Review & Waiver for VT Creamery continued to April; Adopted DRB’s Rules of Procedures.

**Planning Commission** – *By Cindy Spaulding; Members: C. Sanborn, C. Violette, B. Atwood, G. Clain, M. Gilbar, T. Reil and C. Chase*

*AUD=Allowed Use Determination; CUP=Conditional Use Permit*

**February 2022:** Appr. AUD multiple curb cuts at 15 Terry Ct.; Reviewed & Adopted PC’s Rules of Procedures; Review Guidance of Cannabis Categories

**March 2022:** Received guest speaker Cody Morrison of BADC; Discussion on Zoning Bylaw pertaining to Cannabis.

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee** - *By Josh Martineau; Members: W. Kirby, J. Blow, S. Corbett, D. Freeman, and B. Meyer*

**January 2022:** Reviewed Overweight Truck Ordinance.

**February 2022:** No Meeting

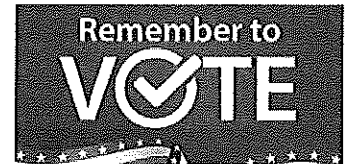
**March 2022:** Reviewed Overweight Truck Ordinance, discussed locations for speed studies.



ELECTION INFORMATION

**Upcoming Election Dates:**

- Wednesday, May 4 - Open Town Meeting
- Tuesday, May 10 - Town Meeting vote by Australian Ballot
- Tuesday, August 9 - Primary Election
- Tuesday, November 8 - General Election



This year's Open Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, in the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Town Meeting vote by Australian Ballot will be held on May 10, 2022 at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voting will be for the town General and Highway Fund budgets, 20 not-for-profit agency donations; various Town offices, and two Charter amendments.

Warnings and Sample Ballots will be posted on the Town website [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) as soon as they become available.

**Early Voting Information:**

If you previously requested an early ballot be mailed to you for the May election, the Town Clerk's Office will mail your ballot out as soon as ballots are available.

Early ballots can be requested by contacting the Town Clerk's Office at (802)479-9391 or emailing [tlunt@barretown.org](mailto:tlunt@barretown.org). You can also request directly through My Voter Page <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. **Please remember to request your ballot ASAP to ensure a timely delivery.**

The deadline to request an early voter absentee ballot for the May 10 election is 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding the election (May 9, 2022). If requesting an early ballot by mail, we suggest requests are made no later than 7 days before the election to make certain the ballot is received in time.

We encourage the use of the municipal drop box for returning ballots. This will help ensure we receive your ballot back and your vote is counted! All early ballots being delivered to the municipal drop box **MUST** be received **before the close of the business day (4:30 p.m.) on the day prior to the election (Monday, May 9)**. Ballots deposited in the drop box at the municipal building after 4:30 p.m. on the day prior to election day will be considered late and not counted.

Visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) and go to the Town Clerk's page to find additional election information. See you at the polls!

*By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk*



# SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

## Bulk Trash Collection



The spring bulk trash collection will be held on its regularly scheduled date. The service is for disposal of large (bulky) items that won't fit into a trash bag. The service is for town residents to clean up around their home. It is not intended for business use nor for landlords to clean up rental property. Residents must bring a tax or utility bill or this newsletter with mailing label, and a driver's license to verify residency.

Items or materials accepted are listed below. Extra explanation or instructions are needed for some items.

**When:** Saturday, May 14, 2022  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** DPW Yard, 129 Websterville Road  
**Cost:** See below

- **Roofing shingles** – No vans or box trailers with loose shingles will be accepted. Shingles must be in containers – boxes, buckets, bags or tubs. Loose loads (in cars, pick-up trucks, or open trailer) will be directed to the side and unloaded when no other user is waiting for service. The per vehicle prices listed below are doubled for all loads containing shingles.
- **Concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks, large stones** – These items are set aside for recycling. Don't mix in with other materials. Concrete must be free of wire and rebar.
- **Building demo** – Small pieces of sheetrock, plaster, tile, wood scraps, etc. must be in buckets, boxes, barrels or other containers for ease of unloading. Loose loads will be directed to wait for a break in the line. Larger pieces of lumber, vinyl siding, wood siding, gutters and the like must be cut to easily handled lengths and bundled.

### Examples of Accepted Items

Mattresses, box springs, furniture  
 Large plastic toys, porcelain fixtures  
 Carpets, pool liners and covers  
 Building demolition materials such as siding, windows, doors and lumber, roofing shingles  
 Concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks and large stones.

At the unloading station please stay in your vehicle, unless the workers ask for your help with the tailgate or straps. Salvaging is permitted. Volunteers will place items with potential for re-use outside the front gate. When checking out these items be mindful of traffic.

### Price List

Car.....	\$10
Pickup Truck.....	\$15
Unloaded car or truck w/loaded trailer.....	\$15
Loaded car and trailer.....	\$20
Loaded pickup and trailer.....	\$25
Truck larger than pickup (1-ton max).....	\$20
Loaded large truck and trailer.....	\$25
Van, box truck, (10' max).....	\$25

***Cash only Town can't accept credit or debit cards at this service***  
***ROOFING SHINGLES CHARGED DOUBLE***

### Items Not Accepted

Lawn waste  
 Hazardous materials  
 Tires  
 Large metal, metal furniture, appliances, lawn mowers, gas grills, bicycles, exercise machines, aluminum siding  
 Electronics, tvs, computers, monitors, stereos  
 Household trash and common recyclables

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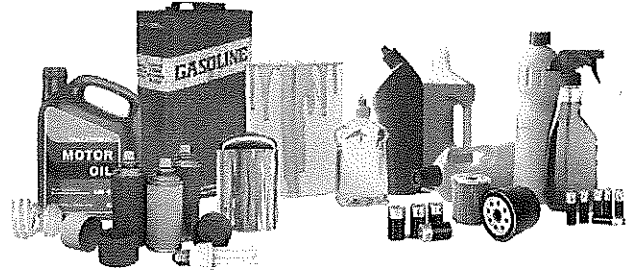
Holden Road site  
 CVSWMD HHW collections  
 Wilson Depot; District ARCC  
 Wilson Depot  
  
 District ARCC  
 Wilson Depot, other licensed collectors

***Spaulding High School Project Graduation will provide volunteer assistance again.*** The Project Graduation volunteers and citizen volunteers make the service possible at a reasonable price. Please donate to Project Graduation and tell the other volunteers thank you. Volunteers always are welcome. For more information contact the Town Manager's Office (479-9331) about volunteering part of the day or the entire day.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

## Additional Recycling Collection Center (ARCC)

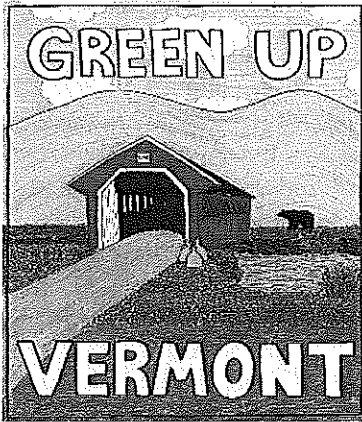
Did you know that you can recycle your fluorescent bulbs, computers, TVs, batteries, household paint and stain, microwaves, air conditioners/dehumidifiers, tires, pellet bags (cut open and shaken clean), cell phones, books, shoes, among several other hard-to-recycle items like toothbrushes, skis and floppy disks at the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management's ARCC? The ARCC is located at 540 N. Main Street, Barre, behind the Dollar General. They are open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30 am – 5:30 pm and every 3rd Saturday of the month 9 am – 1 pm. Fees apply for most items. Please see the complete list of accepted items, fees, hours and details about how to recycle at the ARCC at [cvswmd.org/ARCC](http://cvswmd.org/ARCC).



*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

## Green Up Day is May 7

Green Up Day is the first Saturday of May. Citizen and group volunteers may select a roadside(s) or public space to be cleaned up. Check the static sign-up sheet posted on the town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)). A link to the list is provided in the Green Up announcement. When a roadside(s) or public place is selected stop by the town manager's office or call 479-9331, M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Green up bags, latex gloves and safety information are distributed through the manager's office.



Green Up can begin anytime starting in late April and extend until a few days after May 7. Please tie bags shut and leave by the roadside. Large items (tires, other car parts, furniture and so on) can be left by the roadside too. Town public works employees will collect the bags and large items for disposal.

Vermont Green Up provides the free bags. The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District reimburses the Town \$400 for disposal expenses.

Most years there is a volunteer Green Up coordinator who might host a volunteer BBQ lunch or collect small gifts to raffle off to volunteers. To date there is no coordinator this year. The manager's office would like to hear from anyone interested in serving as the coordinator in 2023.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

## Wilson Depot – Trash and Everyday Recyclables

The trash, recycling, and food scrap (compost) drop-off station at the Wilson Depot in the Wilson Industrial Park is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 8 am to 4 pm. This station is operated by Casella Waste Management.

Current fees for trash are \$3 - \$7.50 per bag depending on the size. The fees are less for seniors. Recycling costs \$2.50 for up to the first 30 gallons and \$1.25 for each additional 15 gallons; cardboard costs \$5 per yard. Numerous other metal items such as appliances, bicycles, and push mowers may be recycled for free. Refrigerators, freezers, AC units, and dehumidifiers are \$20-\$40 each because of the chemicals in these items. Fees for bulky items like carpeting and furniture vary from \$10 - \$40 depending on the size. Electronics such as tvs, monitors, computers and printers are not accepted at the Depot. Hazardous wastes also are not accepted. For more information call Casella at (888)852-2151.

For ideas on how to reduce waste, and your waste disposal costs, visit <https://www.cvswmd.org/zero-waste-at-home.html>.



*By Elaine Wang, Assistant Town Manager*

## Lawn Waste Site

The Town's lawn waste site will be open Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to noon starting April 30. A volunteer will open the site from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays starting April 26.

For those not aware, the site is located on Holden Road not far from the Graniteville Road, Holden Road intersection.

Residents may take tree branches, grass clippings, leaves, hedge clippings and unwanted lawn and garden vegetative matter to the site. Deposit material in the appropriate area. Tree branches larger than 5" will be placed in the firewood area. Residents may take wood mulch, compost material and firewood.

Public works employees and volunteer(s) are not required to help unload users' vehicles.

Volunteers could be added. A lawn waste site volunteer opens and closes the site, keeps a count of users, directs residents to the right section for dropping off material and discourages improper use (littering, dropping off junk, trash and lumber). Call the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331 to learn more about volunteering.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*





# RECREATION NEWS

## Tennis Lessons

**July 19-29:** Barre Town Rec offers summer tennis lessons for beginners and intermediate players aged 8 and up.

- Beginners: 1 or 2 weeks, Tues. - Fri., 2:30pm-4pm
- Intermediates: 1 or 2 weeks, Tues. - Fri., 5pm-6:30pm

Fees are \$45 for 1 week or \$60 for 2 weeks. Rackets are available to loan. For questions about lessons, contact instructor, Lee Wilschek at [leewilschek@yahoo.com](mailto:leewilschek@yahoo.com). Limit of 8 students per session. Visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) for more information and to register.



## Swim Lesson Reimbursements

To promote water safety, the town provides swim lesson reimbursements of up to \$25 per child with proof of residency. Call the town at 802-479-9331 or visit [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org) for the form and instructions. Remember that swimming in the quarries is prohibited for everyone's safety!



## Town Forest Trail Clean Up Days

If you enjoy the town forest trails, please join Millstone Trails Association volunteers for spring cleanup. Dates are Sundays, April 24, May 1 & 15, June 12, July 10, and August 14, 8am-11:30am. No experience is necessary. Bring water and dress for the weather. Meet at 44 Brook St in Websterville. For updates, visit MTA online at [millstonetrails.org](http://millstonetrails.org) or [facebook.com/millstonetrails](https://www.facebook.com/millstonetrails).



## Movie Night

The Rec Board is planning to hold a movie night at the Rec Area on June 4 after dark. Stay tuned to Front Porch Forum and the Barre Town Recreation Facebook page for details.



## Rockfire

**June 24-25:** This unique music, dance, and art event returns to the forests of and around Barre Town Forest. Visit [www.rockfirevt.com](http://www.rockfirevt.com) for the schedule of events and other announcements. There are fees to attend. Proceeds benefit preservation of the quarry lands and the Vermont Granite Museum.



## Dog Park Yard Sale Fundraiser

**Sat. Jun 4, 8am-3pm.** Organized by dog park volunteers. **Donors:** June 4 at 8am drop off donations of your unwanted treasures (no clothes please) to the Dog Park Organizers at the auxiliary parking area across from the dog park. Please check back by 3pm to remove unsold items. **Shoppers:** Arrive between 8:30am and 2:30pm. Cash and checks will be accepted. 100% of proceeds go to the dog park.



## Recreation Director Position

The proposed General Fund budget (see article starting on page 1) includes a new full-time, year round Recreation Director position. If the General Fund budget is approved May 10 advertising for applications will begin soon thereafter. The Director will oversee maintenance of all recreation properties and plan programs. The Director will prepare agendas for; attend and write minutes of Recreation Board meetings. Salary range is \$45,000—\$55,000. Interested parties should keep an eye on the local newspapers or town website for the vacancy announcement.

## CV Runners Barre Town Spring Run 5K

**When:** Saturday, May 21.

**Where:** Registration and starting line at picnic shelter in recreation area. The course features the Millstone Hill West bike path.

Visit [cvrunners.org](http://cvrunners.org) for more information

## Learn to Skate



The Travis Mercy family is planning a Learn to Skate event in 2022. Stay tuned to Front Porch Forum and the Barre Town Recreation Facebook page for details.

## No Ice Cream Socials in 2022

The Barre Town Recreation Board is not planning to offer Ice Cream Socials this year due to the usual organizer's schedule. If you'd like to see these continue and have time to organize, send and email to [offices@barretown.org](mailto:offices@barretown.org).



## Take note:

**No Spring Into Summer Festival this year**

## Youth Soccer Camp

Barre Amateur Soccer Association Soccer Camp, Aug. 15 to 19. Ages 3-16 on the upper soccer field.

- 3-6 year-olds: 8a-9a. Fee: \$99
- 5-16 year-olds: 9a-12p. Fee: \$190
- 7-16 year-olds: 12p-3p. Fee: \$190
- 7-16 year-olds: 9a-3p. Fee: \$235

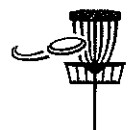
Fees increase by \$10 after Aug. 5. Register at [www.barresoccer.com](http://www.barresoccer.com).



## Disc Golf Course Events

**May 21-22, 8am-6pm:** The Annual Quarries Throwdown Disc Golf Tournament, point series for members only. The course will be closed to the public. For tournament information email [info@discgolfvermont.com](mailto:info@discgolfvermont.com).

**June 7, 6pm:** The 8th annual Barre Lions Community Disc Golf Challenge. Up to 18 teams of 5. For more information, contact Stacy Cadorette by phone at 802-498-3740 or email at [stacycad@yahoo.com](mailto:stacycad@yahoo.com).

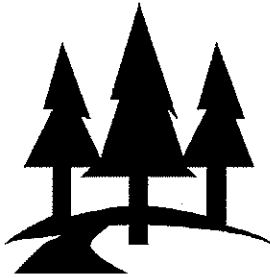


# RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

*All welcome!*



## Town Forest



The 350-acre Barre Town forest welcomes you for recreation year-round on 20 miles of trails. In the spring through fall, enjoy its scenic quarrying history by walking, taking photos, running, mountain biking, or horseback riding. Play disc golf on the volunteer-maintained disc golf course. Parking areas are at 44 Brook St and 31 Barclay Quarry

Rd. Kiosks at the parking areas are updated seasonally with nature trivia and safety information.

The volunteer-run Millstone Trails Association (MTA) maintains the Town Forest trails and trail maps. You can pick up a hard copy map from the town offices or Lawson's Store. View the map on the MTA website at [www.millstonetrails.com](http://www.millstonetrails.com), or access the map on the Trailhub app by following "Millstone Trails." Mountain bikers are asked to buy a MTA membership or a day pass to help with trails maintenance costs. Memberships and day passes can be purchased at Lawson's Store.

The Barre Town Forest Friends will not be leading nature walks this year.

**Forest Recreation Rules:** The rules below relate to safety, stewardship, or both.

- Camping and fires are not allowed in the town forest.
- Take your trash out of the forest with you.
- Horses not allowed on the Rauli's Run trail.
- Mountain bikers, please abide by trail closures.
- No swimming or jumping into quarry holes for everyone's safety.
- No flagging, signing or marking without authorization.

## Pickleball

If you haven't tried pickleball yet, you're in for a treat! It's a sport for all ages that's a low-impact combination of tennis and ping-pong. It can be played as doubles or singles. The town has 6 outdoor pickleball courts at the Rec Area (at 46 Websterville Rd, behind the school). Keep an eye on Front Porch Forum and the Barre Town Recreation Facebook page for evening Learn to Play Pickleball sessions. Also, during beginner Open Play you can usually drop in, borrow equipment, and learn from a regular. Regulars organize Open Play for all skill levels using [barrepickleball.playerlineup.com](http://barrepickleball.playerlineup.com). Anyone may view the schedule without creating an account.



## Town Playground Guide

All six town playgrounds have swings, slides, climbing structures, and a picnic shelter. Some have pieces unique in the region, like the net climber at Upper Websterville, the cruise line at Trow Hill, and the rocket ship at Lower Graniteville. All playgrounds are open dawn to dusk.

Playground, Street	Shelter	Basketball	Equipment	Field
E. Barre Park, Pleasant St.	Y	Y	Y	Y
Upp.Websterville, Brook St.	Y	Y	Y	
Upp.Graniteville, Park St.	Y	Y	Y	
Lwr. Graniteville, Baptist St.	Y	Y	Y	
Trow Hill, Hill Street	Y	Y	Y	
S. Barre Park, Wilson St.	Y		Y	Y

If you see a maintenance problem at a playground, please report it to the town office at 802-479-9331.

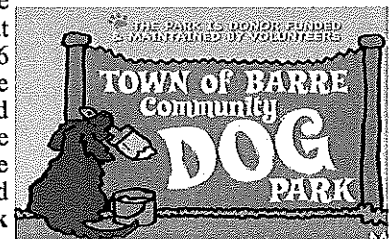
## Reserving the Picnic Shelter

The large picnic shelter in the Recreation Area (behind the school) can be reserved for events. Call (802) 479-9331 to request a time and/or reservation. The fee is \$50 for up to 50 people, plus \$1 per person over 50.



## Dog Park

The Town of Barre Community Dog Park is at the main Rec Area at 46 Websterville Road. Please keep your dog leashed from the Rec Area gate until the outer gate of the dog park is latched behind you and your dog. **Pick up after your dog** whether in the dog park or not.



For news and community, follow the group's Facebook page. Find them by searching for "Town of Barre Community Dog Park" on Facebook.

## Bike Paths

1. Millstone Hill West - Barre Town to Lower Graniteville. Paved; 1.35 miles
2. East Barre - Gravel; starts at Websterville Road; 1.15 miles
3. South Barre - Bridge Street to Barre City's Fairview. Paved; 1.1 miles