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## Budget Vote Information

The Annual Election with Voting by Australian ballot in Barre Town will be held May 9. 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.

A budget committee of five citizens and the five Selectboard members reviewed all ten of the fund budgets submitted by the town manager. The five citizens on the Committee were Jamie Cushman, Mike Gilbar, Josh Howard, Chris Neddo, and Todd Provencher. The Committee met for at least two hours every Tuesday from January 31 to March 28. The Committee held one special meeting in March. During its last meeting the Committee voted to make one change to the Equipment Fund and several changes to the GF. The Committee approved the other eight budgets without changes. The General and Highway Fund budgets are on the Annual Election ballot.



The proposed GF and HF budgets total \$8,329,851, which is an increase of \$538,690 or 6.91% over the current year. The estimated tax rate increase for these two budgets is 5.8¢. A 5.8¢ increase in the municipal tax rate would raise annual tax bills \$58 per \$100,000 of assessed value. The tax bill for a property assessed at \$150,000 would increase \$87. A \$200,000 property would see a \$116 jump in its tax bill. The bill for a \$225,000 property would be \$130.50 more.

The proposed GF budget is \$196,205 or 4.44% more than the current budget. The HF proposal for FY '23-'24 is \$342,485 or 10.15% greater than FY '22-'23. Lets start with the HF.

There are nine departments in the HF. Two of the departments (Summer Construction and Retirement) are used for road paving expenses. The sum of these two department budgets for FY '23-'24 is \$108,850 or 10.23% more than the current year. Using the per ton price paid for paving last summer as an indicator, the budgeted per ton price for paving was increased 13.9%. Further increasing the Summer Construction amount is the need to reclaim (grind all existing pavement) the asphalt on Plainfield Brook Road before re-paving.

After road paving the second biggest department increase is Summer Maintenance at \$98,360. Wages in Summer Maintenance are up \$68,040 in part because less of the public works crew's time will be devoted to other DPW duties like water and sewer. Also the delayed start of winter weather is allowing the DPW to perform summer maintenance work further into the fall. The Winter Maintenance wage account is decreasing \$20,310 as a result of this shift. The Town's Equipment Fund charges were increased 10% across the board. The Summer Maintenance department is projected to pay \$35,100 more in equipment charges. S.M. contracted services is increased \$17,800 based on recent price increases for contracted work such as line-painting and gravel crushing. The finance payments for a large equipment item in S.M. was paid off in '22-'23 producing a \$20,215 savings.

The Employee Benefits department amount is \$56,410 more because of a one-time union contract bonus (\$11,275), workers compensation (\$10,745), health insurance (\$22,430), pension payments (\$4,340) and social security (\$3,160).

Stormwater permit fees (\$34,145) are the leading cost increase in the Administration and Engineering department, which is going up \$51,085. Other rising costs in this department are salaries (\$9,455), Town equipment charges (\$4,220) and computer program (GIS) upgrades (\$2,525).



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### Dates & Events:

- May 1 - Cemeteries Open
- May 3 - Open Town Meeting
- May 6 - Green Up Day
- May 9 - Annual Town Election
- May 13 - Spring Bulk Trash Collection
- May 13 - Barre Town Fire Department Open House
- May 15 - Property Taxes Due**
- May 20 - Barre Town Spring Run 5K
- May 25 - Board & Commission Letters of Interest Due
- June 18 - BTFD Father's Day BBQ
- August 15 - Property Taxes Due**

### Permits

**Fireworks:** A common misunderstanding is that you do not need a permit to "shoot" fireworks. In fact, you absolutely need a permit for fireworks if they include anything larger than a common sparkler or "pop-its" type pyrotechnic. You can legally purchase fireworks without a permit, but it is illegal to transport them or launch them without one. Unlike many towns, the fire chief in Barre Town is not the sole person responsible for issuing fireworks permits. The process includes the chief, but a permit application is also reviewed by the police chief and the selectboard. The process can take a couple of weeks. A permit must be submitted at least 15 days in advance of the show, so please plan early. A fireworks permit application can be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office (479-9391).



**Paving Driveways:** If any work, especially paving, is to occur within the town road right-of-way (at or near the road) you will need a driveway permit. Other work in the right-of-way could also require a permit, especially if digging. In a case such as that, a **Working In The Right-Of-Way Permit** is required. Both permits are reviewed and issued by the town engineer. While applications can be obtained by calling the zoning office at 479-2595, you should contact the engineer in advance at 476-3522 to discuss your plans.

**Building Permit:** Finally going to build that deck or shed you've been thinking about but putting off? Or for that matter really anything outside more than 64 s.f. in size? A Building Permit is likely going to be required. And, you should be thinking about this early too. A building permit is another permit that needs to be planned ahead because it takes about 25 days to obtain a valid permit. A building permit application can be obtained by calling 479-2595.

In addition to calling the office for these permit applications at the number noted, applications also can be found at [barretown.org/permitsandforms](http://barretown.org/permitsandforms).

*By Chris Violette, Assistant Town Manager*



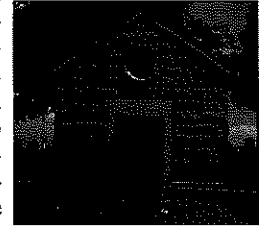
The Fire Department's Father's Day BBQ will be held Sunday, June 18, 2023 at the East Barre Fire Station in East Barre. You can eat-in or take out. Meals will

be served from noon to 2:00pm. The meal includes chicken, pasta, salad, dinner roll, ice cream and a beverage. The cost is \$18 for adults (1/2 chicken) and \$12 for children (1/4 chicken). We hope to see you there!

*By Andy Lange, Fire Chief*

### Cemetery Vault History

This summer season will mark the 100th anniversary for the construction of the cemetery vault located at the front of Wilson Cemetery on the Quarry Hill Road. Reference to the vault can be found in 1922 as an item of discussion for town meeting that year. Carried over into the next year, at the 1923 town meeting the voters overwhelmingly approved the vault's construction. The initial construction plans showed brick as the main building material with any necessary trim to be granite. Just before the vote, the citizens decided brick did not fit the image of Barre Town; our vault should be all granite. Changes were made, vote taken, ready for contractor.



The town clerk's office and the chair of the cemetery commission advertised the job in the Barre Daily and eventually awarded the contract to a local builder, A.B. Lane, a resident of Barre City. Lane and his company had a very good reputation for the buildings and other structures they built. The cost for the vault had been estimated to be \$6,000 and the Wilson family donated a \$1,000 towards construction. In the end the tax payers paid \$5,850 for the work. Lane and his company completed the job and the year "1923" is engraved in the granite lintel above the door. No published articles could be found that there was any kind of grand opening.

Times have changed and the vault no longer is used as it was in the past. Over the years, the vault had a lot of use, but between other storage facilities in the area and the general trend toward cremation, the vault is more of a monument to the cemetery now. Stay tuned to the Cemetery Department section of the Barre Town webpage for a more intensive article with photos later this spring.

*By Harry Harrington, Cemetery Commission*

### Wilson Industrial Park News

This summer we expect a new business to join the Wilson Industrial Park family. Last year, after being approached by Crossland Barnes Group (CBG), a Real Estate Management firm out of South Carolina, the town created a 3-acre parcel of land for a client of theirs interested in space in the park. CBG's client is planning to construct a 7,650s.f. distribution warehouse below 81 Parker Road. MSK Engineers out of Bennington, VT was hired to engineer the project and obtain necessary state and local permits. Permitting is well underway and construction is expected to begin later this year.

*By Chris Violette, Assistant Town Manager*

### Help Wanted

We currently have summer openings in our Public Works and Cemetery Departments. These positions are great opportunities for college students wanting to earn money or for somebody who hides from the snow and wants to fill their summers and keep active.

More information can be obtained about any job openings but especially for these summer jobs by contacting the town manager's office at 479-9331.

**Police Department:** The police department is accepting applications for a full-time patrol officer and per diem patrol officers. The selected candidates must meet all requirements for ad

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### In Gratitude

It was a fortunate event for my family and me in August, 1991 when the Barre Town Selectboard offered me this position. Barre Town has been, and is, a great place to work, for our daughters and now granddaughters to grow up, and to enjoy life. It has been an honor to serve the residents of Barre Town since September 30, 1991. Last October I gave an award acceptance speech at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns annual meeting. I told the hundreds of local and state government officials present, "I especially hold Barre Town residents in high regard. They are respectful, patient, understanding, appreciative, informed and attentive. Working in Barre Town for 31 plus years, and frequently giving back, has been a pleasure because of the community." Please accept this brief expression as my heartfelt gratitude. I've tried very hard to serve Barre Town well, to provide services we thought you'd utilize and appreciate, and to deliver excellent services at a great value.

The words team and teamwork are used often by Town officials and staff. It is warranted, in my opinion. The provision of outstanding municipal services is due to teamwork involving all employees and all volunteers, including board and commission members and all volunteers who participate in countless opportunities such as Green Up Day, installing playground equipment and monitoring the lawn waste site to name a few examples of volunteers' value. The employees' and volunteers' dedication to help keep Barre Town a desirable place to live and conduct business is deeply appreciated.

After a 40-year and 4-month career in local government management, my last day of employment with the Town of Barre will be April 28, 2023. Time has come for me to enjoy time with my entire large family and to spend time in the woods, in the garden and in the hay fields. I trust Ian Anderson will not mind me leaving with these words from A Change of Horses:

"And we treasure all,  
all that we left behind us.  
No point in cold and dark regrets;  
no nameless blame to lay.  
Resolute the Optimist.

I ride fresh horse and spur it on.

Four hundred thousand hours have come and gone."

I will endeavor to remain Resolute the Optimist. The Town might do the same. I hope the Town continues to enjoy much success.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### Staffing Updates:

**Planning and Zoning:** Chris Violette's transition to the Town Manager's office left a vacancy for a new Town Planner and Zoning Administrator. The Town is pleased to announce that **Brandon Garbacik** will be starting as Planning and Zoning Administrator in mid-May. Brandon started his career with Barre Town in May of 2022 as an Assistant Town Clerk. During his tenure in that position he was responsible for voter registration, dog licensing and water billing. It was quickly apparent that Brandon's attention to detail, great memory and customer service skills were a great fit for the Town. A life-long Barre Town resident, Brandon has always been interested in serving in municipal government and studied Political Science at UVM.

During this transition, **Cindy Spaulding**, the Assistant to the the Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, has been serving as Interim Town Planner and Zoning Administrator. We're grateful to Cindy for stepping up, and for the role she will play in that office moving forward.

**DPW:** The Department of Public Works will have two new hires starting mid-April. **Shane Haley** will fill a previous vacancy and **Justin Blakely** has been hired to fill a vacancy that was recently created with the resignation of **Chad Hatch**.

Shane comes to Barre Town from Student Transport where he served as a bus mechanic. He has his Class B CDL and will be a great asset to our team. A Barre Town resident, Justin will be joining us from Putney's Garage where he was a mechanic. Prior to that, Justin worked for Harper Transport where he was a truck driver. Justin has his Class A CDL with a tanker endorsement. We're excited to have both joining the crew!

Chad is returning to his previous job with Pike after being offered a position closer to home. We thank him for his brief tenure with the Town, and wish him the best as he moves on.

**Town Clerk's Office:** The Town Clerk's office will see the departure of two Assistant Town Clerks in May. As mentioned previously, Brandon Garbacik will be moving to the Planning and Zoning Office. Additionally, **Jennifer Bushway**, who has been serving as the Land Record Recording Clerk since April of 2021, has tendered her resignation effective May 5<sup>th</sup>. Jen is moving home to NY to be closer to family. Her bubbly personality will be sorely missed. The Town is grateful for her time in our office, and we hope she will keep in touch. Best of luck for everything that NY holds for you, Jen!

The hiring process for these two open positions is underway. Stay tuned for the announcement in the next newsletter!

*By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director*

### (Cont'd - Help Wanted)

mission to the VT Criminal Justice Council academy, and go through a thorough background investigation including a polygraph test. Full-time applicants must pass a physical fitness test, and if not certified will be required to attend the 18 week police academy followed by a field training period. Per diem applicants will be required to attend the two week academy followed by additional classes and a field training period. Full time officers work 4, 10-hour shifts per week. Per diem officers work as often as each week depending on need and availability. Throughout the year there are several regular extra duty opportunities. If you are interested in full time or per diem work at the police department, please contact us at 479-0509.

*By Bill Dodge, Chief of Police*

**Paramedics and Per-Diem AEMT's:** The Barre Town EMS Department is seeking motivated AEMTs and paramedics to join our team. Multiple per-diem positions throughout the week are available.

BTEMS offers a challenging work environment involving all aspects of EMS: 911 response, routine interfacility transports, and critical care transports throughout central Vermont and the surrounding area.

Applications can be found on the Barre Town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)) or can be picked up in person during

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### Barre Town Fire Department Open House



The Barre Town Fire Department will be hosting an Open House at its East Barre Station, corner of Mill Street and Rt. 110, on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This event is being held in conjunction with Operation Mayday, Vermont's first coordinated statewide firefighter recruitment effort aimed at bringing new firefighters into the Vermont Fire Service. This is an opportunity to talk with Barre Town firefighters about the work they do and the services they provide. There will be demonstrations and opportunities to see our team and equipment in action. Lite refreshments will be served.

*By Andy Lange, Fire Chief*

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

Combined, the proposed amounts for these four departments are \$314,705 more than the current year, accounting for 91.89% of the HF increase. The HF budget is not predicated on any change in full-time staff. The number of summer helpers will be cut from four to two in anticipation of utilizing automated flaggers. Services would not change. The proposed road paving program (see article on page 6) is in line with prior years.

As stated, the proposed GF budget is 4.4% or \$196,205 more than the '22-'23 budget. The top ten budget increases, either for a new item or in an operating account total \$200,675. The single largest increase is \$49,735. The tenth largest is \$10,320. Unlike the HF, mid to small increases in many items produce the GF increase.

The largest increase (\$49,735) is for health insurance premiums caused both by premiums rising and a higher percent of employees utilizing Town offered insurance. Because of this jump in premiums, the Employee Benefits department has the largest increase of all 24 GF departments. Police straight-time wages are projected to go up \$26,325, a 5.1% increase. The third largest increase is for an one-time expense to re-fence the Little League field in the recreation area. The budgeted amount is \$21,675. The fourth and sixth items on the list also are one-time expenses and both are in the Municipal Building department. It is proposed to have the entire white clapboard addition re-painted (\$18,300). Inside, a partition will be built to divide the Finance Office from the mail and copier room. The cost estimate is \$15,350. The fifth item on this year's list of top ten GF increases is fire department equipment charges. The 10% across the board increase in equipment charges is pushing the fire department's payment up \$16,935. The police equipment charges are seventh at \$15,185. Barre Town pays money into its Ambulance Fund. The increases for '23-'24 is \$15,080 or 2.5%. Next is an \$11,770 increase in the contribution to Barre Area Development for its operating expenses. Last, the contract for managed care of the Town's computer network is going up \$10,320.

The hundreds of other GF expense accounts have a net decrease of \$4,470.

The tax rate is not a result of spending alone. Growth in the Grand List (property tax base) and changes in non-tax revenue also factor into determining the tax rate. The assessor estimates the Town will see a \$1,300 increase in property tax revenue per 1¢ of tax rate. GF non-tax revenue is

down \$29,045, meaning property taxes have to make up that reduction in other revenues.

No changes in services are being planned. Regular full-time and part-time staffing will not change. The temporary extra full-time police officer in the '22-'23 budget, as planned, is not included in the '23-'24 budget.

All twenty not-for-profit donation requests on last year's ballot were approved. All twenty are back on the ballot seeking the same amounts. Barre Area Development requested a \$28,565 or 54% increase in the Town's contribution. The Budget Committee decided to carry the amount for BADC's usual operating expenses and place the amount requested for a new part-time marketing coordinator position on the ballot. The amount in Article 25 is \$16,795.

A Town Charter amendment about the Board of Civil Authority's annual reorganization meeting is proposed. To reduce confusion the proposed amendment to Section 6 (a) would move the BCA re-organization meeting from its first meeting after the Town's Annual Election to the first BCA meeting on or after February 1. Article 27, pursuant to existing Town Charter Section 10 (f), asks if the voters will abolish the position of (elected) Auditor.

For more detailed budget information, come to the Municipal Building to look through a budget book, or read the budget booklet that will be available by hard copy and on the website. A one-page summary of every fund budget, and for most budgets, a list of highlights is posted on the Town website. Another source is the recorded budget presentation played on CVTV and on the Town website.

The Selectboard is holding public hearings for the Town Charter amendment on April 4 and 11. A recording of those meetings is available to view on the Town website. Or, for answers to questions about any of these matters, call the Town Manager's office at 479-9331.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*



May 21—27, 2023 is National Public Works Week. Our Public Works employees keep our vehicles moving, water going, and sewer flowing 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We take this week to thank them for all of

the long hours and hard work they do throughout the year. Please join us in thanking our Public Works Employees.

*By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer*

Did you know prior to 1973, there was no such thing as Emergency Medical Services (EMS)? Today, few can imagine life without this societal safety net. Due to the vital job EMS performs in our communities, a national week of recognition was authorized by President Gerald Ford in 1974, and hence, "National EMS Week" was created.



National EMS Week is a time to thank EMS personnel for their service and sacrifices. It is also a time for those of us in EMS to raise public awareness of our profession, and of the increasing challenges we face. If you see us in passing, please share a smile and wave. Stay safe and know that your EMS Department is here 24/7.

*By Paul Ginther, EMS Director*

### Filing Your Homestead Declaration Form

If you own a Vermont property and live on that property you must declare homestead this year **by April 18, 2023**. If you do not file by this date, then you will be assessed a penalty. If you miss the April 18 deadline, you still can file by October 16, 2023, but a penalty fee will be charged.

Filing a Homestead Declaration Form (HS-122) is easy and can be done online at the Vermont Department of Taxes website. **You must file the HS-122 even if you do not have to file a state income tax return**, for example if you are retired. This ensures that you will pay the lower tax rate assessed by the State for education, and not the higher non-homestead education tax rate.

If your household made less than an amount specified by the state during calendar year 2022 (whether from a job, retirement income, or other income), you may be eligible for a property tax credit. To claim a property tax credit, file a Household Income (HI-144) Form with your HS-122 by the same deadlines. Filing the HI-144 at the same time as your HS-122 will potentially reduce your tax burden even more. The maximum household income to be eligible for a property tax credit for 2022 is \$134,800. If your household made less than that in 2022, file an HI-144 this year.

**Accessing the forms:** The 2023 HS-122 Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Credit Claim Forms for 2023 are available from the Vermont Department of Taxes on the Town of Barre website at [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org). Additionally, they can be completed online at [www.myvtax.vermont.gov](http://www.myvtax.vermont.gov).

### Property Assessment Appeals

The assigning of property values (aka property assessment or property appraisal) is designed to be a fair, equitable process, but assessing is an imprecise science. Therefore, taxpayers may appeal the appraisal of their property. The 2023 grand list, which includes property ownership and value as of April 1, 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 officially called "the lodging of the abstract grand list." If the Assessor for Barre Town has changed the appraisal of your property, you will receive a notice in the mail. Any taxpayer (not just those whose property appraisal has changed) may dispute their property appraisal through the tax grievance process, a process set by state law. A summary of the process should you wish to dispute the appraisal is below:

**Step 1: File a grievance with the Assessor** within 14 days from the lodging of the abstract grand list, which will be the same date any notice of changes in appraisal are mailed. When the Assessor receives your grievance, the office will schedule a grievance hearing with you. The purpose of the hearing is to discover any possible errors or omissions in determining the value of the property. The burden of proof and persuasion is on the taxpayer. Upon completing the hearings, the Assessor will notify the taxpayer in writing of his decision. *What if the taxpayer does not agree with the Assessor's decision...*

**Step 2: Appeal to the Board of Civil Authority (BCA)** in writing via the Town Clerk within 14 days from the date that the Assessor mailed the result of his grievance hearing (Step 1).

The purpose of the BCA Property Assessment 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 tax-

payer. All parties may introduce any relevant material and evidence whether or not it was previously submitted to the Assessor during the grievance process. After the presentation of evidence and cross-examination, the BCA will appoint an inspection committee of three members to inspect the property and submit written findings to the full BCA within 30 days of the date of the BCA hearing. During the property inspection, property owners shall not engage in conversation pertaining to the appeal process 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 its 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. *What if the taxpayer does not agree with BCA's decision...*

**Step 3: Appeal to either the State Division of Property Valuation and Review or Superior Court** within 30 days of the Town Clerk mailing the notice of the decision. More information about this step will be provided by the Town Clerk when mailing notice of the BCA decision.

**Step 4: Appeal to the Vermont Supreme Court.** These appeals are governed by the Vermont Rules of Appellate Procedure.

For more information on the Property Assessment Appeals Process contact the Town Clerk's Office at 802-479-9391 or email [tlunt@barretown.org](mailto:tlunt@barretown.org).

### Low Interest Home Improvement Loans



Are you a Barre Town resident who owns a home that needs repairs or access modifications. Downstreet Housing and Community Development can help! Downstreet Housing offers

special low-interest loans for qualified homeowners and administers these loans for Barre Town providing all the essential review and oversight.

These loans can be used for:

- ◆ Repairs to resolve health and safety issues, such as electrical upgrade, structural problems (leaking roof, etc.), or systems failures (heating, septic, etc.)
- ◆ Repairs needed to correct municipal or state code violations
- ◆ Access modification for elderly or disabled household members
- ◆ Energy upgrades (including energy audit, insulation, air sealing, and other measures recommended in the energy audit report)

**Who Qualifies:** To be eligible a Barre Town resident must have a household income that does not exceed 80% of the Washington County median income, e.g., household income of \$73,100 or less for a family of four, or \$51,200 or less for a single person. Special exceptions may apply to historic homes and/or homes that may contain lead paint or hazardous building materials. The homes must be primary residences.

If you have questions or are interested in learning more, visit Downstreet Housing and Community Development's website <https://downstreet.org/green-mountain-home-repair> or contact Cheryl Moyer at Downstreet Housing, (802) 477-1331 or [cmoyer@downstreet.org](mailto:cmoyer@downstreet.org).

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk



### Summer Construction & Projects

Pavement Milling & Hot-Mix Paving: July 10 – September 15

#### Full Depth Reclamation and Paving –

- Plainfield Brook Rd - Camrie Hill Road to Town line
- Richardson Rd - Goldsbury Woods Rd to School Rd

#### Pavement Milling and Paving-

- Richardson Road - Ledge Dr to Goldsbury Wood Rd
- Bianchi St & Carnes Rd - Entire Length
- Central St & Irving St - Entire Length
- Pleasant St & Prospect St - Entire Length
- Bolster Rd - Entire Length



#### Hot-Mix Asphalt Paving Only -

- Pine Hill Rd & Nicholas Rd - Entire Length
- School Road - Richardson Rd to Beckley Hill Rd
- Misty Mountain Dr - Entire Length
- Moonlight Dr & Cano Dr - Entire Length
- Meadows Dr - Entire Length
- Buick St & Ferris St - Entire Length
- Ferris St Ext - Entire Length

If you have any questions regarding the work to be done on a road near your property, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at 479-2595

### Project Updates

**Websterville Waterline Project:** This fall and winter Munson Earth Moving completed the Websterville waterline project. Munson installed new water mains on Libercent, Brook Street and Violette Street. The new water line will give adequate fire flows in the Brook Street area and better water quality through the system. This May Munson will be back to clean up lawns and other areas that were disturbed while snow was on the ground. The streets will be paved by the Town in 2024.

The contract awarded to Munson totaled \$555,306, based on the consulting engineer's estimated quantities. To date Munson has billed \$349,804. The construction work should cost less than the awarded contract. The engineer's fees since July 2021 are \$97,927. The Town is using Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) to pay for this project.

**DPW Yard Stormwater:** Ten bids for this construction contract were opened on February 17. The low bidder was Poulin Companies LLC from Burlington with a bid of \$101,468. After review by the Town's stormwater consultant the Selectboard awarded the contract to Poulin on February 28. On March 21 the Selectboard approved the \$120,000 grant agreement with the Friends of the Winooski River. The Town has learned the GMP pole in the project vicinity must be moved. GMP has given a cost estimate of \$6,735. By contract, Poulin cannot start work until May 15 or later. Substantial completion must be reached by September 30, 2023. The Selectboard had designated \$45,000 of CLFRF for this project. Thanks to the FWR grant and Poulin's low bid, very little of the \$45,000 will be needed.

**VT 110 Bridge:** This summer Vermont Agency of Transportation, VTrans, will be replacing the VT 110 bridge located at the roundabout in East Barre. The contractor, CCS, will start construction in early June with a 60 day road closure starting at the end of June. The road closure will detour traffic to use Websterville Road to Quarry Hill Road through Barre City to US 302. For more information on the VT 110 bridge project and other VTrans projects please go to the VTransparency website, [vtransparency.vermont.gov](http://vtransparency.vermont.gov).

A part of the bridge replacement is installation of the Town waterline on the side of the bridge. The new 8" waterline will provide sufficient water flows for hydrants on the roundabout side of the river. The Town will pay for waterline work. CCS's lump sum price for the waterline work was \$61,144. The Town bought the pipe and other items ahead of time at an expense of \$42,900. Engineering expenses to date are \$17,523. The Town is using CLFRF for this project. **Wilson Industrial Park Waterline:** Last September the Selectboard awarded this construction contract to Munson Earth Moving. The contract amount based on the consulting engineer's estimated quantity of bid items was \$374,950. Munson started working on the project in February. As of early April all roughly 2,700' of 8" waterline is installed, tested, sanitized and connected to 8" pipe in Bolster Road and in Parker Road. Service stubs were connected and laid to possible lot locations on both sides of the road. Munson will return soon to handle the necessary restoration. The connection from Bolster Road to the industrial park provides another route for receiving water in the event the waterline in Bolster or Parker needs to be shut-off. Bolster Road will be paved this summer.

Munson has submitted one invoice for \$234,098 to date. There will be more, but the construction work should be under contract. Engineering expenses so far are \$22,013. The Town secured a state loan with 75% forgiveness for this project. The 25% balance can be pre-paid without penalty. The loan could be paid with income from W.I.P. lot sales or from the Water Fund.

*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager and Josh Martineau, Town Engineer*

### (Cont'd - Help Wanted)

normal business hours at the Barre Town Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road. All applications must be submitted with copies of a current resume, driver's license, NREMT licensure, BLS, ACLS, and PALS cards.

If you are not a licensed EMT but would like to learn more about the training and work contact the BTEMS Director at 476-3147 or via email at [pginther@barretown.org](mailto:pginther@barretown.org).

*By Paul Ginther, EMS Director*

### Burning Permit Required

The fire warden's primary activity is issuing Permits to Kindle Fire commonly known as burn permits. These permits are required to burn untreated wood, brush, weeds, or grass. The fire warden cannot issue permits to burn furniture, mattresses, building demolition material and the like. Burning these materials is considered an illegal burn. The police department will be called if there is an illegal burn.

The fire warden may refuse to issue a permit if, in the warden's judgement, the weather or the site create a dangerous situation. The warden will not issue a permit if illegal material is on the pile or is part of the plan.

A burn permit is not required for a campfire, if the campfire is on property owned by the people having the campfire. A campfire must be in a fire ring no more than three feet in diameter.

Call the Fire Warden (498-8694) to ask questions or to request a permit. Leave a message. The warden will inspect the site and burn pile, which might take several days. If possible call about five days before the date planned for burning.

*By Chris Day, Fire Warden*

### BOARD AND COMMISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The last Tuesday of May the Selectboard appoints volunteer citizen members to the half dozen boards, commissions and committees (BCCs) that help the Town operate. 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 expiring in 2023 are shown below.

In addition to these 11 positions there is one open position on the Traffic Advisory Safety Committee. An opening on the Planning Commission is anticipated. The alternate representative positions to the CV Fiber board, C.V. Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) and CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee are vacant. The quick application form shown below may be used to apply for any of the BCC positions. For the three vacant alternates submit a brief letter (email) of interest.



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 or 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 to the Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or drop it off at the Municipal Building. Another way to apply is to submit a letter of interest. A sample letter of interest (LOI) is available on the website at [www.barretown.org/Pages/boards/interest.pdf](http://www.barretown.org/Pages/boards/interest.pdf). The LOI would be mailed to the same address listed above.  
*Applications are due by noon on Thursday, May 25, 2023.*  
*By Carl Rogers, Town Manager*

### Application for Board, Commission or Committee

*Please Print:*

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

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

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

*I am interested in being a member of:*

<u>Board, Commission</u>	<u>Meeting Night</u>	<u>Members Total</u>	<u>#Positions Due</u>	<u>Term</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission	4th Wednesday	5	1	5 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board	2nd Wednesday	7	3	3 yrs.
<input type="checkbox"/> DRB Alternate members	2nd Wednesday	2	2	1 yr.
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee	as needed	5	1	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	1	3 yrs.

### Board and Commission Reports

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

*SP=Site Plan; CUP=Conditional Use Permit; SD=Subdivision; BLA=Boundary Line Adjustment; V=Variance*

**February 2023:** V approved variance request of right of way setback on Summer Street.

**March 2023:** SP - public hearing for warehouse on Parker Rd; SP denied for 5,550 sf residential 8-units off of Barclay Road.

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

*AUD=Allowed Use Determination*

**February 2023:** Guest speakers Senators A. Cummings and A. Watson to discuss how bill H.68 will alter zoning bylaws on housing.

**March 2023:** Meeting with Selectboard to discuss S. 100; AU - approved for coffee & gift shop at 275 Hill St.; Joint letter to legislature regarding S.100; finalize Energy Committee to the Selectboard; CVRPC approved West Central VT Economic Strategic Plan.

**Traffic Safety Advisory Committee** - By Josh Martineau; Members: S. Corbett, D. Freeman, B. Meyer, V. Calcagni, T. Amaral

**January, 2023:** No meeting

**February, 2023:** Voted to conduct speed studies on Cassie Street, Hill Street Camp Street, Beckley Hill, and Taplin Road.

**March, 2023:** No Meeting



**Upcoming Election Dates and Information**

Election Date	Event
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	Open Town Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2023	Vote by Australian Ballot; BUUSD Budget Revote

The Barre Town Open Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room. This election is conducted in the traditional “from the floor” manner. Moderator Tom Koch will be presiding.

The Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian Ballot will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Voting articles will include the municipal budget (General and Highway Funds), various Town officers, not-for profit agency requests, a Charter amendment and question about abolishing position of elected auditors. There will also be a Barre Unified Union School District Budget Revote.

Warnings and sample ballots will be posted on the Town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)) as soon as they come available. Additionally, hard copies will be posted at Hannaford’s, Lawson’s General Store, Trow Hill Grocery, Graniteville General , and the Town Clerk’s Office.

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

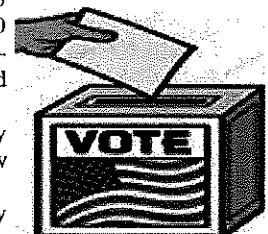
Early ballots can be requested by contacting the Town Clerk’s Office at (802) 479-9391 or emailing [tlunt@barretown.org](mailto:tlunt@barretown.org). You can also request directly through My Voter Page (<https://mvp.vermont.gov/>). *Please remember to request your ballot ASAP to ensure a timely delivery.*

The deadline to file for an early voter absentee ballot for the May 9 election is 4:30 pm on the day preceding the election (May 8). *If requesting an early ballot by mail, we suggest requests be made no later than 7 days prior to the election to make certain the ballot is received in time.*

We encourage use of the municipal drop boxes 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 building drop boxes ***MUST be received before the close of the business day (4:30 pm) on the day PRIOR to the election (Monday, May 8).*** Ballots deposited in the drop boxes at the municipal building after 4:30 pm on the day prior to the election day will be considered late and not counted.

View [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*





# RECREATION NEWS



## Ice Cream Socials

The Recreation Department will be hosting Ice Cream Socials at the playgrounds this Summer on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm – 7:30pm, or while supplies last. The schedule is as follows:

- July 11<sup>th</sup> – Trow Hill
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – Upper Graniteville
- July 25<sup>th</sup> – Websterville
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – South Barre (Wilson Street)
- August 8<sup>th</sup> – East Barre (Pleasant Street)
- August 15<sup>th</sup> – Lower Graniteville



## Reserving the Picnic Shelter

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

## 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!



## Children's Story Walks

Mr. Ian Gauthier of the Aldrich Library Children's Room will be posting several story walks this Summer along our Millstone Hill West Bike Path and #6 Trail in the Barre Town Forest. Each date range below represents a different story walk.



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| <u>Millstone Hill West Bike Path</u>                 | <u>#6 Trail: Barre Town Forest</u>                     |
| June 16 <sup>th</sup> – July 7 <sup>th</sup>         | June 30 <sup>th</sup> – July 21 <sup>st</sup>          |
| July 8 <sup>th</sup> – July 28 <sup>th</sup>         | July 22 <sup>nd</sup> – August 11 <sup>th</sup>        |
| July 29 <sup>th</sup> – August 18 <sup>th</sup>      | August 12 <sup>th</sup> – September 1 <sup>st</sup>    |
| August 19 <sup>th</sup> – September 14 <sup>th</sup> | September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – September 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| September 15 <sup>th</sup> – October 6 <sup>th</sup> | September 30 <sup>th</sup> – November 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |

## Town of Barre Community 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. Those looking for doggy playmates and ways to help out can join the group's Facebook page. Find them by searching for "Town of Barre Community Dog Park" on Facebook. The Dog Park organizers are actively seeking volunteers and dog owners willing to help with the upkeep of the Park. The organizers are currently restructuring their Committee, a great time to get involved and have a say in the future of the park!



## Disc Golf Course Event

There are currently two tournaments planned for the Quarries Disc Golf Course this year: Barre Lions Community Disc Golf Challenge to benefit sight and hearing fundraising efforts on June 6<sup>th</sup>; and the Quarries Throwdown hosted by Disc Golf Vermont May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. For membership and tournament information email [events@discgolfvermont.com](mailto:events@discgolfvermont.com).



## Fairy Houses Story Time

On May 20<sup>th</sup> Mr. Ian Gauthier of the Aldrich Library Children's Room will be hosting a Fairy Houses Story Time in the Barre Town Forest. Mr. Ian will use his magic bagpipes to call out to the fairies of the forest. Children will be asked to construct fairy houses using only what they can find in their surroundings. There will be a fairy scavenger hunt and story to follow. See <https://www.aldrichpubliclibrary.org/children> for more information.



## Take note:

**No Spring Into Summer Festival this year**  
But stay tuned for details for Fall Festival!

## Walk with the Dinosaurs

Dinosaurs once roamed the Earth before us, join us Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 4pm starting at the Barre Town Recreation Area Picnic Shelter to discover their secrets. Step foot into a prehistoric wilderness where dinosaurs will be hidden in plain sight. A fun Scavenger hunt for Kids ages preschool through first grade (brothers and sisters welcome).



## Movie Nights

The Recreation Department will continue to build on the success of their outdoor movie nights. The first movie night will occur in June. Follow our Facebook page or check the Town Website for more details. <https://www.barretown.org/departments/recreation/>

## 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

# RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

All ages welcome!



## Barre Town Forest

The Community Forest Management Plan Committee has been meeting all Winter to revise and renew the Community Forest Management Plan, which articulates the Town's next 10 year management plan for the Forest. The Committee would care to hear from you. Scan this QR Code or follow this link to take the Committee's Public Input Survey. The Survey closes May 5<sup>th</sup>.



[tinyurl.com/BarreTownSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/BarreTownSurvey)

Public Input Survey  
QR Code →



**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.

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.

## Pickleball Clinics

Have you played pickleball? This increasingly popular sport for all ages is like a 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). There will be a Clinic June 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for intermediate, Intermediate - Advanced, and Advanced players. Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/568148616807> A beginner's clinic will follow later this year as an introduction to the sport, basic rules, and chance to meet fellow players in the Community.



## Reminders

Help keep our Parks and Playgrounds clean. Please place your trash and recyclables in the properly labeled containers. There are a number of Mutt Mitt stations in our Rec Areas, please remember to clean up after your dog. If you do not see a receptacle: CARRY IN, CARRY OUT. Lastly, contact the Recreation Director's Office if you notice any issues with playground equipment or Rec fields: (802) 477-1382.

## First Responder Trivia Nights

The Recreation Department will be hosting two themed trivia nights this Summer at the East Barre Fire Station. The two themes will be Medical/EMS on Wednesday, June 21st from 6:30-8:00pm and Firefighters on Wednesday, July 19th from 6:30-8:00pm. These nights were developed with professionals of the trades. Rally a team together and come test your first responder knowledge! Prize for the first place finisher. Follow our Recreation Facebook page for more details.



## Travis Mercy Memorial Skatepark

This August there will be a charity motorcycle ride and pig roast to benefit the Travis Mercy Memorial Skatepark. Follow our Recreation Facebook page as more details emerge.



## Upcoming Races

There are three races scheduled for this May. On Saturday, May 6th, Granite City Group Fitness will be hosting a 5k Run/Walk fundraiser on the Millstone Hill West Bike Path. On Saturday, May 20th the Central Vermont Runners will host the Barre Town Spring Run on the Millstone Hill West Bike Path. On Wednesday, May 31st St. Monica—St. Michael School will host the Saints Shuffle 5k fundraiser in the Town Forest.



## How to Get Involved

The Recreation Department is always looking for volunteers and Community Partners to sponsor events, create new recreational offerings, and promote wellness in our Community. If you would care to be involved in some capacity reach out to our Recreation Director Johnny Crossley at (802) 477-1382 or by email: [JCrossley@barretown.org](mailto:JCrossley@barretown.org)

# SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

## Bulk Trash Collection – May 13

**When:** Saturday, May 13, 2023  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Place:** DPW Yard, 129 Websterville Road

The spring bulk trash collection will be held on its regular date – the second Saturday of May. The service is for disposal of large (bulky) items not appropriate for weekly trash pickup or disposal in a trash bag. Town residents may use the service to clean up around their home. The service is not intended for any business use, nor for landlords to clean up rental property. A Town tax bill, a utility bill, this newsletter with mailing label, and a driver's license will verify residency. Items or materials accepted are listed below.

**Before preparing to use the service take note:**

- **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.



**Before loading the car, pick-up or trailer, take note:**

- **Building demo** – Small pieces of sheet rock, plaster, tile, wood scraps, etc. must be in buckets, boxes, barrels, or other containers for ease of unloading. Larger pieces of lumber, walls, roofs, vinyl siding, wood siding, gutters and the like must be cut to easily handled lengths and sizes. Pieces of siding and gutters should be bundled.
- **Concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks, large stones** – are set aside for recycling. Don't mix in with other materials. Concrete must be free of wire and rebar. If cleaning up the garage basement, outbuilding or lot there may be small items; be sure all are in a container for quick unloading.

**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.**

**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, lumber, and roofing shingles  
 Concrete, asphalt, bricks, blocks and large stones.

At the unloading station please stay in your vehicle unless asked for assistance with the tailgate or straps. Barre Town Fire Department's Auxiliary will provide volunteer assistance. The volunteers and citizen volunteers make the service possible at a reasonable price. Please reward the Auxiliary (which supports the firefighters, especially at longer duration emergencies) for assisting. As always, call the Town Manager's Office for more information (479-9331).

**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

**Can Be Taken to:**

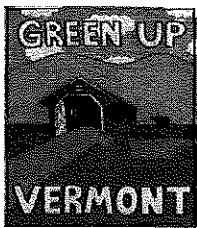
Holden Road site  
 CVSWMD HHW collections  
 Wilson Depot; District ARCC  
 Wilson Depot  
  
 District ARCC  
 Wilson Depot, other licensed collectors

**Volunteer:** Volunteers get free service and always are welcome for the whole or half day.

**Donate:** At the check in please donate to the Barre Town Fire Department Auxiliary.

**Salvage:** Salvaging is permitted. Items with potential for continued use will be placed outside the front gate. When checking out these items be mindful of traffic on the road and coming in or going out the driveway.

## Green Up Day is May 6th



Vermont's Green Up Day, a 53 year tradition, is the first Saturday of May. Before vegetation comes on, litter is very visible along roads and in public places. Barre Town residents have been amazingly active in Green Up. Last year's volunteers collected litter and trash along 71 miles of Town roads. The Green Up bags and larger trash items weighed 2.20 tons. Green Up volunteers also removed 223 tires from roadsides.

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)) to avoid duplication and disrupting another party's plans. 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, M-F, 8am to 4:30pm, or call 479-9331. Green Up bags, latex gloves and safety information are distributed through the Manager's Office.

Green Up may begin starting in late April and extend to a few days after May 6. 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.

Green Up Vermont provides the bags free to the Town, but of course the bags are not free. Green Up Vermont's generous sponsors help make the bags free to cities and towns. Notice the sponsors' name on the bags.

On Saturday, Green Up Day, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., there will be a BBQ lunch for the gathering of the Green Up volunteers. The get together will be at the picnic shelter in the Barre Town Recreation Area. Please come meet other volunteers and share your Green Up story. There will be raffle prizes.

## Lawn Waste Site

The Town's lawn waste site will be open Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to noon starting April 29. A volunteer will open the site from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesdays starting May 2.



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

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.

## CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ([www.cvswwmd.org](http://www.cvswwmd.org))

### Additional Recyclables Collection Center

The mission of the ARCC is to "provide an outlet that can expand and adapt as needed for traditional and non-traditional recyclable materials that further the goal of zero waste to meet the needs in central Vermont." To that end the ARCC currently accepts at least 56 different items from toothpaste tubes to skis. Fees are charged for most items, but disposal of 5 critical materials is free because of Vermont's Extended Producer Responsibility Programs: 1) household batteries, 2) electronics such as TV's, computers, computer peripherals, 3) household paint, stain and tile sealer, 4) fluorescent bulbs and tubes, and 5) mercury containing thermostats. There are fees for other items; payment is by cash or check only. Fees are as low as \$.10 for a wine cork (that was unnecessary; no one in Barre Town drinks wine) to \$75 for a floor model copier. In between those extremes: a box of books up to 30 pounds is \$3, a gas powered push-mower is \$6, a smoke detector is \$5, and a small microwave is \$5, to name a few items accepted for a fee. Very small items (beer bottle caps, toothpaste tubes, juice pouches) can be recycled for \$1.50 per gallon.

The ARCC is located at 540 North Main Street (behind the Dollar General) in Barre City. Hours are M, W, F, 10:30am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 5:30pm, plus the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Visit the Solid Waste District website and click on Additional Recyclables for up-to-date information.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes a variety of toxic household substances banned from the landfill. Consider anything labeled with the following warning words to be HHW: caution, toxic, danger, hazard, warning, poisonous, reactive, corrosive, flammable. Examples of HHW that might be in your house or garage are: adhesives or tar, automobile fluids like anti-freeze, brake and transmission fluid, paint thinners, solvents, drain openers, oven cleaners, pesticides and cleaners that contain bleach. The District is offering four more HHW collections this year. Every collection is open to residents of towns in the District. Proof of residency is required. All collections are on a Saturday from 9am - 1pm. The fee is \$20 per vehicle. Combining materials from multiple households is encouraged. The remaining collection dates are: **June 10 - Tunbridge Transfer Station, July 8 - Hardwick Town Garage, August 26 - Bradford Town Garage, September 30 - Montpelier, Department of Labor parking lot.**



Check the District website for more details before going to the collection.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager