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FLOOD OF 2023

As you prepare to put together a publication, one important question is; what will the lead article be? That was certainly the case as we began to think about this newsletter, that is until July 10, 2023. The focus for this edition became clear when much of Vermont was ravaged by severe flooding. The flood of 2023 easily became the top story.

As the first full week of July ended, we had just experienced what will likely prove to be the warmest week of 2023. It may have been the warmest, but it certainly was not the wettest week. The week post Fourth of July was a bit dryer than we had seen to this point through early summer. Early summer 2023 seemed like it had rained more often than not, and all that rain left the soils saturated and to a large degree impervious. The fact the soils were so flush with water likely contributed to the disaster that was about to unfold.

As the week ended and we were looking forward to the upcoming weekend it was humid and long-range forecast were starting to warn of potential heavy rainfall to start the new work week. Saturday the 8th, forecasters started talking about the potential for flooding, including flash flooding and warned low lying areas to be attentive to the forecast and watch for river rise. Sunday brought more dire warnings as flood and flashflood watches were being posted across the region. Rain started Sunday and watches were quickly turned to warnings and the National Weather Service began using words such as catastrophic and phrases like life threatening.

Sunday evenings steady rain continued into Monday and while not a downpour, the rain was very steady and moderately heavy.



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That all changed, along with the lives of many Vermonters, certainly here in Central Vermont, around 4:00 pm Monday afternoon, it was as if a spigot had been accidentally turned wide open and the moderate rain became heavy and continued for hours. Just to provide an example of how much rain came down, the 24-hour rain total in Montpelier (5.28") was the greatest calendar day rainfall the weather station at the airport had recorded since records began in 1948.



Shortly after the heavy rains began, 911 calls started "pouring" in and Barre Town's Emergency Services and Public Works sprang to action. It quickly became clear that this was not going to be an ordinary evening. Reports of water over roads, roads washing out, and buildings flooding were streaming in. The Emergency Operation Center was opened as this event had turned into an Emergency Management situation and it was all hands-on deck as roads were being closed and getting around became almost impossible.

Dawn on Tuesday morning, as is often the case after a storm such as this one, was very pleasant and the day turned out sunny and warm. Day-break also brought the full realization of the widespread damage Barre Town had suffered to our road network (over 70 damaged, 24 significantly) but that wasn't even scratching the surface of the entire scope of damage. While we here in Barre

Town were assessing our impacts, we were learning that as bad as we got hit, it paled to what the poor people and businesses of Barre City were dealing with. Much of the central city was underwater and would be for several days.

As those first few days after the storm passed, it was obvious that for Barre Town, this storm was different than the two most recent significant flash flooding events in 2007 and 2011. Not only did Barre Town suffer widespread road damage, but dozens

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DATES & EVENTS:

- September 16 - Fall Bulk Trash Collection
- September 30 - HHW Collection (Montpelier)
- October 14 - Fall Festival
- October 16 - Recreation Fall Festival (Rain Date: 10/23)
- October 31 - Cemeteries Close
- November 1 - Last Day for Right-of-Way Work
- November 1 - Winter Parking Ban Begins
- November 15 - Property Taxes Due

ALL TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Friday, November 10th - Veterans Day

(Cont'd - Flood of 2023)

of private properties suffered significant damage as well. Several hundred property owners found their homes flooded and many driveways disappeared somewhere downstream or down the road. Reports of landslides were coming in including several that impacted important town roads. At least one of those roads, Holden Road (lower) was forced to be closed and will have to remain closed until engineers have designed a way to stabilize it.

In the week that followed, town staff began repairing damaged roads, documented the damage to public property, participated in daily State



Emergency Management briefings fielded phone calls from residents, inspected private property damage, worked with State Officials including Geologist and managed a host of other tasks simultaneously related to the flood. The town opened a debris disposal drop site at the public works garage due to the number of residents who suffered damage and needed a place to dispose of demolition debris. The site was staffed by a dedicated crew of volunteers for 12 days, handling over 45 tons of debris.

A Major Disaster was declared by President Joe Biden July 14th which opened the door to Federal Funding managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA reps had spread out across the area and as of this writing, the arduous process of meeting with them had begun. All that data from the early and ongoing documentation must be entered into a FEMA portal for their review with the hope that the town will be reimbursed for several hundred thousand dollars' worth of road and infrastructure repair expenses.

Six weeks post storm, all but two of the 70 roads that were damaged, are fully open and waiting permanent repair. Holden Road is closed indefinitely, Camp Street is reduced to one lane, East Cobble Hill Road is open but is being monitored, the South Barre Bike Path, near Bridge Street, is closed and a sewer line serving the Wildersburg Development is perilously

close to falling into a ravine. All five sites will be studied by an engineer who will subsequently report on potential fixes and provide an estimate on repair costs.

Finally, the Public Works Department and Superintendent Richard Tetreault deserve high praise and gratitude for their hard work. Town Engineer Josh Martineau deserves special recognition for his tireless work throughout, especially as the events were unfolding. While overall town infrastructure got pretty lucky, that can't be said for so many of our residents. Many residents suffered serious losses, but most are on the mend. It's safe to say that this summer won't soon be forgotten.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

EMPLOYEE CHANGES

EMS: July saw the resignation of Paul Ginther, EMS Director. After 6 months with Barre Town Paul was offered his dream job; Fire Chief for the Town of Killington. Paul stated that firefighting is "in his blood" and that he missed being a part of that important public service. While sad to see him go, we wish him the very best in his new endeavor.

Paul's departure left an important position vacant. Thankfully, **Carl Matteson**, stepped up to temporarily fill the void. Carl is one of Barre Town's per-diem EMS providers and his wealth of knowledge and experience made him the ideal choice to help us while a more permanent solution could be found. Aside from working part-time with the Town for the past 3 years, Carl also teaches the emergency services program CVCC. Prior to that he was with Ludlow Ambulance service for 25 years, 8 of which he served as EMS Director. We are very thankful to have had Carl's help and look forward to his continued service as part of our per-diem crew.

Starting August 23rd **David Danforth** will be serving as Interim EMS Director. David has been a fixture of Barre Town EMS for nine and a half years. He has proven to be a dedicated employee working well beyond his required two shifts per week. His experience and expertise as an EMS provider, especially with Barre Town EMS, make him an excellent fit to lead the department. David is a Board-Certified Flight Paramedic with a Critical Care Paramedic endorsement, the highest paramedic certification level that can be achieved in the State of Vermont. He will continue to work some paramedic shifts along with taking on the role of Director.

Town Manager's Office: We are happy to announce that the Town has hired a Town Manager's Assistant. This role, created to replace and enhance the previous Assistant Town Manager position, holds three primary job functions: Human Resources, Communications and IT. A long-time Barre Town resident, **Leslie Babic** was hired at the end of June to fill this role. Leslie comes to us from Barre Unified Union School District where she served in human resources for 10 years. Prior to that she was the office manager at a local dental office in Barre for 10 years. Leslie is SHRM-CP certified, a human resource certification requiring experience, successful exam completion and yearly continuing education. Leslie is a great addition to our team and has been a joy to work with. She hit the ground running and is already busy completing projects and implementing new ideas.

Town Clerk's Office: At our last update, we informed you that

the hiring process was underway for both of our Assistant Town Clerk positions. We are happy to announce that both positions have been filled with fantastic candidates. **Chelsea Lever** joined the team on April 19th. Chelsea recently moved back to Barre from Nevada where she was a Production Supervisor for Tesla. Chelsea's primary role is land record recording, a position requiring excellent attention to detail, organization, and time management. **Catherine Whalen** started with the Town on June 12th. Catherine is a Barre Town resident. Prior to starting with the Town she was a real estate agent working in the local area. Catherine's primary roles are water billing, elections, and dog licensing; all of which are sure to keep her busy! Both Chelsea and Catherine has been wonderful additions to the Town Clerk's Office!

In addition to their primary roles, both Chelsea and Catherine are trained in all aspects of the Town Clerk's office. From accepting payments and assisting title searchers to issuing marriage licenses and Green Mountain Passports, they do it all! Next time you are in the Town Clerk's Office be sure to welcome Chelsea and Catherine!

Police: Brandon Bussiere has joined our ranks as a full time Police Officer. Brandon was hired on June 12th and is currently attending the full -time Police Academy; an eighteen-week program to be followed with on-the-job training. Brandon is a member of the Vermont Army National Guard Reserves. He also attended a Criminal Justice program at Lyndon State College. Barre Town is thrilled to add another full-time employee to our police force.

By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director

TAX AND UTILITY RATES

The fiscal year '24 (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) tax and utility (sewer and water) rates were set by the Selectboard in June and July respectfully. On June 27th, the Selectboard voted to set the utility rates. The property tax rates were determined during a special meeting on July 10th, after the state education property tax information became available and the Grand List lodged.

The Budget Committee approved the FY '24 Sewer Fund budget with a decrease of \$9,625 or -.82% compared to the prior year. On June 27th the Selectboard voted to set the FY '24 sewer base fee at \$350 per year. For the Water Fund, the Budget Committee approved a FY '24 budget that increased spending over the previous year by \$49,515, up 10.5%. On June 27th the Selectboard voted to set the water consumption fee at \$7.68 (a 2% increase).

Per state law, for state education property tax purposes, properties are categorized as Homestead or Non-homestead. Every property has four tax rates, which are: **1)** the appropriate state education rate; **2)** the Town's General Fund rate; **3)** the Town's Highway Fund rate; and **4)** the Town's Local Agreement rate. Based on the state legislature's action, the Education Homestead tax rate increased by 3.82¢ to \$1.2142 and the Education non-homestead rate went up 3.86¢ to \$1.4509. The Town's FY '24 General Fund (GF) budget rose 4.44% to \$4,614,511. The Highway Fund (HF) budget increased 10.15% to \$3,715,340.

After the amount of the budget is approved, three factors contribute to the tax rate: **1)** amount of non-tax revenue; **2)** amount of revenue per 1¢ on the tax rate (growth in the Grand List); and **3)** amount of fund balance applied to hold down the

tax rate. The Grand List increased by \$332,002 creating a Grand List Tax Base of \$9,557,940 for FY '24. However, even with that increase, without the use of fund balance, the GF tax rate would need to be 44.84¢ (+2.01¢ from FY23) while the HF rate would be 36.41¢ (+2.76¢ from FY23). To offset these increases, the Selectboard elected to use a total of \$459,871 in fund balance, enabling both tax rates to remain the same as last years, 42.83¢ for the GF and 33.62¢ for the HF. Finally, the Local Agreement rate generates the state education tax revenue needed to replace the tax break Town voters decided to give. At this time the entire Local Agreement rate is due to the voter approved disabled veterans' property assessment reduction of \$40,000. For FY '24 the Local Agreement cost taxpayers \$22,584 or 0.0024¢.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

RECREATION NEWS



Fall Festival

It's BAAAACK!! The Rec Department is excited to announce the return of the Fall Festival to our Annual Calendar. The event will take place at the Town Recreation Area located behind BTMES on **Saturday, October 14th from Noon to 6pm.**

An outdoor movie screening will follow shortly after dusk near the Picnic Shelter. There will be several activities, such as: apple stacking, gourd bowling, pumpkin painting, hay bale maze, hands on big rigs, and lawn games. In addition, there will be outside vendors selling their own goods and offering food options. This is a costume friendly event. We encourage families to dress up in their Halloween Costumes. To volunteer, acquire a vendor space, or learn more about the event, contact our Town Recreation Director at JCrossley@barretown.org.

COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Over the course of nineteen public meetings, the CFMPC reviewed, discussed, and revised the original 2013 Town of Barre Forest Management Plan. On July 25, 2023 Chair Larry Rogacki and Vice Chair Jim West went before the Selectboard to turn over the Committee's rough draft of the new 2023 Community Forest Management Plan. The draft is currently under the Selectboard's review. There will be one more public meeting to allow the public to have comment on the final draft before it is adopted by the Selectboard. The public meeting is anticipated to occur this Fall and will be posted. The revision and adoption of a Management Plan occurs in increments of at least ten years, as outlined in the Conservation Easement.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Our seasonal staff work hard to maintain our recreation facilities across Town. They take great pride in their work. Unfortunately, they have faced several incidents of vandalism at our recreation facilities throughout the years. Vandalism costs the Town time and money. Money to clean. Money to fix. Money to paint. If you witness an act of vandalism or see something suspicious, remember, see something, say something. Call the Town Offices to report the incident at (802) 479-9331.

By Johnny Crossley, Recreation Director

SCHOOLS OPEN

All schools within the Barre Unified Union School District started on Wednesday, August 30th. For Barre Town Middle & Elementary School, parents can expect the same traffic pattern for drop off and pick up as we have done in years past. Drivers should enter the school parking lot via the Recreation Field Road. If traffic is backed up when you arrive, please continue down the recreation road, turn around at the picnic shelter and form a line. This prevents traffic from backing up on Websterville Road. Also, please remember that staff, parents and students are walking through the parking lot throughout the day. The parking lot is considered a public highway, therefore cell phone use is prohibited. You should not enter the horseshoe loop directly in front of the school for any reason.



While we understand that children may become bored while waiting for the drop off time, they should remain seated in the vehicle. There have been many instances of children hanging out the windows, and even sunroofs.

We would also like to remind all drivers that school buses will be on the roads and making frequent stops. Be mindful of this, and the children/parents that are at the bus stops and walking to and from school. Per state law, it is illegal to pass a school bus displaying the red flashing lights. A violation of this statute carries a \$249.00 fine and five points assessed against your driver's license.

By Bill Dodge, Chief of Police

LOCAL HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

The Town of Barre recently updated its Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Hazard Mitigations are actions taken to help reduce long-term risks caused by hazards or disasters, such as wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and the recent flooding event experienced in Vermont. Having a federally approved plan allows for local municipalities to have cost savings when recovering from a natural disaster. The Town of Barre recently contracted with Paul Luciano from OPH consulting services in Waitsfield VT, to update their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. We had great participation from our community members in completing a survey which was made available on our website, front porch forum, and our Facebook pages from July 20, 2023, to August 4, 2023. We thank all of you who took the time to give us your input, and appreciate your willingness to participate in this process, so we can continue to assess the emergency preparedness needs of our community and best prepare for the future of Barre Town, when severe weather events occur.



Working closely with Paul at OPH consulting and our staff at Barre Town, we were able to have an adoptive draft hazard mitigation plan to present to the Select Board on August 8th, 2023, just a few short weeks from when the project first launched. The plan was submitted to Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) on August 9, 2023, and is awaiting preliminary approval. Once approval from VEM

has been obtained, the plan must be approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The final approved plan will be presented at a future Selectboard meeting, where community input will be possible. The approved plan will be made available to the public on our website.

By Leslie Babic, Town Manager's Assistant

NEW EMS BILLING COMPANY

Barre Town is pleased to announce that we are now working with Quick Med Claims (QMC) as our third-party biller for ambulance services. Quick Med Claims, located in Pennsylvania, has 30 years of experience providing ambulance transport billing services for ground and air medical transport providers throughout the U.S. Barre Town EMS is an active service and medical billing is a specialized field. The experience and automation that Quick Med Claims brings to the table is a huge asset to the Town. Already they are showing that their team is professional, efficient and knowledgeable and we have no doubt that they will be great for the Town, our patients, facilities and providers to work with.

If you have billing related questions you can contact QMC Patient Services toll free at (833) 888-2761 between the hours of 7:30AM – 4:30PM EST, Monday – Friday. A secure voice mailbox is available after hours and calls will be returned the next business day. QMC offers translation services and will live-conference a translator into calls if necessary. Patients will also be able to pay their bill, submit insurance information, set up a re-occurring payment, submit a signature and update contact information online at www.quickmedclaims.com/patient-access-portal. For a link to this page and more information about QMC you can also visit our Make a Payment page at www.barretown.org.

By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director

LITHIUM – ION BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-Ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters, e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can be dangerous.



Problems can occur with these types of batteries because they store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space. When not used the correct way, because some are designed for a specific use, they can be dangerous. Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective and can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

Here are some safety tips for how to use Lithium-Ion batteries:

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device
- Put batteries in the device the right way
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not

charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C)

- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire

You should stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. To be safe, if you notice any of these problems move the device away from anything that can catch fire and call 9-1-1.

The best and safest way to dispose of these batteries is to recycle them; do not put them in the trash. Barre Town residents can contact the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (229-9383) to find the nearest recycling location or you can go online at cvswmd.org.

By Andy Lange, Barre Town Fire Chief

E-911 HOUSE NUMBERING

The flooding event from July 10th and the landslides and washouts that followed have highlighted that an emergency event can happen within our community in a moment's notice. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance that each property owner clearly displays a sign of the corresponding address number on every structure that has been assigned its own address. Here are the standards the Town of Barre uses for displaying address numbers:

- Address numbers must be a minimum of 4 inches high, 2½ inches wide, and as reflective as possible.
- A number shall be placed on the front of every addressed structure, clearly visible from the road.
- If your property has a mailbox, the mailbox should be marked with the address number.
- If your property does not have a mailbox but is visible from the road, a number displayed on the structure itself shall suffice.
- If your property does not have a mailbox and is not visible from the road, a sign or number post visible from the road shall be erected next to the driveway in order to display the number.
- Shared driveways shall be marked both at the beginning of the driveway and where the driveway splits to each specific structure.
- It is very important that the address number be placed high enough that it will not be obscured by snow during an average winter.

Aluminum 4" x 12" number signs are available through the Town Manager's Office for \$14.00. You may visit them at 149 Websterville Road or call (802) 479-9331 for more information. Ordering forms are available online at barretown.org. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to assist emergency services locate your property in the event of an emergency!

By Brandon Garbacik, Zoning Admin./Municipal Planner

WORKING IN TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY

The deadline for utility work for digging in the road, especially for sewer or waterline repairs, in the Town right-of-way is November 1. Only emergency work will be considered after this date. If you have any questions regarding the work to be

on the road near your property, please contact the Town Engineer at (802) 479-2595.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

CEMETERIES CLOSING

The Town of Barre owns and maintains the Wilson, Maplewood, and West Hill Cemeteries. The three cemeteries officially close October 31 however, the operating policy is to accommodate interment needs into November while the weather and ground conditions allow. During the winter roads into the Wilson Cemetery are blocked to prevent damage to the roads and lawn. The cemeteries reopen on May 1, depending on the ground conditions late April interments may be possible.



Lots are for sale in the Maplewood and Wilson cemeteries. Additionally, columbaria niches are available at the Wilson Cemetery. In Maplewood some lots are laid out for family columbaria which are granite structures similar to a head stone but designed to hold cremains of several family members.

Visit the Town of Barre Cemetery website at <https://www.barretown.org/departments/cemetery/index.php> to learn more about these cemeteries. For additional information contact the Cemetery Sexton at (802) 479-0722, until October 31. After October, until late April, call the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331.

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

WINTER PARKING BAN

Beginning November 1st, through April 1st of each year, per town ordinance you may not park any vehicle on the street, or within the town right of way between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. Vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Per town ordinance, for each violation (each day) the fine is \$10.00, and the bill for towing could be several hundred dollars. The town manager may, by executive order, prohibit parking at any other times of the year if emergency road conditions exist.



Please help our public works employees keep our streets safe by moving your vehicles so the plows can get by.

By Bill Dodge, Chief of Police

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NEXT PROPERTY TAXES DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2023

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TOWN CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Town Manager/Recreation/Cemetery - (802) 479-9331
- Town Clerk/Finance/Treasurer - (802) 479-9391
- Assessor/Planning & Zoning - (802) 479-2595
- Engineering/DPW - (802) 476-3522
- Police Department - (802) 479-0509
- EMS - (802) 476-3147

GUN RAFFLE

Tickets for the Barre Town Fire Department's 52 Gun Raffle will be going on sale in mid-October. Tickets are \$50 each and are entered into a weekly drawing for a rifle or shotgun. Winners are determined by the VT lottery Monday night pick three numbers. Winning tickets are put back into the drawing the following week giving participants the opportunity for multiple wins on one ticket. Tickets will be available at the Barre Town Municipal Office, R&L Archery in Barre City, and from any BTFD member.

By Chris Sanborn, Deputy Fire Chief



GREEN MOUNTAIN PASSPORTS

Barre Town residents who are 62 years of age or are a veteran of the uniformed services are eligible to apply for the Green Mountain Passport. The Green Mountain Passport costs \$2.00 and allows free day-use passes to the Vermont State Parks and historic sites. Overnight camping and other park fees are excluded.

To receive a Green Mountain Passport, stop by the Town Clerk's Office to complete an application and pay the \$2.00 fee. Applications can also be found on the Town website at https://www.barretown.org/departments/finance_and_adminstration/town_clerk/green_mountain_passport.php.

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

NEW TOWN WEBSITE!

We are thrilled to announce that the Town of Barre will be launching a new website on September 1. Some of the great new features include quick links, e-Notifications, a staff directory, interactive forms, and more! Every feature of the attractive new design is mobile-responsive, meaning residents can easily access the Town's information and resources from any device.

Our hope and goal were for our visitors to find the Town's website easy to navigate, in addition to our staff being able to modify content and communicate information more effectively to our citizens.

While the new website brings a new modern look and feel, we want to give residents even more ways to interact and engage and this is where we need your help!

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!

Whether you're a professional or just like to snap pictures with your phone for fun, the Town is looking for pictures of the Town of Barre for their new website. Let's show off our beautiful Town! We are inviting our residents to take part in sharing photos that spotlight the Town of Barre. Photos can be emailed to Tina Lunt at tlunt@barretown.org.



By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk



*Summer construction paving is finishing up for the season. Although when the paving is done there are still maintenance items, shouldering, tree trimming, ditching, ext., that will still be

going on the roads that were just paved.

*There are still many roads that have temporary work on them due to the damage from the July Storm. Public works will be working on getting those roads permanently finished in time for winter.

* With the cooperation of the weather, Public Works plans on working on its 5-year Gravel Road Plan. Roads in this plan will either get topped with new gravel or will have some of the gravel removed before being resurfaced.

* Vermont Agency of Transportation (Vtrans) is wrapping up the VT Route 110 bridge project. The closure was moved from August 25, 2023, to September 8, 2023, due to the July storm. The project included a new bridge and the installation of the water line attached to the bridge. The waterline will be completed after the closure period is finished.

* Munson Earth Moving completed both the Websterville Waterline project and the Wilson Industrial Park Waterline projects. Both projects came in under budget by \$200,000 total. The new 8" water lines now serve the two areas with better water quality and fire flows.

* Poulin Construction completed the underground storm water cambers in the Public Works Yard. The cambers collect stormwater runoff, filter it through a sand media and then flows to the nearby stream. The project was mostly funded by a grant. The total project cost was \$99,000.

*Stormwater Projects for both Wildersburg and Valley View Circle are in design. Wildersburg was reevaluated after the July storm and needed to be adjusted so that there wouldn't be any additional damage caused to the neighbors and the development from any of the runoff. Valley View Circle is in the preliminary design stage and an informational meeting with the homeowners has been scheduled.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

TOWN DONATES AMBULANCE

Barre Town EMS has donated a 2017 Ford E-450 Type III Ambulance to the Central Vermont Career Center Emergency Medical Services Program. This donation will allow CVCC to enhance the learning and experience of



these students during their time in the program. As part of this donation Barre Town EMS will be using CVCC's Emergency Medical Services Program to assist in training with our staff and simulation labs to keep us on the cutting edge of Emergency Medical Services. This agreement is truly mutually beneficial to all parties and will further improve the care we provide in and around Central Vermont. Working relationships like this continue to help our recruitment and retention and allows us to a bigger part of the community.

By David Danforth, Interim EMS Director

FALL BULK TRASH COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER 16th

From 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 16th, the Town will accept bulk trash items (including any left-over flood debris) from residents. **This service is provided at the Public Works Yard and will follow a different traffic pattern route (see drop-off route map to the left) than in years past. The entrance to the drop off location will be at 79 Pitman Road (in the Wilson Industrial Park) and will exit out onto 129 Websterville Road.** This service is for residents' home use to clean up their basement, garage and outside. The service is not for business waste or to clean up rental properties. Residents must bring a tax or utility bill or this newsletter with mailing label plus a driver's license to verify residency.



This service is for residents' home use to clean up their basement, garage and outside. The service is not for business waste or to clean up rental properties. Residents must bring a tax or utility bill or this newsletter with mailing label plus a driver's license to verify residency.

Bulk trash generally means items too large to fit into a weekly trash bag. Examples of these accepted large items include: concrete, asphalt bricks, blocks, building demolition material (siding, windows, doors, lumber, roofing shingles, paneling, sheetrock and plaster), carpets, furniture, porcelain fixtures, mattresses, box springs, large plastic toys, pool liners and pool covers.

There are specific preparation, handling, disposal and cost instructions for some materials. If bringing any of the following please take note of these special notes:

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 sheet rock, 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.

The price list is shown below. **Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted at this site; cash or check only.**

Some materials are not accepted at the landfill or require additional work before disposal, therefore the following items are **not accepted**: lawn waste, household trash and common recyclables, tires, hazardous materials, large metal items (furniture, appliances, lawn mowers, gas grills, bicycles, exercise machines, aluminum siding), electronics, tv's, computers, stereos, monitors, refrigerators, microwaves.

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

At the unloading station remain in the vehicle, unless asked for help. Salvaging is permitted. Be careful around traffic by the front gate.

The Town Cemetery Commission will provide volunteer help. Please donate to the Commission and help keep the cemeteries in great condition.

To learn more about volunteering or about the service in general call the Town Manager's Office (802) 479-9331.

By Mike Gilbar, Bulk Trash Coordinator

Loads of roofing shingles will be charged double!

LAWN WASTE SITE

As we do every year, we encourage our residents to dispose of their backyard debris at the Town's local lawn waste site. For those newer residents who do not know about the lawn waste site it is located on Holden Road, about 150 yards below the intersection with Graniteville Road. Holden Road intersects with Graniteville Road and is across from Rock of Ages' driveway. Barre Town residents can drop off all types of vegetative lawn and garden waste, tree branches, grass clippings, vegetable and flower plants, as well as apples and leaves.

Regular hours for use during the upcoming fall season, September to the end of October, will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am-3pm. In October the site will be open for three weekends: **Saturdays, Oct. 14, 21, 28 from 8am to 4pm and Sundays, Oct. 15, 22, 29 from noon to 4pm.**

Please do not leave your bags, boxes, plastic sheeting or totes at the site. To haul more leaves per trip, chop up leaves with a mower. To reduce unloading time place a plastic sheet or tarp on the bed of a pickup truck. Remember to cover loose leaves in the back of a truck. This service is free! The site is usually open until the first weekend in November, depending on the weather. You can find out more about any extended hours by checking out the Town's website or calling the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331.



By Tina Thurston, Executive Secretary



Board and Commission Reports

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

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

June, 2023: CUP – Palin, 299 School Road – camper as temp dwelling- appr; Appeal - Lajeunesse Construction, 211 Airport Road denied permit for barn – overturned; CUP – Hiscock, 53 Brook Street - two-family to three -cont'd; CUP Rock Pile Properties LLC, 130 Mill Street - restaurant – cont'd; V - Rock Pile Properties LLC , 130 Mill Street - 6' variance setback for ramp – (cont'd)

July, 2023: SD Amend - JDJ Development , Rudd Farm Drive merge three lots – appr; CUP – Hiscock, 53 Brook Street - two-family to three -withdrawn; CUP Rock Pile Properties LLC, 130 Mill Street - restaurant – cont'd; V - Rock Pile Properties LLC , 130 Mill Street - 6' variance setback for ramp – cont'd; CUP – Benoit, 241 School Road - community center/recreation facility – cont'd.

August, 2023: CUP - Rock Pile Properties LLC, 130 Mill Street – restaurant – cont'd; V - Rock Pile Properties LLC, 130 Mill Street - 6' variance setback for ramp – cont'd; CUP – Benoit, 241 School Road – community center/ recreation facility – appr.

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

AUD=Allowed Use Determination

June, 2023: AUD - Andrews Request, 151 Nichols Road - second curb-cut – appr.

July, 2023: No hearings, discussed ACT 47, Zoning Bylaw height measurement & Village Centers.

August, 2023: No hearings, discussed Zoning Bylaw height measurement & Village Centers.

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

April, 2023: No meeting.

May, 2023: Elected Chairman and Vice Chair; discussed Yield Sign for LePage Road.

June, 2023: Held Public Hearing for LePage Road Yield Sign; discussed speed study for Waterman Street; Children at Play sign for Countryside development.

July, 2023: No meeting.