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2024 - 2025 BUDGET INFORMATION

It's almost time to vote in Barre Town. Unlike most towns in Vermont, Barre Town's Annual Election and Voting by Australian Ballot is on the second Tuesday in May. Voting will take place on May 14th at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School beginning at 7:00 am and polls remain open until 7:00 pm.

Two of the most significant items on the ballot each year are to consider approving the operating budgets of the town. Of the ten funds in the budget Barre Town voters vote on two: the General Fund and the Highway Fund. Both budgets show increases this year, but before we get to the numbers, it's important to understand the nuances behind these increases.

The General Fund (GF) is home to twenty-four departments including the Police Department, Fire Department, various administrative departments within the Town office, Employee Benefits, Ambulance (the per-capita fee that Barre Town residents pay to help fund our EMS department) and Emergency Management.

There are a few noticeable differences in this years GF budget compared to last year. First, the Ambulance budget is down by \$97,218 which is attributed to better billing and collections within our EMS Department as well as rate increases and an increased number of calls. For the first time, Barre Town's per capita rate is the same as most of the town's we serve; a goal that management and the Selectboard have been working toward for several years.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

The second noticeable difference is that the typically small Emergency Management Budget is \$462,371 more than it was in F.Y. 2024. This difference is important to fully understand as the numbers alone do not tell the whole story. This budget contains a line item that will be funded with non-taxpayer revenue from Fund Balance. In this case, Fund Balance will be used to upgrade and expand the Town's emergency services communication system at a cost of \$464,576. This amount happens to be the exact same amount that was once allocated to be paid for with one time revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA. Out of necessity for fear of losing our ARPA funds, the balance of the ARPA money was used to pay for F.Y. 2024 operating expenses. This means that the funds once allocated for the radio upgrade landed in Fund Balance. To spend fund balance, Town Charter requires these funds to be approved by the voters. Including them in the budget is the most transparent way to do that. As a result, the \$464,576 for the radio upgrade was placed in the Emergency Management budget, but it WILL NOT need revenue from tax dollars.

The construction of a new police storage garage is another large purchase (\$50,000) in the GF that was on the ARPA list and WILL NOT be paid for with tax dollars. Combined, the radio upgrade and the police garage account for \$514,576, 10.07%, of the GF but will not factor into the tax rate.

The Highway Fund (HF) is composed of nine departments: Admin/Engineering, Summer Road Maintenance, Winter Road Maintenance, Road Retreatment, Grant Funded Projects, Employee Benefits, Gravel Pits, and Signing and Lighting. While on the surface this fund shows a \$773,575 (20.82%) increase over last year, there are a few significant reasons that are important to understand about that number.

One big change in this years HF budget is tied to a larger project to revamp the Town's Equipment Fund. The Equipment Fund (EF) has been used as an Internal Service Fund for years, but it was not truly operating as one. An internal service fund should be used to provide goods or services to other funds or departments on a cost reimbursement basis, should not run a deficit or a surplus, and should not own any assets. The EF was not operating fully as it should have, resulting in an annual

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INSERTS:
Recreation
Solid Waste

DATES & EVENTS:

- May 1 - Cemeteries Open
- May 4 - Green Up Day
- May 8 - Open Town Meeting
- May 11 - Spring Bulk Trash Collection
- May 14 - Annual Town Elections at BTMES
- May 15 - Property Taxes Due
- May 25 - Board & Commission Letters of Interests Due
- June 16 - BTFD Father's Day BBQ
- Aug. 15 - Property Taxes Due



ALL TOWN OFFICES WILL

BE CLOSED:

Thursday, July 4th

(Cont'd - 2024 - 2025 Budget Information)

blemish in our audit report. With this being my first year crafting a budget, it was a chance for a fresh start and Finance Director Katelyn Kran, and I endeavored to change the EF and turn it into a true Internal Service Fund. Thus, the birth of the Fleet Maintenance Fund (FMF).

The Fleet Maintenance Fund (FMF) is now a true Internal Service Fund, where all departments that have vehicles or equipment share in the cost of funding it by making a budget transfer which is based on a percentage of expense history (cost reimbursement). The FMF then provides all the maintenance for the Town's fleet of vehicles (goods or services). Many items previously budgeted within the former EF had to be redistributed to the other funds and budgets.

Most notable and costly of these redistributions are vehicles and equipment used by each fund. This includes dump/plow trucks, fire trucks, police cars and ambulances, as well as insurance, radios, and dozens of other items. This significant change resulted in the FMF (EF) budget going down 56.43% or \$979,457, but those monies needed to be accounted for in other funds. These changes are seen throughout the Town budget, but perhaps most drastically within the Highway Fund.

Vehicle and equipment purchases, redistributed from the EF account for 53.9% (\$528,011) of additional expense to the HF. While that sounds like a lot, and it is, this expense is not new, it is just moved from the EF. There were many other smaller dollar items previously budgeted in the EF that needed to be redistributed to the HF as well.

Increased paving costs account for an additional 23.7 % (\$232,048) expense. You may have read in the Times Argus in December that the Selectboard was faced with paving bids that came back considerably higher than expected and they struggled with how to manage that increase in this budget. After much consideration and a very slight alteration to the comprehensive road paving plan, the Board decided to live up to taxpayers' expectations and keep the long-standing tradition of making sure our roads are some of the best in the area.

The HF also includes an additional \$100,000 for stormwater design and permitting to help with the expenses associated with complying with the State's mandated 3-acre

stormwater upgrades. The Town is the permittee for seven stormwater systems within existing developments and all must be upgraded to conform and be re-permitted.

Increases in year-to-year expenses such as the cost of labor, health insurance, and road salt play a smaller role in the overall increase in the Highway Fund budget.

To summarize, the General Fund shows an increase of 10.56% over last year but is actually lower by .0045% (\$20,961) when the Fund Balance purchases are removed from the equation. The Highway Fund is up 20.82% but if you remove the two largest increases, equipment purchases and the extra cost of paving, the HF budget would be .0036% (\$13,524) higher than last year.

As the budgets stands to be voted on, with the Fund Balance expenditures included, we project that the General Fund tax rate will go down 2.15 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The Highway Fund's tax rate, with the equipment purchases and extra cost of paving included, will increase by an estimated 7.36 cents. Combined we project the tax rate to cover the operational cost of running the Town will result in an increase of 5.21 cents over last year. Based on this projected increase a house with a value of \$150,000 would see a \$78.15 increase in taxes next year, while the taxes of a house valued at \$600,000 would increase by \$312.59. This increase is not final and could decrease a bit if additional Fund Balance is applied before the tax rate is set.

We, the department heads, Selectboard, Budget Committee and I, have tried to walk a tight line between frugal and functional as we bring these budgets to you, our taxpayers, for approval. The fact that price increases across the board are already affecting our tax and rate payers has not escaped our notice. The Town is not immune from these increases, and we know that, in some cases, increases are necessary so that we can continue to operate and maintain our Town.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

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: Are you looking 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.

Burning Permit: 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, Chris Day (802-498-8694) 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.

In addition to calling the office for these permit applications at the number noted, applications also can be found at barretown.org/permitsandforms.

By Andy Lange, Fire Chief; Chris Day, Fire Warden; Brandon Garbacik, Town Planning & Zoning Administrator.

The Fire Department's Father's Day BBQ will be held Sunday, June 16, 2024 at the East Barre Fire Station in East Barre. You can eat-in or take out. Meals will be served from noon to 2:00 pm. 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

HELP WANTED

We currently have two summer, temporary, openings in our Public Works Department working from mid-May to August. Applicants must be 18 years old and have a valid drivers license. Starting pay will be \$16.00/hour with the ability to earn up to \$17.25/per hour for good attendance. 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 by contacting the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331.

Full-Time Police Officer: The Police Department is accepting applications for a full-time patrol officer. The selected candidate must meet all requirements for admission to the VT Criminal Justice Coun-

cil 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. Full time officers work 4, 10-hour shifts per week with shift schedules being changed every two months. Extra work opportunities include Thunder Road race events, school resource officer details, and grant-funded DUI and occupant protection details. Current labor contract provides for competitive wages, combined paid time-off, health, life, short-term disability, dental insurance and a defined benefit pension plan.

Per-Diem Officers: The Police Department is also accepting application for Per Diem positions. Starting pay will be \$23.00/hour. Candidates must have a high school diploma, the ability to pass the VCJTC physical fitness test and have a valid driver's license. A per diem officer will be required to attend the two week academy followed by additional classes and a field training period. Per diem officers work as often as each week depending on need and availability. Throughout the year there are several regular extra duty opportunities.

Per-Diem: 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) or can be picked up in person during 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 (802) 476-3147 or via email at ddanforth@barretown.org.

More information on any of these open positions can also be obtained by contacting the Town Manager's Office at (802) 479-9331.

By Leslie Babic, Town Manager Assistant

STAFFING UPDATES

The Town of Barre, through its Emergency Medical Services Department, is excited to be providing contracted Paramedic level ambulance services to the Town of Williamstown. We have added 6 Full-time staff bringing our FT staff to 19 and we are staffing the Williamstown Public Safety building 24/7 with the additional staff. This makes BTEMS the largest EMS agency in Central Vermont. We are now staffing 3 stations 24/7 to provide all of our service town with exceptional EMS service.

EMS: Long-time EMS employee David Danforth was promoted to the Director of the Emergency Medical Services department on January 15, 2024 and has been with the Town of Barre since June of 2013, and his vast years of experience and skills make him a fantastic Director for the department. We are excited to continue this relationship with David, and all that he brings as a leader to our Emergency Medical Services team in Barre Town.

Per-diem EMS employees that were hired as full-time employees were: Aimee Nolan, Addison Alberti-Schroeder, Jennifer Soutar, Caelan Robbins, Jacquelyn B Bombardier, Michael Belanger, and Rachel Rudi. *(Continued on Page 4)*

(Cont'd - Staffing Updates)

One new, full-time hire, Brittany Hood, was hired via the new contracting services with Williamstown. Brittany has worked with the Williamstown EMS service since 2017.

In addition to 8 new, full-time hires, there were eleven new per-diems hired on.

Police Department: Police Officer, Koltin LeDuc began his employment with Barre Town on January 3, 2024. He is a graduate of Northern Vermont University with a degree in Criminal Justice and is currently enrolled in the Level 3 Academy for his Vermont Law Enforcement Certification.

Fire Department: The Fire Department has hired three new Firefighter's. Barre Town is fortunate to have the ability to keep bringing in new talent to expand and advance our dedicated Town's Fire Department.

Departure: James Hood, one of our Mechanic's in our Department of Public Works, left on in December 2023. He had been with the Town since October 2022. He resigned his position with Barre Town to work for the City of Barre. *By Leslie Babic, Town Manager Assistant and David Danforth, EMS Director*

BARRE TOWN FIRE DEPT. 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 11, 2024 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

May 19 - 25, 2024 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

National EMS Week is also May 19 - 25, 2024. Take time to thank our 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 David Danforth, 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 15, 2024**. If you do not file by this date, then you will be assessed a penalty. If you miss the April 15 deadline, you still can file by October 15, 2024, 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 income was less than \$128,000 for the 2023 calendar year (whether from a job, retirement income, or other income), you may be eligible for a property tax credit. If you file your own taxes and do not rely on an accountant to do them, then it is imperative for you to file these forms yourself to receive the benefits of paying lower taxes. Typically, when these forms are filed by the due date of April 15th 2024, the State of Vermont will send you a letter in July letting you know what your property tax credit will be. If you notice any issues or have any questions regarding your credit, please contact the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802)828-2865 or tax.individualincome@vermont.gov.

Where to find the Forms: The 2024 HS-122 & HI-144 can be completed online at <https://myvtax.vermont.gov>. If you would prefer to fill out a paper form, then you can find them on our Town website at <https://www.barretown.org> or request them from the Barre Town Assessor's office by calling (802) 479-2595 to have a copy mailed or emailed to you. More information can be found at tax.vermont.gov/property-owners/homestead-declaration.

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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 2024 Grand List, which includes property ownership and value as of April 1, will be available at the Town Clerk's 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 deter-

mining 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 taxpayer. 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 Assessor's Office at 802-479-2595 or email jpinardi@barretown.org.

By Jocelyn Pinardi, Assistant to the Assessor

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 \$77,450 or less for a family of four, or \$54,250 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/gmhr>. You can email Cheryl Moyer, cmoyer@downstreet.org or Volicia Smith, vsmith@downstreet.org, or call (802) 477-1343.

By Brandon Garbacik, Planning & Zoning Administrator

VILLAGE CENTER DESIGNATIONS

For nearly two years, the Barre Town Planning Commission had looked into the possibility of the Town of Barre applying for Village Center designation status through the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD). This program aims to support historic village centers by providing incentives such as tax credits, priority consideration for state grants, and technical assistance for supporting local revitalization and planning efforts. These incentives are eligible to property owners of civic, commercial, multi-family, and mixed-use buildings within the defined boundaries of each village center. After numerous lengthy discussions and a site visit through each village center, the Planning Commission (at the direction of the Select-board) decided to move forward with applying for Village Center designation status for the villages of: **East Barre, South Barre, Lower Graniteville, and Upper Websterville**. On February 26, 2024, the Downtown Development Board approved each of the town's four applications.

Coming soon, the Barre Town Planning Commission will be organizing a community forum at the Barre Town Municipal Building to explain the program and its benefits. The Planning Commission is hoping to have staff from ACCD available to explain the program specifics and history. This forum will be open to the public, and property owners within the boundaries of a designated Village Center should expect an invitation to be mailed to them in the coming weeks. To learn more about this program, contact Brandon Garbacik in the Planning & Zoning Office at (802) 479-2595 or bgarbacik@barretown.org. The boundaries of Barre Town's village centers are also available on the Vermont Planning Atlas, available through ACCD's website.

By Brandon Garbacik, Planning & Zoning Administrator

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REMINDER: PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

HOUSING REHABILITATION & WEATHERIZATION

Several years ago, the Town of Barre partnered with Downstreet Housing (formerly Central Vermont Community Land Trust) to administer the Barre Town Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program. This program has proven to be a valuable resource for qualifying Barre Town homeowners to get a low-interest loan to fix up their homes. Loans must be used for home rehabilitation to resolve health and safety issues, such as structural problems or system failures. For information regarding rehabilitation loans or other available housing programs, contact Downstreet Housing at (802) 476-4493.



Capstone Community Action offers **no-cost**, comprehensive weatherization services to income-eligible homes in Barre Town. These services include an energy assessment to identify ways to make your home more energy efficient. Then, renovation services are provided such as adding insulation, filling cracks and gaps, and improving ventilation. To learn more, visit www.capstonevt.org/weatherization or call 1-(877) 919-2299.

By Brandon Garbacik, Planning & Zoning Administrator

SUMMER PAVING PROJECTS

Pavement Milling/Hot-Mix Asphalt Paving: July 9 – Sept. 28



This year Pavement Milling and Paving will be one contract. This limits the amount of time between the two operations, therefore minimizing the disturbance to the road and residents. If you have any questions regarding the work to be done on the road near your property, please contact the Town Engineer's Office at (802) 476-3522.

Pavement Milling and Paving:

- Littlejohn Road - Church Hill Rd to E.O.P.
- Violette Street - Entire Length
- Gregoire Street - Entire Length
- Libercent Street - Entire Length
- Milano Hill - Entire Length
- Brook Street - Entire Length
- Gold Spur - Entire Length
- Silver Circle - Entire Length
- Platinum Plain - Entire Length
- Sterling Hill Road - Quarry Hill to Upper Gate

Hot-Mix Asphalt Paving Only:

- Windywood Road - Orchard Pond to Sugarwood
- Casanova Street - Entire Length
- Sabetto Street - Entire Length
- Millstone Boulevard - Entire Length
- Cedar Street - Entire Length
- Woodland Drive - Entire Length
- Lague Lane - Entire Length
- Wildwood Drive - Entire Length
- Sesame Street - Entire Length
- Scenic View Drive - Entire Length
- Hillcrest Lane - Entire Length
- Grace Ave - Entire Length
- Burnside Ave - Entire Length

- Meadow Lane - Entire Length
- Camel's Hump View - Entire Length
- East St Ext - Entire Length
- Cassie Street - House 115 to North Valley View Circle
- Grandview Farm Road - Entire Length

PROJECT UPDATES

Camp Street: Camp Street was damaged during the July 10 flood last year which was then restricted to one lane traffic and is now closed to both lanes of traffic. Our design engineers have been working on the solution since the beginning. The proposed fix would entail driving sheet piles to stabilize the road, add drainage, and then resurface the roadway. This is a Federal Aid Highway, which means repairs made to this are funded 90% by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). To receive funding from FHWA there are federal regulations that must be met before the project can go out to bid. The Engineers are currently working through the environmental portion of the design required by FHWA.

Holden Road: Holden Road has been closed since the flood on July 10th, as our engineers are in the preliminary design stages of the repair it. Due to the steepness of the bank and the proximity to the stream, the repair is complicated and is being evaluated for which solution would work best. This project is anticipated to go out to bid this winter.

South Barre Bike Path- The bike path in South Barre also suffered from the 2023 July flood leaving a large hole in the path near the Bridge Street intersection. UVM students are using the site for their senior project. The students are looking at the site and coming up with recommendations for the repair. Our Engineer will then look at the students' work and come up with a full set of plans for the contractor. The anticipated bid time will be this winter.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

CV FIBER MEMBERS NEEDED

Barre Town is a member of CV Fiber, a communication union district. Each municipality that belongs may appoint a primary and alternate board member. Both of Barre Town's positions are vacant at this time. CV Fiber holds remote meetings the second Tuesday of each month. CV Fiber's mission is to bring high speed internet to every address in member towns. If you are a Town resident and are interested in representing your Town, or know somebody who might be, please send an email to offices@barretown.org or call (802) 479-9331 for more information.

By Chris Violette, Town Manager

Newsletter-Plus

Publishing means good content doesn't always make the publication, sometimes there just isn't enough room, which is the case with this edition. To find Newsletter-Plus visit barretown.org/publications/newsletters or click the QR code or links below.



[P & Z Permits](#)

[Firework Permit & Safety](#)

[Open Burning Info](#)

[New Staff Bios](#)

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

Nov. 2023: **CUP:** J Southgate temp set-up camper at 255 Websterville Road approved; J. Southgate temp set-up camper off of Church Hill Road/Websterville Road (cont'd).

Dec. 2023: **SD** – Bolus/3-lot located at 340 School Road (cont'd); Tofani/2-Lot off of Snowbridge Road (approved); Calcagni/2-lot located at 375 Beckley Hill Road (cont'd).

Jan. 2024: **SD cont'd:** Bolus/3-lot located at 340 School Road; Calcagni/2-lot at 375 Beckley Hill Road; Grandfield revise SD revert one lot back into original 2 lots off of Lower Usle Road/owned by Browns (cont'd-Feb)

Feb. 2024: **SD approval:** Bolus/3-lot at 340 School Road; Calcagni/2-lot at 375 Beckley Hill Road; Grandfield revise SD revert one lot back into original 2 lots off of Lower Usle Road/owned by Brown; Trow Hill Holdings/3-lot at 338 Hill Street; Allen/Mugford 2 lot at 14 Meadow Lane; Swann/ rev deferral lift at 147 Richards Farm Lane.

Mar. 2024: Cancelled due to lack of applications.

Planning Commission – By C. Spaulding; Members: C. Sanborn, T. Reil, B. Atwood, G. Clain, C. Chase, A. Farrell, and R. Morin. **AUD**- Allowed Use Determination

Nov. 2023: Cont'd discussion of Village Center Designation applications to ACCD; update Selectboard formation of Energy Advisory Committee.

Dec. 2023: Discussion of Village Center Boundaries and separate applications for East Barre, South Barre, Lower Graniteville & Upper Websterville; Request by L. John for zoning bylaw change from Industrial to very-high density residential located a 217 & 223 Church Hill Road (PC considered); Request by J. Olesky (behalf of J. Carr) for zoning bylaw change from low-density residential to high-density residential land located at 6 Tanglewood Dr/off West Cobble Hill Road (cont'd); PC member appointed to Energy Advisory Committee;

Jan. 2024: **AU** -T. Whittemore at 12 Ferris Street (motor-vehicle garage, minor) -approved; Cont'd discussion of Village Center Designation applications to ACCD by Feb; Update on bills introduced in legislation highlights on H.719; L. John's request for zoning change public hearing set for Feb 21. **Special: Finalize** Village Center Designation applications for submission to ACCD.

Feb. 2024: Public Hearing for zoning bylaw amendment for 217 & 223 Church Hill Road & approved sending report to Selectboard; reviewed Bylaw Sec 3.2: Access requirements/required frontage on public roadway; legislative update.

Mar. 2024: Village Center Designations: East Barre, Lower Graniteville, South Barre & Upper Websterville were approved by ACCD; legislative update on housing/Act 250, prelim discussion to update bylaws in compliance with Act 47 of 2023.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – By Josh Martineau; Members: D. Freeman, B. Myer, V. Calcagni, T. Amaral, and B. Kipp

Nov. 2023 – Approved installation of curve chevrons on Lower Usle.

Dec. 2023 – No Meeting.

Jan. 2024: Reviewed Town Policies and recommendation for stop signs on Rudd Farm and Daniels Drive; no action was taken.

Feb. 2024: No Meeting.

Mar. 2024: Voted to conduct speed studies on Cassie Street, Hill Street, Beckley Hill, Rudd Farm, Waterman Street, and Taplin Road.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CLAIRE DUKE

On January 6, 2023, friends and family gathered at St. Monica's Church to remember and honor a name that resonates deeply in the hearts of Central Vermont –Claire Duke. As a newcomer to the real estate scene back in 2011, I quickly learned that Claire Duke was a force to be reckoned with.



Claire was not just a Realtor; she was a formidable negotiator and a dedicated advocate for her clients. Her reputation for fierce negotiation and unwavering support made her a standout figure in the Central Vermont real estate community only to be interrupted by her caring smile. When I crossed paths with her in my first transaction offer, I realized that facing Claire meant facing a seasoned professional who put her clients' best interests above all else. She was indeed the best at what she did.

Beyond being a Realtor, Claire was an "unofficial" teacher. She had a keen eye for details that others might overlook, always ensuring that every aspect of a contract was in the best interest of her clients. Her commitment to old-school ethics set her apart in an era when electronic signings were non-existent to what we use today. Face-to-face interactions were the preferred norm for Claire. Her dedication to personal connections, even in the age of technology, left a lasting impression on me.

Claire's impact extended far beyond the realm of real estate. Her decades-long commitment to public service showcased her unwavering dedication to the community. She was involved in numerous organizations, leaving a mark that seemed to warrant an intermission in her obituary. On behalf of the Barre Town Planning Commission and the Town of Barre, I express our gratitude for Claire's tireless service to the citizens of Central Vermont.

Thank you, Claire, for being the remarkable person that you were. Rest in peace; You will be missed.

By Rodney Morin, Barre Town Planning Commission Member



2024 MAY ELECTIONS INFORMATION

This year's Open Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room and will begin at 7:30 p.m. This election is conducted in the traditional "from the floor" manner. Moderator Tom Koch will be presiding. Voting articles include setting the property tax and sewer due dates, asking for approval to apply tax credits pro-rata (deduct the credit amount from the total amount and dividing the remaining balance into 4 installments), seeking approval for the Selectboard to buy-sell real estate, and present the

Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship & Service Aware. Immediately following the Open Meeting there will be a presentation of the proposed budget.

The Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian Ballot will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School gymnasium. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voting articles include the municipal budget (General and Highway Fund), Elected Offices (Selectboard, Town Clerk, and Moderator), not-for-profit agency requests, and a Charter Amendment. There will also be a Barre Unified Union School District Budget revote.

Regarding the Charter Amendment: Last year a Charter Change approved by the voters abolished the Office of the Auditor. On the ballot this year you will be voting to eliminate the existing language throughout the Charter which will remove all references to the Office of the Auditor.

As always, warnings and sample ballots will be posted on the Town website www.barretown.org as soon as they become available.

Early Voting Information:

If you previously requested an early ballot to be mailed to you for the May election, the Town Clerk's Office will mail your ballot out as soon as they are available. Additionally, if you requested an early ballot be mailed to you for the Barre Unified Union School District March 5, 2024 election you will automatically be receiving an early ballot. Please understand you always have the option to vote at the polls should you wish.

To request an early ballot, contact the Town Clerk's Office at (802) 479-9391 or email tlunt@barretown.org. You can also request directly through My Voter Page at <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 14 election is 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding the election (May 13, 2024). If requesting an early ballot by mail, we suggest requests are made no later than 7 days before the election to make certain the ballot is received in time.

Visit www.barretown.org and go to the Town Clerk's page to find additional information regarding elections.

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. Enjoy free ice cream at each of our playgrounds! Check Facebook for flavor updates. The schedule is as follows:

- July 9th – Trow Hill
- July 16th – Upper Graniteville
- July 23rd – Websterville
- July 30th – South Barre (Wilson Street)
- August 6th – East Barre (Pleasant Street)
- August 13th – Lower Graniteville



1st Annual Summer Festival

Join us Saturday, **July 20th**, rain or shine, from 10:00am - 4:00pm for our 1st Annual Summer Festival event at the Town Recreation Area. **There will be 30 craft vendors, food trucks, a Little League Skills & Drills Competition, and 3v3 Summer Slam basketball tournament.** The event is free to attend to all members of the public. Registration for craft vendors, food trucks, Skills & Drills Competition, and 3v3 Summer Slam basketball tournament are open at:

www.tinyurl.com/TownofBarreEvents

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 11th; and the Quarries Throwdown hosted by Disc Golf Vermont May 25th and 26th. For membership and tournament information email events@discgolfvermont.com.

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 for the form and instructions. Remember that swimming in the quarries is prohibited for everyone's safety!

Dinosaur Safari Scavenger Hunt



Dinosaurs roamed the Earth long before humans, but for one day a year they return to the woods behind the Recreation Area. Join us Sunday, June 2nd from 2pm – 4pm starting at the Rec Area Picnic Shelter for a Dinosaur Safari Scavenger Hunt! Step foot into a prehistoric wilderness where dinosaurs roam. Groups will be given Safari Scavenger Licenses to search for specific dinosaurs they may take home. All ages welcome!

Town of Barre Community Dog Park

The Town of Barre Community Dog Park is located 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!



3v3 Summer Slam Basketball Tournament

This all day tournament calls upon all ages! Teams will face off 3v3 on a half court, allowing two games to take place at once. Games will have volunteer referees following basic basketball rules and conduct. Double elimination tournament. Once a team has lost two games, they are done. There are three Co-Ed age groups: (10-14), (15-20), & (21+). First game tip off will be at 10:00am. Teams may register a 4th player to maintain a substitute throughout their games. Each game consists of two 7-minute halves. Follow the red link above or scan the QR code below to register your team. Registration is \$30/per team and closes July 10th.



Little League Skills & Drills Competition

The Town of Barre recently invested in replacing the fencing around the field and added a homerun fence. Seasonal maintenance crews have worked to rehab the infield and outfield. To celebrate a new era at the field, there will be a ribbon cutting at 10:00am, all are welcome! From 10:15am-12:30pm the Director of Recreation and Barre Community Baseball will hold a skills and drills competition for Co-Ed Little League age (9-12) athletes. There will be individual and team based drills. Schedules emailed upon registration. Award ceremony to follow. Follow the red link above or scan the QR code below to register your player. Registration is \$5/per player and closes July 10th.



Volunteers Wanted:

Email JCrossley@barretown.org
Subject: Volunteer



RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

All ages welcome!



Town of Barre Forest

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

- Camping and fires are NOT allowed.
- No overnight parking.
- Practice Leave No Trace and carry in, carry out all of your trash and belongings.
- Horses are NOT allowed on the Rauli's Run trail.
- Mountain bikers, please abide by trail closures.
- Swimming is NOT allowed in the Forest. Refrain from jumping or swimming in quarry holes or vernal pools.
- No flagging, signing or marking without authorization.



Millstone Trails Association

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.



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. MTA hosts public trail work days April-October that anyone can volunteer to help at. Volunteers meet at the garage at 44 Brook Street at 8:00am. Work continues until 11:30am-12:00pm. The first three trail days are:

Sunday, April 28th; Saturday, May 4th; Sunday, May 19th

VT Senior Games

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 (46 Websterville Road). Come out on **June 1st and 2nd** to watch the sport in action as the Vermont Senior Games host their Pickleball State championship Singles and Fun Doubles. Eligible players can register at:



www.vermontseniorgames.org/pickleball

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.

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

Reserving the Picnic Shelter

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



Reserving Playing Fields & Rec Facilities

To reserve playing fields at the Rec Area, East Barre Park, or South Barre Park fill out a Facility Use Request Form and submit to the Recreation Department for consideration (JCrossley@barretown.org). Forms can be found on the Town website or outside the Clerk's Office. Submit requests well in advance of the date(s) requested. The Director responds to requests in 3-5 business days. The Town Recreation Board must approve of any requests for alcohol consumption as it is not allowed on Town property otherwise.



Facility Policies and Fees Subcommittee

In January, the Town Recreation Board created a Subcommittee to review existing policies and fees of the Department. The Subcommittee hopes to adopt and implement a new fee structure for the 2025 season. Potential updates will take into account maintenance and longevity of our facilities, long term planning goals, and capital improvements as we aim to create sustainable investments in recreation.



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 Director of Recreation Johnny Crossley at (802) 477-1382 or by email: JCrossley@barretown.org.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Bulk Trash Collection – May 11

When: Saturday, May 11, 2024
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Place: DPW Yard, 79 Pitman 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.....	\$15
Pickup Truck.....	\$20
Unloaded car or truck w/loaded trailer.....	\$20
Loaded car and trailer.....	\$25
Loaded pickup and trailer.....	\$30
Truck larger than pickup (1-ton max).....	\$25
Loaded large truck and trailer.....	\$30
Van, box truck, (10' max).....	\$30

Cash only. The Town cannot accept credit or debit cards at this service.

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
 CVSWMDD HHW collections
 Wilson Depot; District ARCC
 Wilson Depot

 District ARCC
 Wilson Depot, other licensed collectors

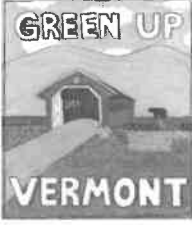
Volunteer: Volunteers get free service and always are welcome for the whole or half day.

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 4th

The very first Green Up Day was launched statewide by Governor Deane Davis on April 18, 1970. Over 50 years later the tradition continues! Green Up Vermont's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways, and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day while raising public awareness about the health, economic, and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round.



A physical map of the Town of Barre is maintained in the Town Manager's Office for Green Up Day clean-up efforts. This map helps reduce redundancy, alerts the DPW where to pick up Green Up trash bags, and allows for all corners of our Town to receive clean-up. 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) to avoid duplication and disrupting another party's plans. When a roadside(s) or public place is selected stop by the Town Manager's Office, M-F, 8:00am

to 4:30pm, or call (802) 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 4. 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.

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

New this year is that Barre City residents can use the LWS just as Barre Town residents, during regularly scheduled open, hours. The City of Barre will be splitting the operating cost of the site, which helps lower the Town cost and provides City residents with a good option for disposal of their natural material. The lawn waste site will be open Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to noon starting Saturday, April 20, weather conditions permitting. A volunteer will open the site from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesdays starting April 30, weather conditions permitting.



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 (802) 479-9331 to learn more about volunteering.

CENTRAL VERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (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 - 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm - 5:30 pm, plus the 3rd Saturday each month from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. 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 22 - Tunbridge Transfer Station, July 27 - Hardwick Town Garage, August 24 - Bradford Town Garage, September 28 - Montpelier, Department of Labor parking lot.**



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

By Chris Violette, Town Manager