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Town Manager Search

By now many of you have heard that our Town Manager, Carl Rogers, plans to retire in January of 2023. Although there had been informal conversations about succession planning taking place between the Manager and the Selectboard for awhile, Carl publicly announced his intent to retire at the Selectboard meeting of January 25th, 2022, giving the Selectboard about a one-year notice.

On April 26th the Selectboard entered into a contract with the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to assist with the process of recruiting our next Town Manager. The League’s consultant will help with things like updating the Town Manager’s job description, drafting a job posting and placing advertisements in appropriate publications and websites, receiving, reviewing, and ranking applications and résumés, conducting reference checks and background investigations, and drafting an employment agreement with the new Town Manager.

On June 21st the Selectboard appointed an ad hoc Town Manager Screening Committee, and approved a charge for the Committee. The Committee was to be comprised of two members of the Selectboard, two members from other Town boards or commissions, and one “at large” member who does not currently serve on a Town board or commission. The members of the Town Manager Screening Committee are Paul White, Norma Malone, Cedric Sanborn, Mike Gilbar, and Todd Provencher.

Advertising for the Town Manager position will begin during the 4th week of August, with an application deadline in mid- to late-September. Using this schedule, it is expected that the first round of interviews could take place during the first two weeks of October, with a second round of interviews occurring during the last two weeks of October. If all goes well, the month of November would be spent conducting reference checks and a background investigation, and negotiating an employment agreement with the selected candidate. This would allow the person selected as our new Town Manager to give their current employer a 30-day notice

and be ready to start work in Barre Town on or about January 1, 2023.

Additional updates will be given as this process progresses, but if you have questions or comments along the way please reach out to myself or Norma Malone.

By Paul White, Selectboard Chairman



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Cannabis Zoning By-Law

In response to Vermont legalizing commercial cannabis establishments (CCE), the Town Planning Commission (PC) discussed zoning regulations of the CCE’s during at least five monthly meetings. During its meeting in June, after a warned public hearing, the PC voted to recommend a zoning by-law amendment to the Selectboard. The impetus of the amendment are five new CCE’s but the amendment includes a few other minor zoning by-law changes.

The proposed by-law defines cannabis: **1) cultivator, 2) manufacturer, 3) wholesaler, 4) testing laboratory, 5) retailer.** The proposal indicates these operations could receive conditional use permits (CUP) in one or more of four zoning districts: **1) conservation; 2) industrial; 3) traffic retail and 4) highway commercial .** Applications for (CUP) are reviewed and acted upon by the Development Review Board (DRB).

The Selectboard received the PC’s report on the overall zoning by-law amendment and directed it be put into Town ordinance form. After two reviews of the draft, the Selectboard might begin the formal adoption process in mid-September. A public hearing on the proposed by-law amendment is tentatively planned for October 4. Proposed ordinances may be viewed on the town website. On the home page click on Charter, Ordinances and Policies.

The proposed by-law addresses cannabis retailers, but retail sales in Barre Town have not been approved. State law requires municipalities vote to opt-in to allowing retail sales. Barre Town has not voted to opt-in.

State law also authorizes municipalities to create a Cannabis Control Commission, whose role would be similar to that of local liquor control boards. The Selectboard may be discussing creating a Cannabis Control Commission soon.

Dates & Events

- October 23 - Recreation Fall Event
- October 29 - HHW Collection
- November 1 - Last Day Town Right-of-Way
- November 8 - Election Day
- November 11 - Offices Closed– Veteran’s Day
- November 15 - Property Taxes Due

Housing Rehab and Weatherization

Are you a Barre Town resident that owns a home that needs a major repair? 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.

Downstreet Housing’s Green Mountain Home Repair loans can be used to repair health and safety issues such as weatherization, structural problems (leaking roof, heating, septic, etc.), repairs to correct municipal or state code violations, access modification for elderly or disabled household members, energy upgrades (including energy audit, insulation, and air sealing).

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 \$65,750 or less for a family of four, or \$46,050 or less for a single person. Special exceptions may apply to historic homes and/or homes that may contain lead paint or hazardous building materials. The homes must be primary residences.

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

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

Vacancies

Cemetery Commission: Letters of interest (includes emails) in serving on the Town Cemetery Commission are being accepted. The commission has five volunteer members. It meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Municipal Building. Typically, the Commission meets during April through October and takes November through March off.

The Commission oversees three cemeteries. (See article on page 4.) There is a set of Rules and Regulations for the cemeteries. The Commission occasionally revises the Rules and Regulations. It plans cemetery improvements (such as the new columbarium currently under discussion), approves monument designs, approves deeds for sale of lots and takes other actions as stated in the Rules and Regulations. Monthly meetings usually are not longer than one and a half hours. Anyone interested in serving on the Cemetery Commission may attend a meeting, read about the Commission on the Town website, or read meeting minutes also found on the website. For more information call the Manager’s Office at 479-9331. Letters may be submitted to the Town Manager’s Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT, 05678 or emailed to offices@barretown.org.

Deputy Health Officer: Former health officer William

Kirby moved out of Town in June. In late July the Selectboard voted to recommend the Vermont Department of Health appoint the current deputy health officer, Michael Milos, as health officer, thus creating a vacancy in the deputy position.

The deputy health officer (DHO) has no special duties or responsibilities. The DHO will take health officer calls when the health officer is not available. Barre Town averages between 10 and 15 health officer calls per year. There are three main categories of calls: **1)** dog bites; **2)** rental housing code concerns/complaints; and **3)** improper storage or disposal of household trash. The Department of Health provides a manual for health officers and their deputies.

This position pays a \$400 per year stipend. For more information visit the state’s website www.healthvermont.gov/environment/town-health-officer or call the Town Manager’s Office at 479-9331. Letters and emails may be sent to the Town Manager’s Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or to offices@barretown.org.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

VT Free Recycling

Electronics such as computers, monitors and televisions cannot be tossed out with garbage, thus the Town does not accept these items at bulk trash collections. The state’s E-Cycles program provides free drop-off and recycling of computers, monitors, televisions, printers, computer keyboards, scanners and mice from households, 501 c3 charities and small businesses with 10 or fewer employees.

In our area there are three participating sites that accept e-waste free of charge. The participants are: CV Solid Waste Management District at its ARCC at 540 N. Main St., Barre City; ReSource, 30 Granite St., Barre City; and Computer Barn at 921, Rt. 302, Berlin. For more information about the Solid Waste District’s ARCC visit www.cvswwmd.org.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Employee Changes

The Town Clerks office is pleased to welcome Brandon Garbacik to our ranks! Brandon is a lifelong Barre resident with deep roots in our town. Having attended Barre Town Elementary and then Spaulding High School he went on to UVM where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. Brandon is excited to start his municipal career and we are excited to have him.

Brandon will be serving Barre Town as Assistant Town Clerk. His main duties are Elections and Dog Licenses, as well as general office tasks. Brandon took Wendy Moore’s position.

Wendy has moved to the Finance Office to take the Finance Clerk position upon Deborah Lefebvre’s retirement. Congratulations to Wendy!

Thatcher Morrison completed the full time (Level 3) police academy on July 15th. Thatcher has been working for the police department for quite some time on a part time certification. Having attained the level 3 certification allows him to investigate all types of incidents and better serve the public. Congratulations, Officer Morrison!

Alex Bell, who had been hired as a full-time officer, left the police department in April.

By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director



Tax and Utility Rates

The July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 fiscal year (FY '23) tax and utility (sewer and water) rates were set by the Selectboard during the summer. On June 14 the Selectboard voted to set the utility rates. The tax rates were determined on July 5, after the state education property tax information became available.

The Town Manager proposed a FY '23 Sewer Fund with a \$89,275 or 8.06% increase over the prior year. The Manager's proposed budget included a \$20 per year or 6% increase in the base sewer fee. The Budget Committee approved the Sewer Fund budget without changes and made no recommendation regarding the fee. On June 14 the Selectboard voted to set the FY '23 sewer base fee at \$350 per year, as stated in the Manager's budget. \$75,000 of the total budget increase is for treatment of the wastewater. Treatment costs have been increasing in recent years and likely will continue to increase, at least for several more years.

For FY '23 the Water Fund budget is \$46,245 less than the prior year because budgeting for a significant waterline project was not repeated. Work on replacing the Upper Westerville waterlines will be paid with Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) instead. Despite the reduction in spending, the Manager's budget called for increases in the water consumption rate and quarterly base charge. The Budget Committee approved the proposed budget and made no recommendation about the rate increases. On June 14 the Selectboard voted to set the water consumption fee at \$7.53 (a 2% increase). The Water Fund is capital intensive (a lot of water pipe and equipment at a treatment plant, three pump stations, two storage tanks and a chlorine booster station). Increases in water rates will be common as the Fund tries to keep pace with the capital maintenance and projects.

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 Homestead tax rate was lowered 5.29¢ and the Non-homestead rate was reduced 4.97¢.

The Town's FY '23 General Fund budget rose 4.10%. A 1.58¢ tax rate increase was forecasted but taxes were raised for the Town General Fund 3.02¢. For the Highway Fund a 2.25¢ tax rate increase was anticipated, and the HF rate did go up 2.25¢.

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. This year (FY '23) the amount of non-tax revenue basically was unchanged. The Grand List did not increase as much as anticipated during budget deliberations. For FY '22 \$326,020 of fund balance was used to offset taxes. For FY '23, between the time the budgets were adopted and tax rates were established, the Town learned the cost of paving would increase significantly. The budget was based on an estimate of \$79 per ton of asphalt for paving. The low bid in April was \$85.65. Bids are subject to the state asphalt price adjustment

(fluctuation for the price of liquid asphalt). By early July the actual price of paving was expected to be about \$94 per ton. When the tax rates were set road paving was expected to run \$159,000 over budget; fund balance would pay for the cost overrun. Therefore paving cost overrun was subtracted from the amount of fund balance used in FY '22. The difference (\$167,020) was applied to the FY '23 tax rate calculation.

The bottom line is the GF tax rate was set at 42.83¢, an increase of 3.02¢. The HF rate went up 2.25¢ to 33.65¢.

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 '23 the Local Agreement cost tax payers \$19,756 or .21¢, virtually unchanged from the prior year.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

School's Open

All schools within the Barre Unified Union School District started on Monday, August 29th.



For Barre Town Middle & Elementary School, parents can expect the same traffic pattern for drop off and pick up. Drivers should enter the school lot via the Recreation Field Road. If traffic is backed up when

you arrive, please continue down the recreation road, turn around, and form a line. This prevents traffic from backing up on Westerville Road. Also, please remember that staff, parents and students are walking through the lot throughout the day. The parking lot is considered a public highway, therefore cell phone use is prohibited. You should not enter the horse-shoe loop 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 busses 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 drivers license. *By Bill Dodge, Police Chief*

The Vermont Department of Health is still recommending initial COVID-19 vaccines.



Vaccines are now available for people as young as 6 months. Initial vaccines and boosters are free and available around the state. For updated COVID-19 information on "what you should know", vaccine recommendations, testing, and other walk-in vaccination locations, visit www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19. Barre Town EMS continues to offer vaccinations Mondays 3:00 pm-6:00 pm at the East Barre Station at 4 McLaughlin Road. If that time doesn't work for you, call the station at (802) 476-3147 for an appointment.

By Chris LaMonda, EMS Director

Remaining Construction Work

Summer paving and milling is complete. Pike Industries completed their contract with the Town September 9. Next the Town DPW will complete project button up items, such as tree trimming, shouldering, and any needed driveway transitions.

Websterville area will be getting new upgraded waterlines. This is the continuation of the Littlejohn Road waterline upgrades. Munson Excavation was awarded the contract to finish the water line upgrades on Libercent, Brook, and Violette Streets. Construction will start sometime in October and will be completed by late November.

The Wilson Industrial Park waterline connection to Bolster Road went to bid in August and will be opened September 13. The project will connect the waterline on Parker Road to the end of Bolster Road. Construction is planned, but not required, for this fall.

Deadline for Right-of-Way Work

The deadline for digging in road rights-of-way, especially for laying or repairing water and sewer pipes, is November 1. Only emergency work will be considered after this date. Permits are required for digging in the road right-of-way.

By Josh Martineau, Town Engineer

Winter Parking Ban

Nobody wants to be reminded about the upcoming dreaded winter season. However, before long we'll be back to plowing roads and clearing sidewalks. Please remember that 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 between November 1st and April 1st of each year. Vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. 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

Free Items

The following items are available for free. Stop by or call the town offices (479-9331) to see these items or ask questions:

- 1 - 4' x 8' black chalkboard in excellent condition
- 1 - Savin C9120 copier on a stand (was purchased in 2013); was working when taken out of service
- 10' of blue cubicle dividers; 2, 4' sections and 1, 2' section
- boxes of pin-drive printer paper; might be good for childcare, pre-school program
- boxes of pin-drive labels; several sizes
- 1 - metal hanging cabinet/book shelf; was hanging on cubicle dividers; 4' x 13" x 13"

Residents, businesses, and non-profits are welcome to claim any of these items.

Cemeteries Close

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 remains of several family members.

Visit the Town of Barre 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

ARPA Assistance



Are you behind on your bills? Late on your bills due to the pandemic? There is still time to apply to the Vermont Homeowner Assistance Program!

Many Barre residents have already applied and received funding to pay their current account balances for water and sewer as well as late and delinquent taxes. These funds were provided to the Vermont Housing Finance Agency as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

- To be eligible for this program you need to:
- Meet income eligibility requirements
 - Own a home in Vermont and live in it as your primary residence
 - Have experienced a financial hardship associated with the coronavirus pandemic after January 21, 2020

**Other eligibility requirements may apply*

Not sure if you are eligible? We are encouraging Barre Town homeowners to apply due to the high levels of approval we have seen. Visit vermonthap.vhfa.org or call (833) 221-4208 to find out more and complete an application.

Are you a renter rather than a homeowner? There is a program available to you too! Visit erap.vsha.org for more information.

By Katelyn Kran, Finance Director

House Numbers

Green and white reflective house numbers are available through the Town Manager's Office. Cost is \$13. Order form is available on the Town website or in the Municipal Building.

Propane Facility Emergency Plan Update

Many know that there is a large liquid propane storage facility in Barre Town located off Cheney Road (off VT Rt. 63 in South Barre). But, you may not know that many years ago (2003) the Town of Barre developed an emergency plan for the facility. This plan is largely centered around evacuation of the area in the event of an emergency at the facility. It also includes a hazardous materials security plan and contact information for households in the area.

The facility was developed in the mid 1980's initially with two 30,000-gallon liquid propane storage tanks and operated by Blue Flame Gas for many years. Eventually, after a propane shortage in the late 1980's, the facility expanded, adding two more 30,000-gallon storage tanks. The facility is now owned and operated by AmeriGas Partners, L.P., the largest retail propane distributor in the United States.

The Town is embarking on an update of the plan due its age and the fact that it is likely outdated. To help with that, the town has hired Stephanie Magnan (Seam Solutions) as a consultant to help facilitate the update which will take place over the next several months. Stephanie will likely work with various other people including town officials, first responders, State Agencies, and could create an outreach plan which may involve members of the public. We'll provide further information as this update moves forward.

By Chris Violette, Planning & Zoning Director

Recreation News

Fall Event: The Town Recreation Board is planning a fall event for Sunday, October 23. The family, child-friendly event will be held at the picnic shelter in the Recreation Area. The event will have a fall theme, possibly feature apples and various desserts. Details will be posted on the Town website and the Recreation Department's Facebook account.

Aldrich Library Storywalk: The Children's Department of the Aldrich Public Library has pages from a children's book posted along the #6 Trail in the town forest. The story will stay up until October 31. Shortest route from parking to the #6 Trail is to park at 44 Brook Street, Websterville. Enter the woods and turn left on the VAST trail in the power line right-of-way opening. Walk over to the next trail intersection and turn right up the Mainline. At the top of the first hill turn right to head down the hill on the #6 Trail.



The Grindstone: On October 9 Green Mountain Gravel (GMG) will bring something new to Barre: a gravel road bike event. GMG has dubbed its event the Grindstone. It offers three separate rides to suit a participants interest or ability. The rides are 30 kilometers (17 miles), 65 kilometers (40 miles) and 100 kilometers (62 miles). All rides start and finish at the picnic shelter in the Barre Town Recreation Area. The riders will cycle out the bike path to Compo Street. At Graniteville Road the riders will turn left and head out straight on Graniteville Road and Drury Hill Road before entering Williamstown. The riders will return to Barre Town on different routes but all will ride on Graniteville Road and re-enter the bike path at Compo Street.

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Many Barre Town departments turn to social media to help get im-



portant information out to the public quickly. The Fire, EMS, Police, Public Works, and Recreation Departments all have Facebook accounts and use them to make announcements about things particular to each department. Occasionally they might be used to jointly publish information to the public about general town business as well. But in all cases, the postings are only done occasionally and only if it something important. You won't see a bunch of random post filling your daily feed.

By following these five departments you will see posts about road closures for construction work, exciting upcoming recreation events, the police may ask for help with a case they are working on, EMS will post notices of vaccinations or other health related notices, and the Fire Department post fireworks alerts and raffle winners. In all cases, especially for the Police Department, nobody should use this forum to make reports. Calling the appropriate department is still the best way to report information or to request help.

To get important and timely information about happenings in town, please like and follow these departments on Facebook.

By Chris Violette, Fire Chief

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The CV Solid Waste Management District will holds its final household hazardous waste (HHW) collection of the year on Saturday, October 29. This collection will be at the Vermont Department of Labor parking lot on Memorial Drive in Montpelier.



Examples of HHW accepted are: paint-thinners and solvents, paints or stains with no identifiable label on the can, cleaners containing bleach, tub and tile cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, drain openers, tar (driveway sealer), adhesives, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, fertilizer, fuels, automotive fluids and moth balls.

Many items one might think of as hazardous are not accepted at these collections. These items include: asbestos, explosives, ammunition, medicines, radio-active waste, pathological waste, fluorescent light bulbs, electronics and e-waste.

For a more complete list of accepted and rejected items, visit the District's website, www.cvswwmd.org. Information about HHW collections is easy to find.

The service cost \$20 per vehicle. The District encourages households to combine their HHW into one vehicle. Exact change or check only. HHW must be in containers in the truck bed or car trunk. Containers (tubs, totes, boxes) will not be returned. Do not use bags as a container. Proof of residency is required.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

Project Updates

VTrans Projects- Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTrans) has several projects on the books for our area. VTrans VT 110 bridge project located near the roundabout in East Barre is currently in the works for bidding in September with construction next summer. The two intersection projects on VT 14 at Bridge Street and at Quarry Hill Road are also in design and are set to be constructed in 2024. Also, US 302 is planned to be paved in the fall of 2023. More information on all VTrans projects can be found online at <https://vtransparency.vermont.gov/pages/projects2>.



(Continued - Recreation News)

The first riders will start out at 9:30, so from 9:30 to 9:45 expect many cyclists on the bike path and on Graniteville Road. The cyclists must abide by state traffic laws. Roads will not be closed for the event. If travelling in Graniteville the morning or mid-afternoon of October 9, please be aware of the extra bicycle traffic. For more information about the event visit GMG's website, www.grindstonegravel.com.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager

New On-line Payment Service

The next quarterly property tax installment is due November 15. The Town is changing credit card payment services. The

new service will be available soon. Taxpayers will continue to use the Make a Payment link on the Town homepage, but taxpayers and others who had an account with the former service will have to re-register. The new service uses a "smart rate". The least costly payment method is debit card.

CLFRF Update

The Town of Barre was awarded \$2,307,709.00 in CLFRF funds as part of the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The Selectboard and Town Management have been hard at work to determine the best ways to use the funds to better the Town and provide valuable assets for the coming years.

The first project to be completed was to install a new Digital AV System in the Selectboard room. We faced many challenges during lockdown, one of which was how to continue to hold meetings and have those meetings be accessible to the public. We are now able to accept in-person guests, but we've learned that having an option to attend virtually has its benefits! This new system allows meeting attendance from anywhere you have internet. If you haven't joined us virtually, please do! You can find a link to join the meeting virtually on the top of the meeting agenda.

Other approved projects include City Communications, DPW Yard Stormwater, Jail Branch Waterline Crossing, Websterville Water Mains, Radio System Improvements, 22 Buick Street Water and Sewer and cemetery columbarium. There are many more ideas and suggestions on the table that Town leadership will continue to explore.

Board and Commission Reports

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

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

April, 2022: Site Plan Review & Waiver for VT Creamery denied; app. variance: P&M Grenier 25' R.O.W. off of School Road; CUP JDJ Development multi-family development (32 unit in 8 buildings) off of Rudd Farm Drive; Site Plan Review JDJ's or multi-family development off of Rudd Farm Drive (1 of 2 public hearings).

May, 2022: App. SD for 2-lots Town of Barre off of Parker Road; SP for multi-family development (32 unit in 8 buildings) off of Rudd Farm Drive (2 of 2 public hearing); BLA for Bond/Metro Development on Morrison Road.

June, 2022: App. SD 3-lots by B. Eastman off of Goldsbury Woods Road; 30' R.O.W. variance at 289 Lowery Road to M. Baker.

July, 2022: App. SD 2-lots by K&C Frost at 11 Sunbay Road; 35' R.O.W. variance at 395 Farewell Street for B. Morris; CUP for two RVs for seasonal use at 867 Graniteville Road to J. DeForge.

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

AUD=Allowed Use Determination; CUP=Conditional Use Permit

April, 2022: Received guest speaker Stephanie Magan, Town's rep to CVRPC Transportation Advisory Committee; Working session on Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

May, 2022: Guest speaker William Dodge, BTPD, regarding law enforcement input on cannabis; working session on Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

June, 2022: Public hearing & approval of Zoning Bylaw Amendments; passed on to Selectboard for final approval; Discussed asking Selectboard to establish a Cannabis Control Commission and Energy Commission.

July, 2022: App. Multi-curb cut for 5 driveways off of Rudd Farm Drive for multi-family development to JDJ Development; Discussion on goals and charge for an Energy Advisory Committee.

Traffic Safety Advisory Committee - *By Josh Martineau; Members: W. Kirby (resigned in May), J. Blow (appointment ended in May), S. Corbett, D. Freeman, B. Meyer, V. Calcagni (appointed in June), T. Amaral (appointed in June).*

May, 2022: Reviewed, discussed proposed overweight truck ordinance. Chair William Kirby stepped down from T.S.A.C.

June, 2022: Elected Chair, Shawn Corbet and Vice Chair, Dave Freeman.

July, 2022: Reviewed Speed Studies; reviewed request for center line on Holden Road; no action was taken.

Fall Bulk Trash Collection - September 17



From 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 17 the Town will accept bulk trash items from residents. The service is provided at the public works yard at 129 Websterville Road. The 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 sheetrock, plaster, tile, wood scraps, etc. must be in buckets, boxes, barrels or other containers for ease of unloading. Loose loads will be directed to wait for a break in the line. Larger pieces of lumber, vinyl siding, wood siding, gutters and the like must be cut to easily handled lengths and bundled.

The price list is shown below. Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted at this site; cash or check only. Loads with roofing shingles are charged double amounts shown below.

Price List

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

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.

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. Other

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

Lawn Waste—Leaf Disposal

The Town operates a small lawn and garden waste disposal site on Holden Road, often referred to as the Holden Road Lawn Waste Site. The site is located about 150 yards below the Holden Road-Graniteville Road intersection.

When the site is open the Town accepts tree branches (up to 5" in diameter) and brush. Tree material larger than 5" diameter is accepted but is placed in a separate pile for free firewood. Grass clippings, hedge clippings, excess vegetables, dead garden plants and flowers are accepted at another pile. Leaves also are accepted.

The tree branches, brush and Christmas trees are chipped once per year. The product is stockpiled at the lawn waste site for residents to take. There is no charge. The decomposed vegetative matter and the firewood also may be taken free of charge.

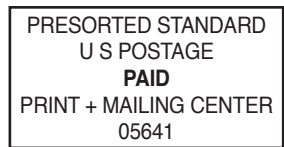
A volunteer monitors the site Tuesdays Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm. A Town employee is there Saturday mornings from 8:00 am to noon. During prime leaf disposal season the site will be open extra weekend hours. On Saturdays October 15, 22 and 29 the site will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. On Sundays October 16, 23, 30 it will be open from noon to 4:00 pm. The Town anticipates keeping the site open on Saturday, November 5. Hours after that date depend on the weather. All proper uses of the site are permitted during the extra hours noted above.

Please do not rake or dump leaves into roadside ditches or other drainageways. Leaves can plug culverts and ditches causing minor flooding. Do not leave bags, boxes, totes or plastic sheeting at the site. To haul more leaves per trip consider chopping leaves with a lawn mower. If hauling loose leaves in a pick-up, cover the load securely.

For more information check the Town website or call 479-9331.

By Carl Rogers, Town Manager





Voting: November Election Information

Barre Town registered voters will gather on November 8, 2022 at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to cast their ballots in the state General Election. Offices to be voted on include Federal Offices (US Senator and Representative to Congress), and State and County Offices (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Senator, State Representative, Attorney General, Justices of the Peace and more). A sample ballot will be available on the Town's website at www.barretown.org approximately 45 days prior to the election.

Are you registered to vote? There is no deadline to register; you may register to vote up to and including the day of the election. You can register at the Town Clerk's Office, online through the election page at <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/> or simply register at the polling place on Election Day!

Early and Absentee Voting: The Secretary of State's Office will be mailing early absentee ballots to all active registered voters for the General Election. If you prefer to vote at the polls, you still can! If you chose to vote early, the Town Clerk's office encourages you to return your ballot using one of the Municipal Building drop boxes located at 149 Websterville Road. All early ballots being delivered to the drop boxes must be received before the close of the business day (4:30 p.m.) on the day prior to the election, Monday, November 7.

Are you interested in becoming an Election Worker? The Town relies on members of the community to offer their time to work at the polling place on Election Day. Tasks that workers perform include helping direct voters to the right place, handing out ballots, and marking voter participation. Workers must be registered voters in the Town of Barre. 16 and 17 year olds may also work under the supervision of an adult worker. Strong attention to detail, and a friendly and professional manner is a must. No prior training or experience is required, as the Town will help you be prepared. Workers are paid minimum wage. If you are interested in working at the polls or would like more information, please contact (802) 479-9391 or email tlunt@barretown.org.

By Tina Lunt, Town Clerk

