

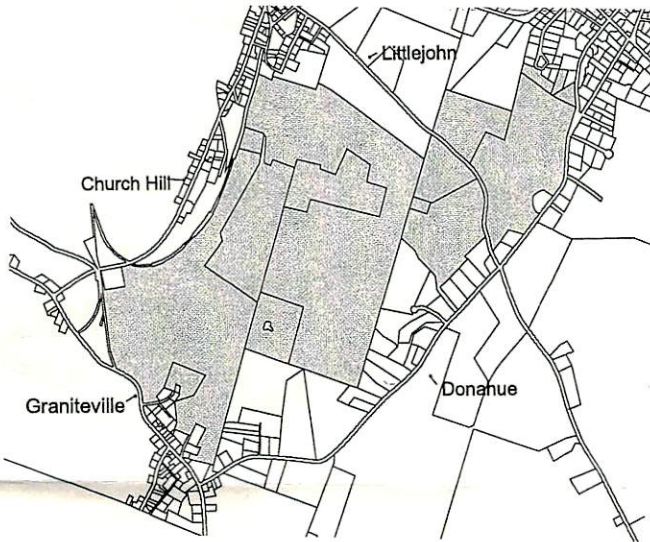
Barre Town Newsletter

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Town Forest Action



The shaded area depicts the proposed Town Forest.

Last November, during the statewide General Election, Town voters decided by a vote of 1,910 - 1,086 to authorize the Town to borrow up to \$100,000 to partially fund the Town Forest purchase. A petition for reconsideration was circulated but didn't get signatures from the required 10% of registered voters; hence acquisition work is underway.

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The Trust for Public Land's mission is, "to conserve land for people to enjoy as parks, gardens, and other natural places, ensuring livable communities for generations to come". The Trust will apply for grant money to acquire 11 lots totaling about 382 acres which will be deeded to the Town of Barre.

The Trust has selected three funding sources: the Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB); the new U.S. government's Community Forest & Open Space Program; and the Open Space Institute (OSI), a private foundation. The VHCB application will be submitted this Spring; a decision is expected in May. The U.S. Community Forest & Open Space application and the OSI application will be submitted in the Fall of 2011. The Trust plans to apply for a total of \$1.1 million in grant funding.

In support of these grant applications and in anticipation of grant funding, the Trust for Public Land and Selectboard have initiated action on several details. The Trust has been and continues working on the property appraisals. Representatives from VHCB and OSI have visited the property, led by the Trust's staff; and the Trust has met with VHCB and the Vermont Land Trust to discuss conservation easements. As preparation for those discussions, the Selectboard held a public input meeting on January 18. The Selectboard was hoping to hear citizens' requests or ideas for allowed uses in the Town Forest.

The OSI and the Community Forest & Open Space Program will require a forest management plan. The plan must address certain topics and must be developed with a consulting forester. The Selectboard can decide what process is used for drafting the plan, which must be completed by next Fall. The Selectboard may decide to appoint a committee to work on the plan with the forester and maybe with the Trust. Work on the forest management plan should start in March. Watch and listen for announcements asking for committee members.

Property acquisition is at least one year away. Barre Town owns two lots that abut Littlejohn Road. These lots (26 acres) would be added to the Town Forest.

Links to more information is available in the Announcement section on the town homepage (www.barretown.org).

TAXES DUE!

Property taxes and sewer use charges are due Tuesday, February 15. A drop box to the left of the front door of the Municipal Building is available for your after-business-hours convenience. On the 15th, the box contents will be removed at midnight. After that time, a payment is considered late and a 5% late charge will be assessed.

Egg Hunt For Kids

The Barre City and Barre Town Recreation Departments are pleased to announce the 24th Annual Egg Hunt on April 23rd. You'll want to mark your calendars and set your alarm for one of the most popular special events the Barre area has to offer! Thousands of delicious chocolate eggs, along with special plastic eggs and other goodies, will be hidden and waiting for eager youngsters to gather up and fill their baskets. Our invitation has been accepted; the bunny has us on his list and will be at the hunt to meet everyone.



Rain or shine the event will be held so it is important to dress for the weather. Participants will also need a basket or bag to collect their goodies. You may also want to consider bringing your camera as the bunny loves to be in pictures with all the youngsters!

Parking is available at the Barre City Elementary & Middle School, and the hunt is a short walk down the hill to the park. The event is very popular, and we encourage carpooling. It is also advised (for safety reasons) that you leave pets at home.

There is no fee for this event; instead we are asking all participants to bring a non-perishable food item(s) that will be placed in collection barrels just outside the hunt area. The food will be donated to the Vermont Food Bank and distributed to those in need right here in our communities.

- Barre City Recreation Department

HS-131 Homestead Declarations

The State of Vermont has changed the requirements for filing a homestead declaration. The form is now known as HS-131. More importantly, the declaration filed in calendar year 2010 will remain on record until that declaration is withdrawn because the property is sold or there is a change in use of the homestead property. If a homestead was not declared in 2010, the property owner may use form HS-131 to declare a homestead to the State of Vermont.

A homestead is described as a principal dwelling and the parcel of land surrounding the dwelling that is owned and occupied by a Vermont resident as their domicile as of 4/1/11. Property is not classified as a homestead when the property is used for commercial purposes; or used as a second home, camp, vacation or summer cottage; or used for purposes other than a homestead on April 1 or not declared as a homestead by the due date. A property may be classified as both Homestead and Non-Residential if a portion of the property is used for business or rental.

When a residential property is sold, the seller must file a withdrawal form, and the buyer should complete and file a homestead declaration at the time of closing or within 30 days of the property transfer to avoid penalty. The buyer must complete the HS-131 form with the Vermont Department of Taxes if the buyer expects to be a Vermont resident on April 1 and owns and occupies the property on April 1 as their principal home.

NOTE: The claim for a property tax adjustment still must be filed each year using Form HS-145. September 1, 2011 is the last day to file a Property Tax Adjustment Claim or Renter Rebate or a homestead declaration, if applicable.

Visit the Vermont Department of Taxes website at www.tax.vermont.gov to: check the status of your tax filings and refunds, file your property tax adjustment claim, homestead declaration (HS-131), file your homestead withdrawal forms. To talk with a Tax Department representative, call 828-2865 M-F, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

- Assessor's Office

WILSON RECYCLING CENTER

The recycling center in the Wilson Industrial Park is operated by Earth Waste Systems, in Rutland, and is open on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition to trash and recyclables, numerous other items such as carpeting, mattresses, computers, televisions, metal, appliances, and tires are accepted for an extra fee. Call Earth Waste Systems (not the Town Offices) at 802-775-7722 for more information.

**STREETLIGHT PROBLEM?**

Is the streetlight in your neighborhood off, flickering, too dim, or on all day? Report it to the Town Manager's Office (479-9331). Please provide the location, pole number, type of pole, and describe the problem. Green Mountain Power will be advised of the problem immediately.



2011-2012 Budgets

Last year the Selectboard went on the record and stated the 2010 Budget Committee would set the General Fund and Highway Fund budgets presented for voter approval. A Town Charter amendment to that effect was approved by voters last May. Although that Charter amendment is not completed until passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, the Selectboard intends to follow that process this year.

Residents may observe the Budget Committee review and discussion by attending the weekly meetings. The meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the town office building. A copy of the proposed budgets are available for inspection M-F, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Town Manager's Office.

This year's Budget Committee members are: Paul Malone and Rolland Tessier (appointed by the Selectboard); Brian Bailey (appointed by the Town Clerk); and Greg Donahue and Tom White (appointed by the first three appointees).

Budget meetings started on January 25. The topic(s) for each budget session is listed on the Selectboard's meeting agenda which can be read at www.barretown.org/pages/boards/select.html. Budget review and deliberative work will end no later than March 29.

See the Budget Tour article on page 4 for another opportunity to learn about the Town's budgets.

Travis Mercy Memorial Skate Park Fundraiser

The Barre Town Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club has worked with the Mercy family hosting an event to benefit the Travis Mercy Memorial Skate Park at the Barre Town recreation area.

This year we are proud to be hosting it for the 10th year. To date, we have raised over \$15,000 and donated it to the Town for use at the park.

With these funds we have been able to assist in building a half-pipe, providing a water fountain, and in the general upkeep at the skate park such as painting and resurfacing.

This year's event will continue to be a snowmobile poker run, followed by a chicken/pasta meal and a silent auction at Suzanna's Restaurant. All proceeds will be donated to the Town of Barre towards upkeep at the park or how they see fit to allocate the donation. Travis's grandmother has continued her involvement in this event and made another quilt that we will be raffling off. Pictures of the quilt can be seen on our website www.BarreTownThunderChickens.com. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 19. The poker run starts



at 8:30 a.m. at the Great Energy Store in South Barre. Lunch will be served at about noon.

As we move forward with planning for this event, we are reaching out to area businesses that would be interested in supporting our fundraiser by means of a donation toward our silent auction. The skate park is a non-profit organization, and any donations are tax deductible.

We thank you in advance for considering our event and appreciate any donation your business may be able to assist with. Please feel free to contact me or any other club officer to coordinate picking up any donations: info@barretownthunderchickens.com.

- David Rouleau, President, Barre Town Thunder Chickens



Selling Your Property?

Title 32, Section 3651 of Vermont Statutes, states "Taxable real estate shall be set in the [Grand] list to the last owner or possessor thereof on April 1 in each year in the town, village, school or fire district where

it is situated" (underscore added). If you are selling your property and close the deal after April 1, your name will be on the tax bill issued in mid-July and could appear on the delinquent tax list.

The assessor's office and town clerk's office do their best to mail the bill to the new owner. If you sell a property after April 1 and receive the tax bill for it, be sure to forward it to the buyer. If you do not have the buyer's address, contact the town assessor's office.

Unpaid taxes are a lien on the property; therefore, collection efforts will be directed to the new owner. If a tax sale is necessary to collect the unpaid taxes, the new owner would lose the property. Although there are no direct financial implications for the seller, he/she has their name associated with a delinquent tax account. The list the public reads the most is printed in the Town Report. The town elected auditors try to flag every delinquent tax account that has a new owner.

Sellers can try protecting their name by requiring in the purchase-sale agreement that at the closing the buyer will pay all taxes which the seller is responsible for per 32 VSA 3651. It won't be necessary to require pre-payment of taxes if the buyer is escrowing tax payments with the mortgage holder. Sellers should realize requiring the new owner to pre-pay taxes might exclude potential buyers who don't have the cash to pay possibly a full year's worth of taxes at the closing.

Sellers should discuss this detail with their real estate broker, attorney, or other person handling the real estate closing. Sellers should continue paying attention to the tax matter, especially if they receive a tax bill or delinquent tax collector notices.

2011 Statewide Reapportionment

What is reapportionment? The State of Vermont, every ten years, follows a process whereby all legislative voting districts are reviewed and sometimes redefined by the State Legislative Apportionment Board (LAB) using the U.S. Census population results.

What is the reapportionment process? The 2010 U.S. Census numbers are expected to be released in February 2011. Using these numbers, LAB will determine the minimum-to-maximum number of residents per voting district as well as propose changing some voting district boundaries. These preliminary findings will be forwarded to local municipalities where the Boards of Civil Authority (BCA) will review, discuss, and if necessary recommend changes. The BCA review process must be held in a public meeting forum. Should the Board of Civil Authority disagree with the LAB proposal for their community, a written report with recommendations is submitted to the LAB by their deadline. The LAB will then prepare a final proposal which is sent to the General Assembly for acceptance and enacted into law.

Other Information: The ideal population of a voting district for the House of Representatives is determined by dividing the total state population by the number of representatives. For the Senate, the LAB apportions the 30 senatorial seats among the counties, or combination of counties, in such a manner as to have equity in the number of senators per population represented.

A single-member voting district allows for a smaller population and only one elected representative within its boundaries. The two-member voting district has a greater population and allows for two elected representatives within its boundaries. Barre Town is currently a two-member at-large district which means there is only one voting precinct/ward within our district, and we have two representatives to the House.

Why do I need to know about this? Reapportionment changes could result in a portion of Barre Town residents being combined with residents from another municipality to create a new voting district. Therefore, the BCA is encouraging residents to attend their public reapportionment meeting(s) to discuss topics such as whether or not we should remain a two-member at-large district or go to a single-member district; and what our options are should we exceed the Legislative Apportionment Board's "ideal" population numbers.

Barre Town is fast approaching a population threshold which would change the election landscape as we know it. This year the BCA will have to ask a lot of tough questions which must be answered within a short time.

To keep up-to-date on reapportionment and other election information, be sure to read your newsletter, watch the Selectboard meetings, contact Board members and staff with opinions and concerns, as well as visiting the town website (www.barretown.org).

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Town Meeting Information

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2011
 What: Annual B.T. Middle & Elem. School and SUHS budgets and election of officers
 Where: Barre Town Elem. School gymnasium
 Hours: Polling hours are 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Early voter ballots will be available February 11! To request a ballot, call the Town Clerk's Office (479-9391) or email your request to dkelty@barretown.org.

Deadline to register to vote is Wed., February 23. Deadline for School Board petitions is Mon., Jan. 31. To review the Australian ballots, visit the town web site at www.barretown.org.

Citizen Budget Tour

Are you a life-long learner? Do you pride yourself in knowing about matters that affect your daily life? If you are a life-long learner or pride yourself in understanding systems that affect your life, then take the Citizen's Budget Tour on Saturday, February 19.

For more than 20 years the Budget Committee and Selectboard have toured Town facilities while they are reviewing budgets. The tour gives committee members context for the department budget requests. The time spent with department heads and visiting buildings is very enlightening. If you are a curious resident, you will find the tour is very informative.

The tour will be on Saturday, February 19. The starting point is the Municipal Building at 8:00 a.m. Arrive a little early and have a coffee or tea while talking with Selectboard members and/or Budget Committee members. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Transportation (via school bus) is provided. The tour returns to the Municipal Building around noon.



NEXT NEWSLETTER
 The next Barre Town Newsletter is
 scheduled for publication in
 April 2011.

March 1 - Town Meeting Day

The Barre Town Middle & Elementary School (BTMES) and Spaulding Union High School (SUHS) districts will be holding their annual election of officers and vote on budgets as well as special articles on Tuesday, March 1.

Election of Officers: For School Boards, there are two seats for BTMES and one for SUHS. BTMES incumbents Brenda Buzzell and Brent Tewksbury are seeking an uncontested re-election. Longtime SUHS Board member Nancy Pope will not be seeking re-election. However, Carlotta Simonds-Perantoni will be running for her seat.

There are no candidates for School District Treasurer. In accordance with State law, should no write-in receive the required 30 votes then the Town Clerk-Treasurer will become the School District Treasurer by default.

Budgets and Special Articles: The BTMES budget request is for \$10,335,973 while the SUHS request is \$12,185,194.

This year there will be the standard articles on the ballot. For BTMES, this includes paying school directors, school district treasurer, authorization to allow borrowing in anticipation of tax revenue, and a contribution to the school roof repair fund. For SUHS, articles include using up to \$100,000 of the anticipated 2010 surplus for a long-term roof maintenance fund; and to use up to an additional \$100,000 anticipated 2010 surplus for the tax stabilization fund for use in future years.

For detailed information on any of the school ballot items, contact the Superintendent's Office at 476-5011. A sample ballot will be posted on the Barre Town Municipal web site (www.barretown.org).

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Top the Ton!

Last year, Barre City resident Jean Merrill organized a friendly competition between Berlin, Montpelier, Barre City, and Barre Town. The voters in each community were asked to donate a non-perishable food item at Town Meeting. The competition collected over a ton of food that was donated to the Vermont Foodbank. The Town Meeting Day food drive competition is on again, and Ms. Merrill hopes the four communities will top the ton gathered last year. The pounds of food collected by each municipality is divided by the number of people voting. Barre City won last year's pound per voter competition with a slight edge over Berlin. Barre Town finished third.

Whether you are voting early (at the Town Clerk's Office) or on March 1 at the polling place, please bring a non-perishable food item with you. Certainly, Barre Town can do better than third place!

Volunteers are needed to monitor the food collection at the election. If you would like to help, call Donna Kelty at 479-9391.



Dog License Deadline Is Near!

Vermont law requires all dogs and wolf/hybrids to be licensed annually in the Town in which the pet resides. The deadline to license is April 1, 2011.



To better assist Town residents with this task, the Town Clerk's Office is offering a "dog licenses by mail" program. If you met the criteria (see below), the renewal license form(s) was mailed the week of January 10.

- **How does the license by mail program work?** All dog owners who licensed their pet in Barre Town in 2010, and have a current rabies certificate (one that does not expire before March 15, 2011) on file in the Clerk's Office, will receive a renewal license by mail. The pet owner will verify/correct the information on the renewal license, sign the form, detach it from the envelope at the perforation, and return it to the Town Clerk's Office in the self-addressed envelope along with a check/money order for the license fee. The Clerk's Office, upon receipt of the envelope, will validate the license, issue a tag, and return the license and tag to the pet owner by mail.

- **What if my dog's rabies certificate has expired?** Pet owners who licensed their dog(s) in 2010 and do not have a current rabies certificate on file in the Clerk's Office have been mailed a "reminder postcard" informing them their pet will require a rabies shot before it can be licensed.

- **What are the license fees?** For a neutered or spayed dog, the license fee is \$9.00. The open dog fee is \$13.00. Any dog licensed after April 1st is subject to a 50% penalty under State law.

- **If my pet is an indoor dog, do I still have to purchase a license?** Yes, State law mandates ALL dogs must be licensed. Pet owners who are in violation of the dog licensing law may be subject to a fine of \$35.00 plus the cost of a new license.

If you would like more information on dog licensing or to review the Barre Town Animal Nuisance Ordinance, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391, by email (dkelty@barretown.org), or visit the Town website (www.barretown.org, Charter, Ordinances & Policies).

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, March 12, 2011 - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
South Barre Fire Station

Once again the Barre Town Fire Department will host a rabies clinic in conjunction with the FD Auxiliary and Barre Animal Hospital. These clinics are always well received and offer an inexpensive way to protect your dog or cat from rabies. While the Town Clerk will be on hand to register Barre Town dogs, dogs and cats from any community are more than welcome. The cost remains the same as last year - \$12 per shot. For more information, contact Chris Violette (479-2595).

?? USTREAMTV.COM ??

Whenever you read a newspaper, watch television, or listen to a radio there seems to be a great deal of talk around "government transparency". When you are a local government and want to keep taxes at a minimum, how do you keep citizens informed?

The Barre Town Selectboard recognizes that most of us tend to lead very hectic, busy, and sometime chaotic lives. So it is not always convenient to visit the Town Offices, go to a Selectboard meeting, or even contact a Board member for information.

To reach the greatest number of residents, the Selectboard has continued over the years to use a variety of methods to keep you up-to-date on Town happenings. They include newsletters (hard copy and/or electronic version), televising their weekly meetings on cable TV, posting bulletins and notices at the various markets around town, radio, and using the Town website to post board meeting minutes and information.

Technology media plays an ever-growing role in how we receive our information. So for all of you who do not have cable TV, your cries have been heard! The Selectboard and CTVT are pleased to introduce the use of "UstreamTV.com". This free service allows the weekly

Selectboard meetings to be streamed live and also archives previously-recorded meetings. All you need is a computer or a similar device and an internet connection.

How to I use this service? The Selectboard meets every Tuesday night with the regular meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. Regular meetings times during January, February, and March can vary due to Budget Committee meetings but will usually begin at 8:00 p.m. To watch live or view previously-recorded meetings, begin by going to the Barre Town website (www.barretown.org). Place your mouse on the Boards & Commissions yellow button (left side); a drop-down menu will appear; then click on "Selectboard". From this page you can also view the agenda to determine the start time of each meeting.

To watch live, go to the center of the Selectboard page and choose the link UstreamTV.com You will be directed to the live broadcasts page. Type "Barre Town Selectboard" in the search field, and the meeting will appear on your screen. If you go to the site early, be patient as the video will not begin streaming until the camera is rolling. If you do not have time to watch live ... no problem. Once again make sure you are on the Selectboard page. Scroll to the bottom left column titled Video Library, click on the meeting date link, and begin viewing a previously-recorded meeting. Recorded video links are posted within 24 hours.

Be an informed citizen. Find out what your Selectboard is doing, and let us know what you think of this free service!

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

Summer Work Available

Barre Town hires several people for full-time summer jobs. If you are interested in full-time work, free nights and weekends, and like working outdoors, consider applying for a job with Barre Town. The Department of Public

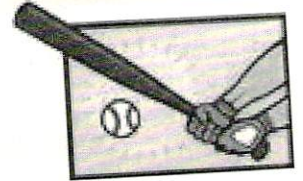


Works hires four summer workers who will work on road and utility projects; the Parks and Cemetery Divisions share one worker who cuts and trims grass; and the Town Engineer has one engineering helper who should be an engineering student.

Summer workers may start mid-May and work through August. The DPW work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Parks/Cemetery hours usually are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The engineering helper's normal start time is 8:00 a.m. but hours do vary.

Employment applications are available on the Town website (www.barretown.org/PDFfiles/forms/employment.pdf). For more information or to request an application, call 479-9331, ext. 1262, or email offices@barretown.org. Applications may be mailed to the Town Manager's Office, PO Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 by March 18. Residents and non-residents can apply. Barre Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Winter (Charity) Softball



Since 1999, Barre Town residents Cass and Shelly Bresette have organized a winter co-ed softball

tournament to help a family with a seriously ill child. In these 12 years, the tournament has raised over \$160,000 for families. The tournament has grown from 8 teams playing on one day in 1999 to as many as 80 teams playing round-the-clock from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. This year the outrageous event is on March 4-6, and again will be held at the Barre Town Park.

Konner Drury, of Northfield, and Jonah Tracy, of Middlebury, both have been diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Their families will receive assistance from the money raised at the tournament.

There is still time to register a co-ed team. If you aren't a softball player, you may spectate and buy food and drinks. The concession stand raises money for the cause, too. There is another option to contribute and have fun - the organizers are holding a dinner dance on Saturday, February 26 at the Barre Elks Club.

For more information, visit the tournament website: www.freezingfunforfamilies.com.

TAX DUE DATES**Remaining Installments for FY 2010-2011**Property Taxes

February 15, 2011

May 17, 2011

Sewer Use Charge

February 15, 2011

~ none due ~

IMPORTANT: Only one property tax and sewer use charge bill is sent each fiscal year to the owner of record as of April 1st. If you have sold your property since April 1, please forward the bill(s) to the new owner. If you have an escrow account, you are responsible to see that your bank obtains this bill. Make checks payable to Town of Barre. Payments may be mailed to PO Box 124, Websterville 05678.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

■ **Wilson Industrial Park and 2 new businesses:** S.B. Electronics held its ribbon-cutting in December 2010. Some production equipment has been delivered to the new facility. Production of power rings at the plant has been pushed back to Spring 2011. Vermont Granite Wholesalers is using its new building. Extension of park infrastructure for the new businesses was completed last Fall.

■ **Semprebon Bike Path:** Charles Semprebon left the Town and City \$500,000 each for constructing a bike path connecting the Town to the City – meaning connecting the Barre Town School area to the City downtown (city hall area). With funding from a CVRPC grant, a joint committee of Town and City bike path committee members hired a consultant (Broadreach Planning & Design) to help the committees recommend a preferred alignment. The joint committee worked (including holding 3 public input meetings) with the consultant from July to November. On November 30, the consultant and some committee members presented the preferred alignment to the Selectboard. The recommended route crossed Graniteville Road at the edge of the wetlands 400 yards south of Websterville Road; the path looped around Silver Circle and Platinum Plain; and then, using switchbacks, crossed lower Sterling Hill Road at grade. From there, the path crossed through the wooded area between Sterling Hill Road and East Parkside Terrace. Barre Town's estimated construction cost (land or right-of-way not included) was \$1,970,000.

The Selectboard suggested other routes, which the consultant and committee studied. Two of the three were

ruled out because of cost or physical impediments. The consultant modified the third suggestion, and the committee accepted it as the new preferred alignment.

The new preferred route is along Websterville Road from the school parking lot straight across the Websterville Road/Sterling Hill Road/Graniteville Road intersection onto Sterling Hill Road. At a point just past MacAuley Meats, the path would turn left (south) and follow the snowmobile trail and cross the power line. The path circles around Silver Circle and Platinum Plain, and then gradually descends to Sterling Hill Road in South Barre. The path would run down Sterling Hill and Bridge Street to the South Barre bike path.

A meeting to present this new option to the public, Selectboard, City Council, and bike path committees is scheduled for Saturday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council chambers.

The path has been planned for logical phased construction. Grant funding is needed to pay for construction. The Semprebon gift could provide local match. There is no projection when any construction could begin.

■ **Other Projects:** There is no news to report about the East Barre sidewalk, the Route 14/Quarry Street intersection, the Route 14/Sterling Hill Road/Bridge Street intersection, or the Bridge Street bridge projects.

TOWN REPORTS

The 2009-2010 Town Report will be sent to the printer as soon as Town and School audits are completed. They will be available at the following locations: Municipal Building, Lawson's Store, Graniteville General Store, Hannaford's, Trow Hill Grocery, Quarry Hill Quick Stop, and Brookside Country Store.

Life Getting More Complicated!

According to assistant town clerk Alice Bartlett, in 1958 the typical deed was 1 or 2 pages; the typical mortgage was 1 or 2 pages; and a typical attachment or lien was 1 or 2 pages. That year, recordings in the land records totaled 434 pages using 3 volumes.

In 1978, the typical deed was 2 to 3 pages; a typical mortgage was 4 to 5 pages. That year, 1,527 pages were recorded.

By 2008, the land records include UCC financial statements, zoning permits, child support liens, and other documents. The typical deed is 1 or 2 pages, and the typical mortgage is 7-16 pages. In 2008, 6,460 pages were recorded in the land records.

Boards and Commissions - Summary Report

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BRD (*M. Nicholson, P. Malone, M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, S. Driscoll, E. Bancroft, J. Fecteau, J. Valsangiacomo*)

Nov. 2010: Approved request by G. & F. McAvoy for 3-lot subdivision on Averill Rd.; denied CUP request by R. Lanpher on Middle Rd. for multi-family dwelling; took position against restricting access on new road accessing Windywood Housing LLC's development as part of their Act 250 process; gave conceptual approval to amend approved cul-de-sac at end of Daniels Dr. to a hammer-head turnaround.

Dec. 2010: Approved revised subdivision plan for B. Decicco & A. Hoskins on Middle Rd.; approved BLC for H. & A. LaPerle on Graniteville Rd.; approved 2-lot subdivision for J. & D. Jamele on Ladd Rd.; granted site plan approval to H.P. Hood for new parking lot on Allen St.

Jan. 2011: No meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION (*C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, C. Violette, K. Yearman, C. Duke, D. Wilson, J. Hamelin*)

Nov. 2010: No meeting.

Dec. 2010: No meeting.

Jan. 2011: No meeting.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (*D. Newhall, P. White, V. Vallerand, C. Liese, J. VanGuilder*)

Oct. 2010: No meeting.

Nov. 2010: Recommended streetlight be installed on Websterville Rd. @ Millstone Blvd. and on School Rd. @ Chris Path Way.

Dec. 2010: No meeting.

Jan. 2011: No quorum for meeting.

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