

# Barre Town Newsletter

Municipal News



## Community Lawn Sale

At one time, East Barre was a bustling commercial area. On Saturday, May 13, it will be again. East Barre residents Peggy Henry, Linda Mercy, and Kathy Pelletier are organizing a community lawn sale to raise money for the Christa & Mikayla Memorial Playground which the Playground Committee plans to build later in May. (See **Project Updates** on page 7.)

When the East Barre Playground Committee started meeting late last summer, the individuals involved talked about earning the money through fundraisers that involved the community. The Community Lawn Sale planned for May 13 epitomizes the committee members' principle.

Lawn and garage sales are extremely popular in May. Many people join in the action by having a sale or touring the other sales -- and often both. Town residents can get involved in this sale and support a worthy effort

in any number of ways. Residents can donate unwanted items that still have some value. Or residents who want their own sale can save advertising costs, time setting out signs, and take advantage of a huge crowd by renting a table at the Community Lawn Sale. Refreshments will be available all day so community members can shop, visit, and enjoy hot coffee and delicious food.

### How You Can Help

- Donate items the Committee can sell.
- Rent a table and sell your crafts or items.
- Donate baked goods to be sold.
- Volunteer to help with the lawn sale.
- Come shop!

For information about any of the above, call Linda (479-3405), Peggy (479-3210), or Kathy (476-3481).

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"The playground drive was started because East Barre does not have new playground equipment. Christa and Mikayla were excited about the idea. To honor their memory, we hope that the community will donate items and come out to the sale. East Barre has been extremely supportive. This is a way the entire community can support the playground; it is a community event," Peggy Henry said.

The sale will be held rain or shine on Saturday, May 13 from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the fire station in East Barre. Anyone interested in renting a table is urged to call soon, as the available rental space is expected to be claimed early.

**PROPERTY TAXES DUE**

Monday, May 15, 2006  
 Mail payments to: Town of  
 Barre, P.O. Box 124,  
 Websterville, VT 05678.  
 For up-to-the-minute property  
 tax information, visit our  
 website at [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org).

## Tax Assessment Grievances

Between completion of town-wide reappraisals, property owners have one chance per year to grieve (challenge) the assessed value of their property.



If improvements were made before April 1st and the assessor is aware of the improvements, the assessor would have visited the property to change the assessed value. Every owner whose assessed value is changed will receive a Notice Of Change Of Appraisal which should be mailed between mid-May and mid-June.

At about the same time the Notices are mailed, the assessor will publish in a newspaper and post around town a Notice Of Your Right To Appeal. This is every owner's annual notice.

From the date notices are mailed or published, owners must write to the town assessor within 14 days to challenge their assessment. The letter must state the reasons why the owner believes the assessment is inaccurate. After reviewing the letter, the town assessor may visit the property, talk with the owner by phone, or meet with the owner. The assessor issues a response to grievances within 14 days. Owners may appeal the assessor's decision to the town's Board of Tax Appeals (Board of Civil Authority). ■

## Get Your Building Permits Early!

It is that time of year again with many of us having great plans for projects around the house. Just a reminder that if your project involves construction of something outside your house, it is likely you will need a building permit. Building permits are not hard to obtain if you conform to all zoning requirements, but it is better to get them early. Sometimes there are issues that need to be worked out, and you don't want to wait until the last minute to find that out. If you have a question, please don't hesitate to call the Zoning Office. ■

- Chris Violette, Zoning Administrator

## Zoning Bylaw Re-Write

Well, the much anticipated draft of a new zoning bylaw (formerly called ordinance) has hit the counter in mass. The Zoning Rewrite Committee completed its work on the document on March 1 and has formally passed it on to the Planning Commission to begin their work on the document. The Planning Commission will likely hold several special meetings to become familiar with the proposal and will then hold special meetings to discuss it with the public. They will conduct warned public hearings before they pass it on to the Selectboard for their review.

The draft is just that -- a draft. The Planning Commission may or may not make changes. It is not carved in stone at this point; public input is extremely important. Meetings will be published in the paper and on our website. ■

- Chris Violette, Zoning Administrator



## Get A Fireworks Permit!

Fireworks are the most spectacular of special effects. However, they are explosives and as such are a public safety concern. Did you know that under Vermont Statutes Title 20 and rules and regulations of the State Fire Marshall, it is unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation to buy, transport and display fireworks without a permit? Those who do not obtain a permit could be found guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or by both.

Obtaining a fireworks permit in Barre Town is simple. Contact the Town Clerk's office or visit the website under Publications & Forms. Some of the information required includes: date of display, where you are going to store your fireworks, what type of fireworks you will have, your physical location and a sketch detailing locations to neighbors, highways, and overhead utility lines, and buildings. Applications must be submitted at least 15 days in advance of the date of the display. The cost of the application is \$15.

The Barre Town Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Selectboard have the power to deny or place restrictions on a permit. They also have the authority to require an applicant to publish an ad in the newspaper notifying the general neighborhood.

With July 4th and summer activities just around the corner, keep your family and friends safe. Get a fireworks permit -- it's the law! ■

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk

## ELECTION INFORMATION

1. **Annual Town Meeting** will be held May 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barre Town Elementary School gymnasium to vote on the following articles: to vote to pay its real and personal property taxes in four equal installments, to pay sewer assessments in semi-annual installments, to authorize the Selectboard to sell real estate during the ensuing year, to present the "Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship & Service Award", and to transact any other business.
2. **Annual Election of Officers and Municipal Budgets** by Australian ballot voting will be held May 9, 2006, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Elementary School gymnasium. Deadline to register to vote for this election is Monday, May 1, 2006 at 12 noon.
3. **Primary Election:** Australian ballot voting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Elementary School gymnasium. Deadline for petitions: Major party candidates petitions can be submitted June 5 - July 17, 2006. For more information on petitions and campaign financing, visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.sec.state.vt.us/Elections](http://www.sec.state.vt.us/Elections) or contact the Town Clerk's office. Deadline to register to vote for this election is Monday, September 5, 2006 at 12 noon.
4. **General Election:** Australian ballot voting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Elementary School gymnasium. Deadline to register to vote for this election is Monday, October 30, 2006 at 12 noon.

Early/Absentee Ballots are available approximately 30 days prior to each election. To request a ballot, call the Town Clerk's office at 479-9391 or email [dkelty@barretown.org](mailto:dkelty@barretown.org). Detailed information for each election is available by contacting the Town Clerk's office or by visiting the website at [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org).

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk

## Flags For Veterans Says Thanks and Welcome!



When the Flags For Veterans committee began functioning in the spring of 2003, it was very gratifying to know that nearly 300 area residents signed up to assist in honoring nearly 2,000 deceased veterans. That support is still there today, and we sincerely thank each of you for your participation. We also continue to encourage the public to join us in honoring our deceased veterans.

Equally gratifying has been the financial generosity of many individuals and businesses, particularly following the committee's decision to undertake the challenge of restoring flag standards to the graves of those veterans without standards in Barre Town and Barre City cemeteries. Thus far, 709 metal flag standards have been purchased and more are needed. This, too, would not have happened without community support.

Currently, many volunteers are assisting the committee by seeking community input as we verify that

everyone receiving a Memorial Day flag was in reality a veteran.

We have recently introduced a truly historic venture that will attempt to document a summary of the life story of each veteran. Due to the tremendous investment of time in this effort, it is the intent of the committee to concentrate primarily on Wilson Cemetery initially. As in other aspects of our work, success will depend on the involvement of the community.

Rain or shine, flags will be placed on the graves of veterans in all cemeteries of Barre Town and Barre City beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. In the event of thunder and lightning on May 20, flags will be placed at the same time on Saturday, May 27. Since this is a solemn occasion, we encourage age-appropriate individuals to participate by simply going to the cemetery of your choice and joining a group.

Anyone desiring further information or wishing to make a donation should write to: Flags For Veterans, Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678.

- Doug Nadeau, Chairman

## Community Events

- **Kiwanis Bicycle Safety Course** - Saturday, May 6, for 4th grade students, Barre City Elementary School parking lot. Registration required; call 479-0970 for information.
- **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's Bike, Walk, Rock CF** - Saturday, May 13. 9:00 a.m. registration. Millstone Hill Lodge, Little John Rd., Websterville. Call Heidi 476-3905.
- **Central VT Humane Society Walk For Animals** - Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m., Knights of Columbus, Farwell Street.
- **East Barre Hose Co. (Fire Dept.) Father's Day Chicken Barbeque** - Sunday, June 18, noon - 2:00 p.m. at the East Barre Fire Station.
- **Barre Homecoming Days** - July 27-30.

### TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day  
Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day



## COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

**QUESTION:** For what does the fire department use the trailer that is sitting outside the South Barre Fire Station?

**ANSWER:** The trailer outside the fire station does not belong to the Town of Barre. It actually belongs to the State of Vermont. The Barre Town Fire Department has been hosting a "Firefighter I" training class at the South Barre station, and this trailer houses equipment used for that purpose. Barre Town had three firefighters go through this course which finished in early April.

If you have a question about town operations, call the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331 or email [offices@barretown.org](mailto:offices@barretown.org), subject line "Community Questions".

## Upcoming Budget Votes

On March 28 the Selectboard completed its Highway Fund and General Fund budgets before approving warnings for the May 8 Town Meeting and May 9 Annual Election. (See article on page 3.) The Selectboard's adoption of final budgets came after two months of budget review with the Citizen Budget Committee. The committee met 12 times from January 30 to March 27 and spent one Saturday morning visiting town facilities and departments.

The Budget Committee members this year were Jeff Blow, Gordon Booth, Jeanne Daniele, Jeff Newton, and Val Vallerand.

The General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets presented for voter approval are balanced -- expenses are offset by new revenues. Combined, the two budgets would require a 4.2¢ municipal tax rate hike (a 5.4% increase). Owners of homes valued at \$150,000 would pay \$63 per year more in municipal taxes. The tax rate increase is needed because: 1) spending is up \$237,825 or 5.1%; 2) the HF will lose \$36,000 in non-tax revenue; and 3) the current GF budget is not balanced due to a planned reduction in the cash balance.

**Highway Fund:** The proposed 2006-2007 (FY 07) HF budget is \$2,340,235, a \$189,835 or 7% increase over the current budget. The rising cost of necessary expenses and \$36,000 loss of project grant funds will require a 3.45¢ tax rate increase.

The cost of buying and operating equipment is the greatest cost increase for FY 07. Except for a few pickup trucks, all highway equipment runs on diesel fuel. The price of diesel is rising faster than gasoline. Equipment prices are escalating; consequently, the rent the HF pays to the town's Equipment Fund has to increase \$76,745.

The second largest spending increase is for grant-funded projects. Barre Town has been awarded Transportation Enhancement grants for sidewalk construction in Lower Graniteville, Lower Websterville, and East Barre. The grants require a 20% local match. During FY 07 the Graniteville sidewalk (see article on page 7) will be constructed; the 20% local match is \$35,640. Planning and engineering work on the Websterville and East Barre projects will cost \$7,620. Finally, to match a special Federal grant, \$8,000 is budgeted for preliminary engineering for replacing the Bridge Street bridge. In all, the local match for grant projects is \$47,060 more than the current year.

Other notable increases are: wages (\$14,950), health insurance (\$5,490), and workers comp insurance (\$3,000). The budget will allow all existing services to

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# RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE NEWS

## Bulk Trash Day 14<sup>th</sup> Season Begins Saturday, May 13

Since the Spring of 1993 the Town of Barre has offered a bulk trash collection service. The operation of the service has changed noticeably over the years, but one feature hasn't changed; the service is a very low-cost option for disposal of large items such as furniture, carpeting, and building demolition material. Illegal dumping along roadsides and over banks is not ignored. The Department of Public Works cleans up illegal dumping in public rights-of-way. The clean up results in labor, equipment, and disposal costs for the Town. The semi-annual bulk trash collections have reduced the amount of illegal dumping. Clutter and improper storage of items inside and outside buildings is problematic also. Clutter is fuel for a fire and can impede firefighters' ability to extinguish a fire. Items stored outside provide cover for unwanted rodents and are not appreciated by the neighborhood.

The service is always offered on the second Saturday of May at the DPW yard on Websterville Road. This year the date is May 13. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Because the service is for Barre Town residents only, a tax or utility bill is needed to prove residency, if asked. After paying a small fee, patrons' vehicles are unloaded at one of three stations. It's in and out quickly; residents seldom wait in line to unload. The service is for large, bulky items – not the type of items typically disposed of in the weekly trash. Due to waste disposal regulations and new outlets, many items are not accepted. The box below describes what is accepted and what is not. Scraps of building demolition material such as wood, sheetrock, plaster, and roof shingles must be in boxes, buckets, barrels or similar containers. Lumber must be cut into easily-handled lengths; don't bring in the side of an old shed in one piece please! Fees are charged based on the vehicle:

Car .....	\$ 4.00
Pickup truck .....	\$ 6.00
Unloaded car or pickup truck with loaded trailer .....	\$ 6.00
Loaded car or pickup truck with loaded trailer .....	\$10.00
Truck larger than pickup size* .....	\$10.00
Loaded large truck with loaded trailer .....	\$15.00

*\* Trucks larger than one-ton size are not permitted.*

Bring	Don't Bring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Furniture</li> <li>• Large plastic toys</li> <li>• Swimming pool liners</li> <li>• Large fiberglass or plastic items</li> <li>• Carpet</li> <li>• Building materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tires</li> <li>• Computers</li> <li>• Household hazardous waste; oil-based products, pesticides, etc.</li> <li>• Tree branches and other lawn waste</li> <li>• Consumer electronics: TVs, stereos, copiers</li> <li>• Household trash or recyclables</li> <li>• Scrap metal, including appliances</li> </ul>

Volunteers with the East Barre "Christa and Mikayla Memorial Playground" Committee will collect donations for the new playground.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Do you have paint, pesticides, cleaning products, spent fluorescent bulbs, or other hazardous waste to clean out of your home? Bring it all to a Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District Household Hazardous Waste Collection. All events are held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Disposal fees are \$10 per car for most residential loads. Please call CVSWMD for more information (229-9383). Businesses must call ahead and pre-register. The spring collection dates are as follows:

- April 29 – Montpelier (Memorial Drive, Dept. of Labor parking lot)
- May 13 – Bradford Town Garage
- May 20 – Tunbridge Transfer Station
- June 10 – Barre Town Public Works Garage

## Holden Road Lawn Waste Site

The Holden Road lawn waste site has become a very popular service. If unfamiliar with the site, it is located near the top of Holden Road just below the Holden Road/Graniteville Road intersection (in front of Rock of Ages). The site is open during daylight hours, 7 days a week, from April to Thanksgiving or earlier if snow is too deep.

Residents may unload grass clippings, leaves, tree branches, hedge clippings, vegetable plants, straw, and unwanted vegetables such as pumpkins and zucchinis. There is a signed place for everything. Please place everything in the appropriate place. Salvaging is permitted. The wood chips made from the brush pile are widely used for landscaping. Wood larger than 5" in diameter should be placed in the firewood stall. Many residents find it useful for bonfires, campfires, or heating wood.

The site is not a stump dump. The wood chipper is not large enough to handle stumps. Building lumber (2x4s, plywood, particleboard, etc.) is not brush nor firewood, it can't be chipped, and increases the Town's costs for clean-up and disposal. Reports of illegal dumping are appreciated; contact the Barre Town Police Department with the vehicle license plate number, date, and time.

## Green Up Day 2006

*By Danette & Jeff Gagne, Barre Town Green Up Day Co-Coordinator*

Green Up Day is May 6<sup>th</sup> this year. We are looking for individuals, businesses, or groups in the Town of Barre to help with the cleaning of roadsides in Barre Town. We also need help financially to cover costs of items like snacks, water, postage, etc.

There are several roads in Barre Town (such as Holden Road, Little John Road, Route 302 and Cobble Hill area) where trash has accumulated over the years. It would be very desirable if groups could "adopt" sites so they get and stay cleaned.

If you know of a road or section in town that needs cleaning and you would like to help, please contact us. If you just want to help out anywhere in the town, we can direct you as to assisting others.

Bags will be available at the Barre Town Municipal Building for pick-up, or we can drop them off at your home if your schedule doesn't allow you to stop at the Town Office.

We are hoping that we will increase the number of volunteers this year so more of Barre Town's roads get cleaned. You can contact us with questions at 476-3955 or email us at [btvgreenup@yahoo.com](mailto:btvgreenup@yahoo.com). Thank you.

## BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

If you ever thought you would like to be of service to your community, this is the time of year to act. Some seats on every board, commission, or committee expire every year at the end of May. The Selectboard reappoints or appoints members in late May. Information about each board is available on the Town web site ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)). Click on Boards & Commissions. Service on a board or commission is not overwhelming. Town staff prepares agendas and minutes. Generally, the citizen board members receive a meeting packet that should be read before the meeting. Occasionally, board members find it helpful to do some extra homework, especially visiting sites under discussion. All boards have regularly scheduled monthly meeting nights. The recreation, cemetery, and zoning boards usually cancel several meetings during the winter due to lack of business. Town residents interested in serving may submit the form below to the Town Manager's Office, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 before May 19. A letter of interest and/or resume may be submitted in lieu of or as a supplement to the form. E-mails are accepted at [crogers@barretown.org](mailto:crogers@barretown.org).

### APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER POSITION ON TOWN BOARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail address) \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON (meeting date):

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Adjustment - 4 yr. term (3rd Wed.)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee - 3 yr. term (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board - 3 yr. term (2nd Tues.)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission - 4 yr. term (2nd Wed.)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Advisory Cmte. - 3 yr. term (3rd Wed.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission - 5 yr. term (4th Wed.)         |

Background / Experience / Interest \_\_\_\_\_



## Green Up Day Poster Contest Winner



*Barre Town Elementary School student Sarah Bellavance is this year's winner of the statewide Vermont Green Up Day Poster Contest. She is shown here being presented her award by Governor Jim Douglas. Third grader Sarah is the daughter of Joanne and Daniel Bellavance from Birchwood Park.*

## PICNIC

A large picnic pavilion is available to the public at the Barre Town Recreation Complex behind the Barre Town Elementary School. To reserve the pavilion for a family reunion, company picnic or club outing, contact Recreation Supervisor Don Gainey at 476-6174 (leave a message) or email [offices@barretown.org](mailto:offices@barretown.org). A large barbeque pit, water, electricity, lights, and restrooms are available there. There is a \$25 fee (+\$1/person) for use of the pavilion. ■

## GIS On The Web

Ever wonder what your parcel looks like or who lives where? Barre Town's tax map information is located on the web! The info is not updated regularly so owner info might not be 100% accurate. In any case, it is an interesting tool. If you've never tried it, you should. The path is: [www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org), Departments, Planning & Zoning, click on "here to connect to GIS". ■



## Trimming Out Road Signs

Last year the Public Works management staff (working with the Management Intern) developed a public works maintenance plan. Trimming low hanging branches and bushes that block the view of road signs is part of the plan. To this point, removing branches in front of speed limit, caution and street name signs has been an unassigned duty accomplished on occasion but not by routine. The new plan calls for a contractor to check all town roads and streets and to trim around signs, as needed, annually in late May and early June.

A contractor is hired for 2006. Ornamental and landscaping trees and shrubbery will be trimmed carefully. Branches and twigs will be removed. If branches that need cutting are outside of the Town's road right-of-way (49½ feet total width), the contractor will inform the Town. The Town will make trimming arrangements with the property owner. Along forested sections of roads, branches may be left in the woods. ■

## Aerial Photography To Be Conducted

From April 15 to May 15, the Vermont Mapping Program will conduct aerial photography over several counties, including southern Washington County.

The aerial photography will produce new digital aerial maps. Large survey control points that look like Ts and Xs will be placed about town. The State will pick up the control points when the photographing is completed. ■

## Driveway Work Reminder

The Barre Town Highway Ordinance requires a property owner to obtain a Driveway Permit prior to installing or reconstructing driveways. The permit is available through the Planning & Zoning Office for a cost of \$25 plus a \$7 filing fee. ■

- Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer

## 2006 PAVED ROAD PROJECT SCHEDULE

### Milling & Reclaiming - July 19 - August 4:

Websterville Rd. (Quarry Hill Rd. to eastern school drive) - reclaim  
 Airport Rd. - mill  
 Websterville Road (Church Hill to town office) - mill  
 Graniteville Road (Barclay Quarry Rd. to Donahue) - mill  
 Drury Hill Road - mill

### Nova Chip Paving - July 24 - August 11:

Pine Hill Road  
 Wildersburg Common Phase 2  
 Oak, Balsam, Willow, Spruce, Clover  
 Holden Road (Route 14 to end of pavement)

### Paving Contract #1 - August 14-25:

Websterville Road (Church Hill to town office)  
 Websterville Road (Quarry Hill Road to eastern school driveway)  
 East Cobble Hill Road (end of new pavement to old Clark gravel pit)  
 Airport Road  
 (Road in Wilson Cemetery)

### Paving Contract #2 - September 11-22:

Drury Hill Road  
 Cogswell Street  
 Leo, North Colonial, Colonial, Ellenwood, Jackson  
 Graniteville Road (Church Hill to Donahue)



## Project Updates

❖ **Millstone Hill West Bike Path:** Austin Construction finished the bridges (except backfilling and restoration) over the winter. There was no other construction activity during the winter. The project team meetings resumed on April 11. The contractor (Capital Earthmoving) said they planned to resume work "about May 1 when it is dry enough". The estimated project completion time is mid- to late-June.

❖ **Websterville-Graniteville Sidewalks:** Since February, the design engineers completed Phase A. The engineers from DuBois & King are working on Phase B (final design, construction document and right-of-way procurement) for the Graniteville section. Bidding and constructing the Graniteville sidewalk is expected during late summer and fall of 2006. The sidewalk will extend from the post office/playground corner to McLeod Hill Road.

❖ **East Barre Playground:** The committee of East Barre residents selected four pieces of playground equipment. A 20' x 20' picnic shelter with four tables is planned. A preliminary layout was completed; the new playground equipment and small shelter will be set up in the corner near the existing swings. The committee plans to order the equipment in April and to install it the weekend of May 20 and 21. The playground has been named the "Christa & Mikayla Memorial Playground". Fundraising events have been sponsored by numerous organizations. Donations are welcomed and can be mailed to: Christa & Mikayla Memorial Playground, c/o Barre Town Clerk-Treasurer, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678.

❖ **Pike Quarry Road Improvements:** Pike Industries is obligated to move back the guardrail at the northeast corner of Rt. 63 and Miller Road. The Vermont Agency of Transportation (AOT) has not given this work a green light. AOT is taking a broader look at the intersection. AOT officials intend to confirm the guardrail relocation is compatible with the entire intersection. AOT does not yet know when final plans will be approved. The same is true of work on Rt. 14 in South Barre. AOT is reviewing modifications to the Rt. 14/63 traffic signals. Plans for the business access road are being studied and discussed, but a final decision has not been made.

### UPCOMING BUDGET VOTES *(cont'd. from p. 4)*

continue. The same level of road paving will be accomplished. (See article on page 6 for a complete list.)

**General Fund:** The proposed FY 07 GF budget is \$2,521,261. This figure is \$128 less than the current budget, but the current budget includes \$212,400 for capital expenses (mostly \$132,400 for bike path construction) that won't be repeated. The proposed FY 07 GF budget is \$84,000 or 3.7% greater than the current budget, after the capital expenses are subtracted. Because of a slight increase in non-tax revenue, the budget would require a 3/4¢ tax increase.

The largest spending increases are \$20,000 for a land record storage system in the Town Clerk's vault; \$14,330 for Equipment Fund (police cars and fire trucks) rental; \$12,000 to re-paint the outside of the Municipal Building; \$8,570 for C.V. Solid Waste District dues; \$7,650 for per capita fee paid to the town Ambulance Fund; \$6,300 for audit contract services; \$5,000 for Aldrich Library support; and \$4,800 for police and fire dispatch services. There is one personnel change: \$2,000 is budgeted for part-time animal control officer services.

Significant savings are found in employee benefits (\$14,800); the town insurances (\$9,990); contribution to the City pool (\$8,450); and interest on debt (\$4,100).

Budget booklets presenting GF and HF summaries, information about all town departments, up-to-date budget facts, the warnings, and discussion of all budgets will be available at the following locations in late April: Graniteville General Store, Lawson's Store, Municipal Building, Quarry Hill Quick Stop, Hannaford's, Trow Hill Grocery, and Brookside Country Store.

The Selectboard will present budget information on CVTV Channel 7 the week before the election. Check the WORLD or budget booklet for dates and times. ■



*The new Recreation restroom building (sans paint) was built near the soccer field, track, picnic shelter, and skate park. The building cost the General Fund approx. \$58,000, including the sewer line extension.*

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SUMMARY REPORT

### PLANNING COMMISSION (M. Nicholson, H. Miller, C. Thygesen, C. Sanborn, T. Ackerman, E. Bancroft, Jr., M. Day)

**February 2006:** Approved requests for 2-lot subdivisions by E. & L. Day on Skylark Terrace and by P. Couture on Websterville Rd.; approved request by D. & J. Smith for 7-lot subdivision on Lower Usle; approved request by C. & J. Smith for 2-lot subdivision

w/deferral on Upper Usle; approved request by J. & B. Hepsley for allowed use determination to operate a hair salon on South Barre Rd.  
**March 2006:** Approved requests for 3-lot subdivisions by R. Gonyaw & P. Pratt on Peloquin Rd. and by Berg Living Trust on Pierce Rd. & Sierra Lavin Rd.; approved request by G. Moreau (M&M Beverage) for multiple curb cuts on South Barre Rd. and Sterling Hill Rd.

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (P. Malone, P. Badger, R. Jensen, M. Reaves, M. Gallo)

**February 2006:** Denied request by P. Provencher for conditional use permit on Richardson Rd.; approved request by S. Perreault for amendment to previously-approved conditional use permit on South Barre Rd.; approved request by G. Moreau (M&M Beverage) for variance from road right-of-way on South Barre Rd.

**March 2006:** No meeting.

### TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (D. Newhall, P. White, J. Blow, D. Allen, C. Liese)

**February 2006:** Held informational meeting with VT Agency of Transportation and area residents regarding Route 63/Miller Rd. intersection improvements. Recommended the Selectboard approve stop signs on Mitchell Rd. @ Plainfield Brook Rd.; Sugarwoods north and south entrances @ Windywood Rd.; Goldsbury Woods Rd. @ Richardson Rd.; and Millstone Boulevard @ Websterville Rd. Recommended the Selectboard approve 25 mph speed limits on Goldsbury Woods Rd. and Millstone Boulevard. Recommended the Selectboard approve newly-revised State speed limit of 40 mph from 780 East Barre Rd. to Barre City line.

**March 2006:** No meeting.

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