

# Barre Town Newsletter

Municipal News



## Annual Election and Budget Information

The Annual Election of Officers and voting on budget matters will be held on Tuesday, May 13. Voters will elect two Selectboard members, Moderator, Constable, and one Auditor. Voters also will decide if the proposed General Fund and Highway Fund budgets will be approved. Three other financial questions are on the ballot. Fourteen not-for-profit agencies appear on the ballot. The budgets, the financial questions (except one), and the donation requests will determine the taxes to be paid from July 2008 to June 2009.

See the article on page 4 for details about voting.

The General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets together total \$5,436,581, which is a \$348,205 or 6.8% increase. A total tax rate increase of 4.5¢ (5.4%) would be needed to support the budgets. Taxes on a homestead assessed at \$100,000 would increase \$45/year; \$150,000 would increase \$67.50/year; and \$200,000 would increase \$90/year.

**General Fund:** The GF accounts for \$209,815 of the total increase. A 1.75¢ tax increase would be needed for

the FY 08/09 budget. The budget is not balanced, and \$95,580 of fund balance will be used to compensate for 3 large expenses that won't be repeated in the FY 09/10 budget.

The largest increase in the proposed budget is \$50,000 for the transfer to the Cemetery Fund. The extra \$50,000 will be used to build two 48-niche columbaria in Wilson Cemetery. A columbarium is an above-ground structure for the eternal storage of cremains. Each niche or compartment will hold cremains from two bodies. The niches will be sold to the public much like grave lots are sold now. The granite covers on the niches can be inscribed with names and dates. The columbaria were suggested by the Cemetery Commissioners who realize 40% of interments are for cremains and that using a grave lot for 2 sets of cremains is an inefficient use of land. The \$50,000 project allocation will pay for two granite columbaria, the foundations, two granite benches, a granite pedestal (for services), landscaping, and a walkway.

The two columbaria are Phase 1 of a plan to erect five of the structures in a small park-like design. With two sets of cremains in each niche, the five columbaria will hold 480 deceased individuals. The land needed for the columbarium development will accommodate 96 bodies. The columbaria niches will offer the public a lower cost alternative for permanent interment of their ashes. The price, however, will be sufficient to pay for the next two columbaria. In short, the columbaria offer the public a less expensive option and increases the Cemetery Fund's revenues per square foot of land.

The second largest increase is for Police wages. The proposed budget calls for the same number (8) of fulltime police officers. Contracted wage increases, additional seniority, and promotion of one officer to Corporal account for most of the \$41,244 increase. One change in the budget is allowance for a new designation for up to 4 part-time police officers. The "full service" officers will

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## Swim Lesson Reimbursement



The Selectboard has again allocated money to reimburse families up to \$25

on a first-come-first-served basis to help support swim lessons for local youth. Swim lessons are expected to resume at the Barre City pool this season. First In Fitness, in Berlin, also offers group and private swim lessons at their center. Contact Derek at 223-6161. Another option is Lotus Lake Camp, in Williamstown. Their half-day camp offers Red Cross swimming, hiking, and crafts. Call John & Dorothy Milne at 433-5451. Assuredly, there are other options for swim lessons this summer.

Call the Barre Town Manager's Office at 479-9331 for more information about the reimbursement program. ■

- Amy Bernard, Management Intern

### IMPORTANT DATES

- June 15 Father's Day Chicken Barbeque, East Barre fire station, 12-2 p.m.
- May 31 Kiwanis Club Bike Safety Rodeo for 4th graders, Barre City Elementary School, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (Rain date June 7). Email [barrebike@gmail.com](mailto:barrebike@gmail.com) for more information.
- July 24-27 Barre Homecoming

## Zoning ReWrite Nears Completion

After reviewing for much of the year, the Selectboard is ready

to begin public hearings in May on the proposed complete rewrite of the Town's Zoning Bylaw. The first significant change in the Town's zoning regulation, since its inception in the 1960s, could be in place by the end of June. At least 2 hearings will be held before final adoption takes place.

It is important for the Selectboard to get public input on the new bylaw. To know when the hearings will be held, check the Times Argus, the Town's website, and store bulletins boards throughout town; or call the Planning & Zoning Office or the Manager's office for details. Copies of the document are available by request in the Planning Office.

The Selectboard has already endorsed one of the big changes to the bylaw -- the creation of a Development Review Board (DRB), a switch from the current Planning Commission and Zoning Board system we now use. The Planning Commission will continue but its duties will change.

With the 7-member (at least) DRB, alternates, and a 7-member Planning Commission, there will likely be a need for additional community members to sit on these boards. This would be a good opportunity to volunteer and become involved with how your town operates. ■

- Chris Violette, P/Z Administrator

## Picnic Shelter Reservations



To reserve the pavilion at the Town's Recreation Complex, contact Recreation Supervisor Don Gainey at 476-6174 or 883-5415. A large BBQ pit, water, electricity, lights, and

restrooms are on location. There is a \$25 fee (+\$1/person) to use the pavilion.

Be sure to call well in advance if you would like to use the shelter area. ■

### TAXES DUE!

The next installment of property taxes is due Monday, June 2, 2008.

## Town Plan Update

The Town Plan is on its way to being adopted. This is exciting news. For those of you who don't know what the Town Plan is, it's a document which advises the Planning Commission on the growth in the Town and is a tool for use in review of developments' acceptability to the Town's character.

By State law, the plan should be re-adopted with updates every 5 years. Barre Town's plan was last adopted in 1999, so it was long overdue. Every so often the State mandates new sections to be added to the Plan. During the last 9 years, the State has mandated that the plan incorporate a new section for day care.

The Selectboard has scheduled public hearings on the Town Plan for May 6 and 20. You can find a copy of the Plan in the Planning & Zoning Office. We encourage you to look it over and make comments about it at the public hearings. ■

- Amy Bernard, Management Intern

### DRIVEWAY WORK

Our 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.

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be required to work a minimum of 2 shifts per month. The pay rate will be \$18 per hour, an attempt at attracting and retaining capable part-time police officers.

The Police Department scores the third biggest increase, too. Police work requires voluminous records. Paper records require lots of storage space. To combat the expanding police files, purchase of a document imaging system at the cost of \$25,740 is proposed. The system will produce an electronic image of documents on DVD. Each DVD will store thousands of documents. Use of the imaging system will speed up retrieving documents and reduce demand for more building (storage) space.

Washington County used to have a February 1-January 31 fiscal year. Following a State Auditor's suggestion and the lead of a few other counties, Washington County earlier this year adopted a 17-month budget; the county's fiscal year will end June 30, 2009. The 17-month budget requires a larger than usual tax bill. Barre Town's county tax bill will increase \$22,840 for FY 08/09. In the future, the county tax bill will revert to the typical amount near \$50,000.

The columbaria, the Police document imaging system, and the increase in the county tax bill are the 3 large changes to be paid for with the fund balance.

Equipment charges paid to the Equipment Fund are going up 8%. For the Police and Fire Departments, the rise in equipment charges is \$14,265. There are 4 more items that have cost increases of \$10,000 or more next budget year, and 5 accounts or items will rise \$5,000-\$10,000.

Fortunately for the FY 08/09 budget, there are 3 significant cost reductions. The Municipal Building bond issue is paid off saving \$33,290. The \$25,000 budgeted for the Public Safety Consolidation Study is not needed again, nor is the \$18,400 to buy an emergency generator for the Municipal Building.

**Highway Fund:** The proposed FY '09 HF budget is \$2,586,465 which is 6% or \$138,390 greater than the current HF budget. This budget is balanced (the FY 07/08 budget is not) and will need a 2.75¢ tax hike.

During FY 08/09, the HF work plan is basically the same as past years: same road maintenance activities and same level of paved and gravel road projects. The Town's share for sidewalk and culvert grant projects is reduced. A special stream restoration project is planned. The increase in the budget is needed to maintain the current level of service.

Equipment charges paid to the Equipment Fund (\$40,185) again are the top spending increase in the HF. Money for paved road projects is a close second at \$38,035. The budgeted price for paving is up 10%, but

the amount of road paving work is held steady. Use of alternative paving methods helped hold the increase to just \$38,035. The Sterling Hill brook, from Howard Street to the start of gravel on Sterling Hill Road, will be re-shaped. The VT Agency of Natural Resources suggested a design that will allow the brook to flow naturally while reducing chances of bank erosion (the neighbors' concern). An allocation of \$35,000 was made for the project. Like most everything else, salt prices are rising sharply, too. To buy the same number of tons indicated by a long-term average, a \$20,265 increase is needed in the salt purchase account.

The four expenses described above total \$133,485 -- nearly the full amount of the HF budget increase. Of course other expenses are going up, but a \$37,500 reduction in the Town's match of grant projects offset the other increases. Completion of the Websterville and Graniteville sidewalks is the principal reason for the savings.

Voters will decide three other financial matters. Bonding for water system improvements will not affect the tax rate; the other two issues potentially will.

- **Knights of Columbus Tax Exemption:** The Knights of Columbus (KoC) petitioned the Selectboard requesting voter approval of property tax exemption. The KoC property on Pine Hill Road is assessed at \$786,800. The exemption will save the KoC \$18,035 in property tax payments (at present tax rates), money the KoC says it will use for more charitable and public service work. Approval will result in \$6,528 lost municipal tax revenue. The education portion of the tax bill (\$11,488) must be paid by the remaining taxpayers. The tax rate for all voter-approved exemptions is shown on the tax bill as the Local Agreement Rate.

- **Library:** Aldrich Library owns and operates the East Barre Branch Library. If the East Barre Library is closed, the property will be deeded to the Town. The Aldrich Library Board of Trustees determined the East Barre Branch needs roof repair, a new furnace, and lead paint inspection. Based on contractors' estimates totaling \$12,535, the Library Board asked the Selectboard to include an article for \$15,000 on the ballot. The request is not included in the budget figure stated above.

- **Water Bonds:** Article 21 asks Town voters if the Town will sell \$350,000 in bonds to supply water needed for the Town water system. The revenue from the sale of bonds would pay for drilling additional wells, laying water pipe, and extending electricity to activate the water wells. **The bonds would be re-paid by the Town water customers (East Barre, Lower Websterville, Sterling Hill, Quarry Hill) over 20 years.** Even with the bonded indebtedness, the water system will save money

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compared to the present cost of buying water. The water system budget could save \$45,000 per year. Each Town water system customers' savings will depend on amount of water used. Savings estimates range from \$38/year for a very low water user to \$113/year for a family that uses a large volume. Public information meetings on this article will be held during the April 22 Selectboard meeting (played on Cable Channel 7 on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26) and during the May 6 meeting (Ch. 7 May 9 and 10). ■

- Carl Rogers, Town Manager

## Town Meeting Information

**OPEN TOWN MEETING:**

Date: Monday, May 12, 2008  
 Time/Place: 7:30 p.m., Barre Town School gym  
 Agenda: Setting tax and sewer due dates; award Wendell Pelkey Citizenship Award; review proposed budgets for Australian ballot vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS & AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING:**

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
 Time/Place: 7 am-7 pm, Barre Town School gym  
 Articles: Elect 2 Selectboard members, constable, auditor and moderator; vote on municipal budgets.

A sample ballot can be viewed at the following locations: Lawson's Store, Hannaford's Market, Trow Hill Grocery, Graniteville General Store, or by visiting the Barre Town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)).

For early voter ballots, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391 or email [dkelty@barretown.org](mailto:dkelty@barretown.org).

Deadline to register to vote is May 7 at 5 pm. ■

## Bike Paths



We would like to remind residents of the 3 bike paths and their locations: East Barre bike path from Millstone Boulevard to Gerard St.; So. Barre from Bridge St. to Fairview St. (Barre City); and Millstone Hill West bike path from Barre Town School to Lower Graniteville. A lot of hard work went into developing these paths for the community, and the Town is pleased to have them as a recreation opportunity. We hope you enjoy them. ■

## Summer Permits!

Summer is just around the corner. The very mention of the word "summer" conjures images of hot, lazy days filled with picnics, parades, swimming, and more. Barre Town would like to remind residents that some activities require a permit -- like backyard burning and fireworks.

Backyard burning requires a permit. The Town Fire Warden can issue this free permit. He can also come to your home and review your site to make sure the burn will be a safe one. To contact the Fire Warden, call 498-8694 for a burn permit.

Watching a fireworks display can be a spectacular sight. Fireworks are also regulated by State law and Town policy. Contact the Town Clerk's office for a permit application. Some of the information required includes: date of display, where the fireworks will be stored, type of fireworks, your physical location, and a sketch detailing locations to neighbors, highways, and overhead utility lines. Applications must be submitted at least 15 days in advance of the display. The cost is \$15. Permits are approved by the Selectboard. For more information, contact the Town Offices at 479-9391. Be safe this summer; get your permits early!

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer

### TAX APPEAL DEADLINE

Once a year every property owner has an opportunity to grieve (challenge) the assessed value of their property. Owners who improved their property during the past 12 mos. will receive a Notice Of Change In Assessment. At about the same time, the Assessor's Office will publish a notice giving every property owner the chance to question their assessment. Watch for these notices.

## Playgrounds & Parks

The Town has several neighborhood parks and playgrounds: Christa & Mikayla Playground in East Barre, Upper Graniteville Playground, Upper Websterville Playground, Lower Graniteville Playground, Trow Hill Playground, and So. Barre Park. They are designed for the benefit of children, teenagers, families, and basketball players of all ages.

Believe it or not folks ... Spring is here after a long and snowy winter. It will seem nice to be out enjoying nature without several layers of wool clothing. We hope to see you out and using these facilities soon! ■

- Amy Bernard, Management Intern

## SPRING BULK TRASH COLLECTION - May 10

This service is intended to help Town residents dispose of large (bulky) items that are not picked up by regular garbage collection service. Residents should bring a tax or utility bill to verify Barre Town residency.

**Date:** Saturday, May 10

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Department of Public Works garage, 129 Websterville Road

Residents may find this service helpful to clean up after a home improvement project or to clean out their garage, basement, or attic. The boxes below list the fees charged, items accepted, and items that aren't accepted. Scraps of building demolition material such as wood, sheetrock, plaster, and especially roof shingles must be in boxes, buckets, or barrels. Lumber must be cut down to easily-handled lengths; the side of a shed or an entire roof in one piece is not acceptable.

BRING	FEES
• Wooden and upholstered furniture	Car ..... \$5.00
• Large plastic toys	Pickup truck ..... \$8.00
• Swimming pool liners	Unloaded car or truck w/loaded trailer ..... \$8.00
• Porcelain fixtures	Loaded car or pickup w/loaded trailer ..... \$13.00
• Carpet, mattresses	Truck larger than pickup (1-ton max.) ..... \$13.00
• Building materials - doors, windows, siding, lumber	Loaded large truck w/loaded trailer ..... \$20.00
	Loads of roof shingles will be charged double.

DON'T BRING	TAKE TO
■ Tires .....	CVSWMD Wilson Depot
■ Computers .....	CVSWMD Wilson Depot
■ Consumer electronics - TVs, stereos, copiers .....	CVSWMD Wilson Depot
■ Metal, including appliances .....	CVSWMD Wilson Depot
■ Household trash, recyclables .....	CVSWMD Wilson Depot
■ Household hazardous wastes .....	CVSWMD HHW Collection
■ Trees, branches, grass clippings .....	Holden Road lawn waste site

Users of the service will have the option of giving a donation to Spaulding High School's Project Graduation. Project Graduation is attempting to replace a \$4,000 loss in its usual income stream.

Pallets will be removed from the waste stream and set outside the DPW gate. The public is welcome to take the free pallets. Salvaging during the collection is permitted. (Children should not be outside the vehicle for safety reasons.)

The Wilson Depot accepts many items and is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For more information, call the C.V. Solid Waste Management District at 229-9383 or visit their website at [www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org).

Adult volunteers are always welcome to help for part of or the entire day. For more information, call a Selectboard member, the Town Manager (479-9331) or email [crogers@barretown.org](mailto:crogers@barretown.org). Two hours of your time would be appreciated!

### Lawn Waste Operation

Many residents enjoy the convenience of hauling their grass clippings, tree branches, and leaves to the Holden Road lawn waste site. Last year, thanks to volunteers, the site was open on Wednesdays from late afternoon to evening. If you would like to volunteer, contact the Manager's Office at 479-9331. Volunteers are needed for weekdays and evenings. Volunteers could sign up for 2 hours or longer but must staff the site the same hours every week. Volunteers only monitor the

site; they are not expected to unload trucks. The DPW will staff the site Saturday mornings from 8 to noon starting Apr. 26. Last year's volunteers -- Wayne Pelkey, John Pellon, Dick Jensen -- will return on Wednesdays from 3 to 6:30 p.m. starting Apr. 30. Their dedication to their fellow residents is greatly appreciated.

Residents may drop off any organic and garden waste material. Accepted are: branches less than 5" diameter, leaves, grass clippings, flower and garden plants, and vegetables (pumpkins, squash, etc.). Branches and logs larger than 5" dia. are placed in the firewood stall. Wood chips, compost, and firewood are free; help yourself. ■

## WILDLIFE COURT



- Judge:** How does your client plead, Counselor?
- Counselor:** Not guilty, Your Honor; it's a classic case of entrapment ...
- Judge:** Save it for the jury. Warden, does the State request bail?
- Warden:** (*Fish & Game*) No, Your Honor. The State seeks immediate execution.
- Judge:** No relocation?
- Warden:** Eye witnesses watched Ms. Bear destroy bird feeders and strew garbage about lawns and streets. She has been seen on decks and looking in house and garage windows.
- Counselor:** Judge, my client woke up hungry after a long, cold winter hibernation. She was forced to leave the deep woods in search of food. People leave food out wide open in flimsy bird feeders or unsecured in garbage cans. People entice Ms. Bear into their neighborhood and to damage their property.
- Judge:** The State won't consider relocation, Warden?
- Warden:** The State doesn't have the resources to relocate every bear that invades a neighborhood. The threat posed by the boldest bear has to be terminated expediently.
- Judge:** And Ms. Bear, she has been bold?
- Warden:** She is bold, Judge. She is unintimidated by large dogs, loud screaming, or banging pots.
- Counselor:** She is hungry, Your Honor. She smells food. The snow cover in the mountains makes it more difficult to find food. Bears smell food miles away. It's only natural they are drawn to the backyards full of the smell of food. Some people (for their own pleasure) leave food out to lure bears in. It is a cruel turn of events.
- Judge:** That it may be, Counselor, but it does not erase your client's actions. The defendant will be held without bail pending a prompt and swift trial. Next! Oh, Mr. Coyote, you're back.

## Green Up Day 2008

Green Up Day is May 3rd this year. Green Up 2007 was very successful, and we are looking forward to another great one in 2008. We are seeking groups and organizations in Barre Town to help clean up our roads or with financial help to cover expenses. Another celebration barbecue is planned this year to thank the many volunteers who will be out cleaning that day. To do this, we need your help whether recruiting people to help clean, helping out at the barbecue, or financial support or donations for the barbeque.

For the third year in a row, Barre Town has a winner in the Green Up Vermont poster contest. The 5th-8th Grade Category winner is Julia Ormsby, a 5th grader at Barre Town School. Julia's parents are Sarah and Brad Ormsby. We would like to congratulate Julia and our past winners (Sarah Bellavance, Kate Patterson, Kiana LaFleche). We are very proud of all of you. We hope to continue having such wonderful success with the contest and hope to get more students involved in the new Writing Contest that Green Up Vermont has started.

If you are interested in helping or donating on May 3rd, please contact us at 476-3955 or [btvtgreenup@yahoo.com](mailto:btvtgreenup@yahoo.com) for more information. ■

- Danette & Jeff Gagne, Barre Town Green Up Day Coord.



## Passport Update

Congress adopted legislation requiring all travelers to present a passport or other document declaring citizenship when entering the United States. The goal is to strengthen U.S. border security while allowing U.S. citizens easy entry/departure from the country.

Until June 1, 2009, U.S. citizens may present a government ID plus a birth certificate to re-enter the U.S. by land. As of June 1, 2009, a passport or a passport card will be required to re-enter the U.S. The passport card will authorize re-entry by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.

Like passport applications, passport card applications are available through the Town Clerk's Office. The passport card costs \$45 (compared to \$100 for passports).

More information is available through the Clerk's Office (479-9391) or visit the Passport Agency's web site: <http://travel.state.gov/passport>. ■

- Donna Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer



## 2008 Paved Road Schedule

### Cold Mix and Chip Seal:

Cold mix pave: July 28 - August 8  
 • Richardson Rd.

Chip seal: August 18-29

• Richardson Rd., Miller Rd. Ext., Nichols, School Rd., Beckley Hill Rd.

### Thin Surface Treatment: July 7 - August 15

• Cherrywood, Velie Ave., Richardson Rd.

### Pavement Milling: July 14 - August 1

• Snowbridge, Cassie St., Graniteville Rd., Websterville Rd.

### Hot Mix Paving Contract #1: August 4-20

• Websterville Rd., Graniteville Rd., Denison

### Hot Mix Paving Contract #2: September 2-19

• Snowbridge, Orchard Ter./McLeod Rd., Cassie

## NATIONAL EMS WEEK

May 18 - 24, 2008

## Board Appointments

Barre Town has the following board openings: 1 on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee, 3 on the Planning Commission, 1 on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 1 on the Recreation Board, 1 on the Cemetery Commission, and 1 on the Housing Advisory Committee. In the words of Cedric Sanborn, "Volunteering gives me a sense of community". These appointments are volunteer opportunities which shows commitment to the community you live in. Being on a Town board or commission is not an overwhelming task. The Town staff prepares agendas and materials the members need prior to the meeting. Board and commission members receive this material in a packet prior to the meeting. All boards and commissions meet once a month on a designated date, so the time commitment is minimal. If you are interested in seeking one of these appointments, send your letter of intent to Barre Town Manager, P.O. Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or email them to [crogers@barretown.org](mailto:crogers@barretown.org).

- Amy Bernard, Management Intern

## Project Updates

► **East Barre Sidewalk:** The VT Agency of Transportation approved the feasibility report and authorized the Town to proceed with the alternatives presentation and selection. The Selectboard approved an amendment to Lamoureux & Dickinson's contract to cover the alternatives step. An alternatives presentation is scheduled during the Selectboard meeting on April 29. The public is invited to see and learn about the alternatives. Current plans call for the Selectboard to select a preferred alternative during the May 6 meeting. The alternatives will be based on public input received during the Local Concerns Meeting and design charrette held last Fall.

The East Barre project received a boost over the winter when VT AOT enrolled the Mill St./Rt. 110 intersection in a Federal program for improving safety. The program will pay 100% of the costs to re-align Mill St. with Rt. 110. Mill St. will be curved to the right and will intersect with Rt. 110 closer to a traditional right angle intersection. Sidewalk along the new street location will have a more gradual descent to Rt. 110.

► **Websterville-Graniteville Sidewalks:** J.P. Sicard should resume work around May 1. It is not known at this time if the contractor will begin in Graniteville or Websterville. Construction deadline is July 31, 2008. Motorists should expect minor traffic delays during construction.

► **Routes 302/110 Round-About:** VT AOT opened bids on March 14. Of the 9 bids received, J. Hutchins Construction, of Middlesex, VT, was the low bidder at \$1,254,923. The contract should be fully signed and a Notice to Proceed issued in April. Preliminary work (lay-out, temporary construction signing, establishing job office) could start soon. The project completion deadline is October 16, 2009. Motorists should use extra caution when driving through this intersection during the project. This project is funded entirely by the Federal government. The Town is responsible for upgrading its water line crossing under Route 302.



## Flags For Veterans

Adults and age-appropriate youths are invited to participate in honoring deceased veterans by placing flags on their graves. Flags are scheduled to be placed Sat., May 17 rain or shine (in case of extreme weather, the make-up date will be May 24). Arrive at a cemetery of your choice by 8:15 a.m. to participate.

# BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SUMMARY REPORT

**PLANNING COMMISSION** (*M. Nicholson, H. Miller, C. Thygesen, C. Sanborn, E. Bancroft, Jr., M. Hutchins, J. FitzGerald*)

**February 2008:** No applications for approval.

**March 2008:** No meeting.

**April 2008:** Approved request by K. & T. Carpenter for 2-lot subdivision on Websterville Rd.

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

**February 2008:** Approved request by T. & R. French for conditional use to allow a duplex on McLeod Rd.

**March 2008:** No meeting.

**April 2008:** No meeting.

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

**January 2008:** Set date for public hearing re: stop signs and speed limit changes.

**February 2008:** Public hearing held for stop signs on Phelps @ Sunset and Curtis @ Barclay; 25 mph speed limit on Spruce Mt. (entire street), Hill St. from City line to Sierra-Lavin/Osborne intersection, and Sierra-Lavin from Hill St. to #383; speed limit changes on Richardson Rd. (40 mph to 35 mph) and Middle Rd. (25 mph to 30 mph).

**March 2008:** Gate posting sign locations approved on Camp, Middle, Sierra-Lavin, Snowbridge, W. Cobble Hill, Bridge, Waterman, and Richardson Rd.

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Town Offices will be closed  
May 26 (Memorial Day) and July 4.

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