

Barre Town Newsletter

Municipal News

2009-2010 Budget Vote - May 12

IN MEMORIAM

Charles V. Fantoni

May 10, 1927 - April 6, 2009



This newsletter is dedicated in memory of Charlie Fantoni, shown here receiving the news the East Barre Roundabout has been named after him in honor of his countless contributions to his community.

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Town voters' next opportunity to express their opinion on financial matters is May 12. The Annual Election of Officers and voting on budget matters will be held on that day. Voters will elect two Selectboard members, Town Clerk-Treasurer, Moderator, Constable, and one Auditor. Voters will decide if the proposed General Fund and Highway Fund budgets will be approved. One bond issue is on the ballot. Thirteen not-for-profit agency donation requests are listed on the ballot also. See the article on page 3 for details about voting and where you can view a sample ballot.

The General Fund (GF) and Highway Fund (HF) budgets together total \$5,387,701 which is \$48,880 or .8% less than the current budget. Despite the overall budget reduction, a 1½¢ tax rate increase is forecast to support the budgets. The current budgets are not balanced, as the Selectboard used \$135,000 of fund balance to compensate for 4 large expenses. Also, the GF non-tax revenue is budgeted at \$24,165 less than the current year. If the budgets are approved, taxes on a homestead assessed at \$100,000 would increase \$15/year; taxes for a \$150,000 home would go up \$22.50; and a \$200,000 homestead's taxes would increase \$30/year.

General Fund: The proposed GF budget for 2009-2010 (FY10) would be \$28,620 lower than the current year. A 1.33¢ tax increase would be needed for the FY10 budget. The proposed budget is balanced; revenue will be raised to match all planned expenses. No changes in full-time employment are planned. One summer job in the Planning & Zoning Office is being discontinued. No reductions in services are proposed; instead, several enhancements are funded. The proposed improvements are in Recreation, Animal Control, Economic Development, and the Town web site. A .6% increase in the Grand List is anticipated, meaning 1¢ on the tax rate will generate an additional \$400 in tax revenue. The budget for FY10 is lower than the current year because 3 major expenses in FY09 are not needed again. These expenses are: the Cemetery columbaria (\$50,000), the Police document imaging system (\$25,740) and the

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Fireworks Permit Required!

Fireworks are defined as any combustible substances or combinations prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by explosion or detonation. These include but are not limited to firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, roman candles, and daygo bombs.

To obtain a permit application or for more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (479-9391 or dkelty@barretown.org) or call Fire Chief Chris Violette at 479-2595. ■



From the Fire Warden

A State burn permit is required to burn leaves, brush, bonfires, and other assorted tree parts.

It is only legal to burn clean wood! Plywood, painted, stained, pressure treated outbuildings and structures are not legal to burn.

If you have any questions as to what you can or cannot burn, feel free to call the Barre Town Fire

Warden at 498-8694; Brent Putney (Deputy Fire Warden) or I will answer any questions you might have. Please understand that Brent and I have full-time jobs so it could take a while for us to get back to you and answer your request for a burn permit. We will call you as soon as we can. To help us answer your request better, call several days in advance if you can. Barre Towners on the average request over 1500 permits a year!

Brent and I will spot check here and there as we did last year to help keep everything clean and safe and to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your cooperation, and have a fun and safe summer. ■

- Christopher Day, Fire Warden

Lost Pet / Found Pet

There are times in our day when we realize that somethings are just not going right – like when the door gets left open and the dog or cat runs out. You look all over but you can't find them.

What should you do from here? Well, you should call the Barre Town Police Department and give them your pet's description, where it is missing from, and its name. You should also call the Central VT Humane Society right away and notify them. People do pick up animals and take them to the Humane Society.

On the other hand, if you should find a dog or cat which you believe is a stray or missing with an unknown owner, take it to the Humane Society. Barre Town has a contract that allows for the dropping off of these animals. ■

- Barre Town Police Dept.

Call Before You Build!

Spring has sprung, and with its arrival the Zoning Office begins to see increased activity for zoning permit applications. If you have big or little outside projects planned for this summer, check with our office to see what permits might be necessary. Even if you are familiar with what might be required, it is a good idea to check with us because of the new zoning that went into effect last August.

Speaking of the new zoning, I'd like to offer a few quick reminders. The new zoning tried to make it a little easier to know what needs a permit and what doesn't. If you are constructing something more than 64 sq. ft. in size, it is likely you need a permit. If it is less, it is likely you don't. It's pretty much that simple.

While some people have used truck trailers or shipping containers for storage in the past, there are new rules that govern their use. Unless you are a commercial or industrial use, you can only use such methods of storage on a temporary basis – 6 months in a given 12 month period. Commercial and industrial properties can use these containers longer, but only after a conditional use permit has been granted.

It is important to apply early. A permit issued today is valid for 5 years (new in 2008). However, if your project needs a review at a higher level than the Zoning Office such as conditional use, site plan review, or variance (all of which involves going before a board), then you should apply sooner. It takes more time to get approval from a board, so you don't want to wait until the last minute.

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Finally, remember if you are performing work in the Town's right-of-way, you will need a Working In The Right-Of-Way Permit. Don't mistake your driveway or lawn as not being in the r.o.w.; part of it likely is if you have road frontage. The most common work performed in the r.o.w. is paving. If you are paving your driveway out to the road, you would need a permit. If in doubt, contact the Zoning Office or Town Engineer Harry Hinrichsen.

It is always better to contact the Zoning Office first before beginning an outside project. In the long run, it will make your project go smoother and help reduce complications later when an unpermitted project is discovered or you try to sell your home. ■

- Chris Violette, Zoning Administrator

Town Meeting Information



OPEN TOWN MEETING

Date: Monday, May 11, 2009
Time/Place: 7:30 p.m., Barre Town School gym
Agenda: Setting tax and sewer due dates; question and answer period about budgets to be voted on by Australian ballot.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & AUSTRALIAN BALLOT VOTING

Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Time/Place: 7 am-7 pm, Barre Town School gym
Articles: Elect 2 Selectboard members, Town Clerk, Constable, Auditor, and Moderator; vote on municipal budgets, bond issue, numerous agency donations.

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

For early voter ballots, contact the Town Clerk's Office at 479-9391 or email dkelty@barretown.org.
 Deadline to register to vote is May 6 at 5 pm. ■

2009 Paved Road Projects

Pavement Milling Contract May 11-22

1. Websterville Rd. - Rt. 110 to westerly end of Teja St.
2. Quarry Hill Rd. - City line to Beede Circle
3. Bridge St. - Rt. 14 to bridge
4. Bridge St. - Allen St. to bridge
5. Allen St. - Bridge St. to just past Hood Dairy
6. Osborne Rd. - Hill St. to Balsam Dr.

Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Contract #1 May 26 - June 12

1. Denison Dr. - entire street
2. Websterville Rd. - Rt. 110 to westerly end of Teja St.
3. Quarry Hill Rd. - City line to Beede Circle
4. Green Street - entire street
5. Lemay Drive - entire street
6. Fisher Road - entire street
7. Osborne Road - Hill St. to #158

Thin Surface Treatment June 1-19

1. Quarry Hill Rd. - Beede Circle to Websterville Rd.
2. Hill Street - City line to Osborne Rd.
3. Beede Circle - entire street

Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Contract #2 .. July 20 - Aug. 7

1. Bridge Street - Rt. 14 to Allen St.
2. Allen St. - Bridge St. to just past Hood Dairy

Full-Depth Stabilization & Chip Seal .. Aug. 17 - Sept. 4

1. Plainfield Brook Rd. - 4700' section chip seal only
2. Old Quarry Hill Rd. - entire street
3. Nuissl Rd. - Cobble Hill Rd. to Pierce Rd.
4. Anderson Rd. - Pierce Rd. to Phelps Rd.
5. Pierce Road - entire street ■

Go E?

The 2009 Budget Committee suggested the Town offer electronic delivery of the newsletter to save on printing and postage. If you would like to receive the Barre Town Municipal Newsletter as an email attachment, email offices@barretown.org, subject line: Newsletter.

Electronic delivery will reduce clutter in your mail, is better for the environment, and will reduce Town expenses.

The newsletter is posted on the Town web site (under Publications). If you have recycled or misplaced your newsletter and want to check a detail about a Town service or event, go to www.barretown.org. ■

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Washington County tax increase (\$22,840). These 3 items total \$95,580 but the FY10 budget is only \$28,620 less. What increases cut into these potential savings?

The single largest increase (\$20,775) in the GF is Barre Town's

per capita payment into its Ambulance Fund. When East Montpelier and Calais announced they would discontinue service from BTEMS effective July 1, 2009, the FY10 Ambulance Fund budget had to be re-done. Revenues were reduced \$170,000. Expenses were cut back, but the per capita rate had to be increased \$1.50 in order to maintain two full-time crews, with paramedics, on duty at all times.

Last summer, Barre Area Development asked Barre Town and Barre City to commit to funding a full-time Economic Development Director. The Selectboard committed to funding 1/2 of the position. B.A.D. hired a director last fall, which increases the budget \$12,385.

Third on the list of increases is like an unwelcome house guest -- it just won't go away. The GF's health insurance premiums are rising \$9,120 or 6.97%.

Just missing the medal positions in the race of largest increases is the new police camera equipment. The budget for 2 in-car digital cameras, a CPU for storing the recordings, and a VHS/DVR recorder is \$9,080. At least 2 more in-car cameras will be needed in the future.

The fifth largest new item in the budget is a package of expenses to upgrade the Town web site (\$6,610). The expenses associated with this project include faster internet service, license for a new content management system, a web site design upgrade, and annual fee for customer support and web site hosting. The Selectboard would like to improve the web site and make it easier for staff to update.

Another Selectboard priority is employing a part-time Animal Control Officer (ACO) who can relieve police officers from handling animal nuisance complaints. \$5,000 was added to the ACO wage account in hopes of retaining a productive ACO.

Seventh on the list of increases is the sum of police and fire dispatch service fees. Barre Town buys dispatch service from Barre City. The fee is divided between the police, fire, and EMS (Ambulance Fund) budgets. The police and fire dispatch service fee budgets are estimated to increase \$4,745.

Number 8 on the list is a group of improvements at the Municipal Building. Light fixtures in both vaults and over two customer counters will be replaced to save money in the future. A light will be mounted on the front of the building to light the front sidewalk. Finally, a

night deposit box will be installed, enabling residents and others to drop off payments and documents after office hours. The sum of these improvements is \$4,350.

Keeping a commitment made last year, the Budget Committee and Selectboard budgeted for the second and final step in providing the firefighters a bonus for good and outstanding training attendance. The budget increase for this incentive is \$3,750. The incentive pays firefighters an extra \$500 per year for attending 75% or more of department trainings. A \$200 bonus is paid for attending 50%-75% of the trainings.

Last on the Top 10 list is another group of expenses. (Can you see there are very few major changes?) Several Recreation items total \$3,600. The Recreation Board would like to develop a neighborhood playground at the South Barre park behind Hannaford's, and \$2,100 for a swing set is budgeted to kick off the improvements. The Town committee for the Barre Heritage Festival would get \$1,000 for activities at the town park. Lastly, Barre Town's share of a summer youth track program is \$500.

The largest GF budget reductions are: contributions to the VLCT property and liability pool (\$8,550); debt service principal and interest (\$7,235); and Municipal Building heating oil (\$3,000).

Highway Fund: The proposed FY10 HF budget is \$2,566,205 which is \$20,260 or .7% lower than the present budget. This budget is balanced and will require a .16¢ (less than 1/4 of a cent) tax rate increase because State Aid for town highways is expected to decrease (\$9,690) and the current budget (FY08/09) is not balanced.

Next fiscal year, the HF activities basically will remain the same. The amount of paved road projects is comparable to past years. (See article on page 3.) The usual amount of gravel road projects will be completed. Work on two grant-funded projects is expected next budget year.

The slight budget reduction is possibly primarily for two reasons: 1) a \$35,000 project in FY08/09 is not needed in the new budget; and 2) a full-time position was eliminated last Fall after a DPW employee resigned (the savings appear in summer maintenance wages [\$20,910 net] and health insurance [\$16,715 net]).

The largest spending increases are: 1) \$16,350 for salt -- price not quantity increase; 2) \$10,870 for local match for grant projects -- Cherrywood culvert is \$9,050 more than current year's culvert project; 3) \$9,045 for a 3% increase in town equipment charges; 4) \$5,880 for a contractor to plow one parking lot and side street route; and 5) \$5,320 for an additional summer helper.

If the proposed budget is stacked up against the current budget, without the \$35,000 special project, the

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BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Terms on boards, commissions, and committees expire at the end of May. Reappointments and new appointments are made by the Selectboard usually by the last Tuesday in May. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your community! Board and commission members are not responsible for any administrative tasks or scheduling, and each board or commission is supported by Town staff. Generally, the citizen board members receive a meeting packet to be reviewed before each meeting. On some occasions, additional review is required. Meetings are held once a month on the same designated day and time. As an appointed member, you are responsible for bringing your ideas and experiences to the table to develop recommendations and suggestions on important Town matters. In choosing to serve your local community, you are an integral part of the local government process -- making a difference that matters to you and your neighbors.

Barre Town has openings on the following boards: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (2), Planning Commission (2), Development Review Board (1), Cemetery Commission (1), Housing Advisory Committee (2), and Recreation Board (3). If any of these appointments are of interest, you are encouraged to inquire and apply. If you are interested in seeking one of these appointments, send your letter of intent to the Barre Town Manager, PO Box 116, Websterville, VT 05678 or email them to crogers@barretown.org.

APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER POSITION ON TOWN BOARD

Name _____
 Address _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____

Interested in serving on:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Committee (3rd Wed, 7 p.m.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery Commission (4th Wed, 6:30 p.m.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Commission (3rd Wed, 7 p.m.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Advisory Committee (as needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development Review Board (2nd Wed, 7 p.m.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Board (1st Wed, 6:30 p.m.) |

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.

Prepare Your Child For An Emergency

It is very helpful for children to learn about the dedicated Emergency Medical Service workers in your area. Knowing who the workers are and what they do will help children feel less frightened in the event of an emergency. Here are some ways you can prepare your child and help the EMS team help you.

- Make sure that your child knows his or her name, address, and telephone number.
- Keep a list of emergency numbers near the telephone.

- Teach your child how to dial 9-1-1 as soon as he or she is mature enough to do so. Practice with your child often (but don't actually call 9-1-1 until there is a real emergency).
- Keep a medical record handy for your child, indicating any medical conditions or allergies. This will help your EMS team quickly provide the appropriate treatment.
- If you use babysitters, or have relatives caring for your child, make sure they understand what to do in case of an emergency.
- If an ambulance service or fire station in your area holds an open house, schedule a visit for you and your child. ■



NATIONAL EMS WEEK
May 17 - 23, 2009

TAXES DUE:

The next installment of property taxes is due Friday, May 15, 2009.

**1-888-DIG-SAFE**

The first step to a safe and successful construction project is a call to Dig Safe. This call can help avoid delays with a project, the disruption of services for abutting property owners, and may even save a life. A call to their toll free number, 1-888-DIG-SAFE, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., is all that is needed to request a utility marking. They will notify their member utilities, which then come out for any necessary marking of their services and/or equipment. Call at least 48 hours in advance of any digging, trenching, blasting, etc. in public ways, right-of-ways, and easements. ■

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 16 Humane Society Walk For Animals, Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m. - 2 mile walk, 11 a.m. - 4 mile run
- May 30 Barre Town Spring Run - 5K, Barre Town bike path, 9 a.m.
- May 30 Kiwanis Club Bike Safety Rodeo for 4th graders, Barre City Elementary School parking lot, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Rain date June 6). Information will be distributed at the schools.
- June 21..... Father's Day Chicken Barbeque, East Barre Fire Station, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m.
- July 24-26..... Barre Heritage Festival

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25
4th of July - Friday, July 3

THE BARRE HERITAGE CUP

JULY 24TH - JULY 26TH

BARRE TOWN RECREATION FIELDS

NEIGHBORHOOD

VS

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SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



MINI-TENNIS

TOURNAMENT



3 ON 3

YOUTH BASKETBALL

TOURNAMENT



CONTACT HEIDI @ 479-2595 FOR MORE INFORMATION
OR HOW TO PUT A TEAM TOGETHER!

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AT
WWW.BARRETOWN.ORG



Project Updates

- ▶ **Route 302/110 Roundabout:** J. Hutchins
Construction resumed work on April 6. During the first week of work, the contractor pushed the Town's 8" water line through the casing under Rt. 302. Construction activities above the ground resumed April 13. Motorists need to use extra caution in the work zone. Construction equipment, workers, and inspectors are moving about; other motorists may do something unexpected. Drive slowly, look for workers and equipment, and watch for other drivers. Although the project deadline is in October, the project should be done well before then. This project, except the Town's water line, is funded entirely by the Federal government.
- ▶ **East Barre Sidewalk:** AOT accepted the Feasibility Study submitted in February and gave authorization to proceed. The Selectboard approved an engineering services contract with Lamoureux & Dickinson for the remaining phases of the project: preliminary design, final design, right-of-way acquisition, bidding, and contracting document preparation. East Barre residents may see engineering crews on Mill Street soon, if not already. Construction is anticipated in 2010.
- ▶ **Hazard Mitigation/Route 302 & Honey Brook:** Specifications for the earthwork to create an enlarged flood plain were released for bidding in April. Work in the stream cannot begin until June 1 per State regulations. The contractor may start delivering materials and removing debris one week earlier. There will be a short contract period; project completion will be before June 30, 2009. The FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant is paying 75% of the expenses. The earthwork is the final task of this grant project.
- ▶ **Cherrywood Road Culvert:** The 36" metal pipe carrying the Sterling Hill Brook under Cherrywood Drive will be replaced by a 6' x 6' concrete box culvert. On March 31, the Selectboard awarded the contract for manufacture of the 100' long culvert and wing walls to Michie Corporation, of Henniker, NH. The contract amount, including delivery, is \$41,747. Specifications for removal of the existing culvert, installation of the new culvert and wing walls, plus slope and road restoration were released for bidding in April. It is anticipated the Selectboard will award the contract on May 5. The work could (but not necessarily) begin soon thereafter. The project completion deadline is July 17, 2009. The intersection of Cherrywood Drive and Sterling Hill Road

will be closed when culvert removal begins and until road restoration is completed. The size of the new culvert, the depth of the excavation, and the water and sewer pipes crossing the excavation make this a large job. The project can be completed more quickly by closing the short section of road and allowing the contractor to concentrate on the job. A VT AOT Structures Program grant will pay 90% of the expenses. The AOT Hydraulics Unit studied the upstream watershed and recommended the culvert size and type.

- ▶ **Water Source Development:** Phelps Engineering gave the Selectboard a preliminary well testing and monitoring report on March 10. Testing of the wells on the former East Barre Fire District (now Town) land was completed. One well produced 53 gallons per minute (gpm) -- for water supply regulation purposes. The second well on the East Barre Fire District land was impacted by pump testing the first well. The engineers decided it was counter-productive to do well testing of the second well. The well on private property produced about 55 gpm, based on water supply procedures. These two wells, coupled with the existing producing well, do not satisfy requirements for Barre Town water system's peak day demand. The additional capacity might be provided by drilling the existing well deeper or adding a second well on private land. Neighboring properties were offered to have their home wells monitored during the continuous 24-hour well testing; none of wells suffered interference from the well testing. Water quality test results are not available yet. ■

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proposed budget is \$14,740 or .5% higher. There are about as many budget account reductions as increases in the proposed HF budget.

Voters will be asked if the Town shall issue bonds not to exceed \$226,000 for replacing an undersized water line in Mill Street. The Selectboard is requesting voter approval in case economic stimulus funding becomes available. If the bond issue is approved, the stimulus funding, if offered, would include a 50% (\$113,000) loan forgiveness and \$113,000 loan to repaid at 3% interest over 20 years. The loan would be repaid by Town water system customers. A presentation will be given during the April 28th Selectboard meeting that will be shown on CTV, Ch. 7 on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. ■

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
May 17-23, 2009

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SUMMARY REPORT

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (*M. Nicholson, P. Malone, M. Reaves, C. Sanborn, C. Thygesen, S. Driscoll, E. Bancroft, Jr.*)

February 2009: Approved request by L. Larose for 3-lot subdivision on Church Hill Rd.; denied request by L. Lozier for conditional use to add additional apartment on Cedarbrook Ave.

March 2009: Approved request by HP Hood/Booth Bros. For 50' variance from road right-of-way on Allen St.

April 2009: Continued request by Willie Stevens, dba Stonecutter's Brewhouse for conditional use to operate a restaurant on Mill St.

PLANNING COMMISSION (*C. Sanborn, M. Hutchins, C. Thygesen, C. Violette, J. Daniele, E. Brigham, C. Duke*)

March 2009: Approved request by E. Brigham for allowed use determination to allow non-retail woodworking shop on So. Barre Rd.; approved request by Willie Stevens, dba Stonecutter's Brewhouse, to operate a brewery on first floor of multi-story building on Mill St.

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

February 2009: Recommended to center line stripe Gregoire St., install yield bar at lower end of Gregoire @ Websterville Rd., and stop bar at upper end of Gregoire @ Littlejohn Rd.; recommended installing school bus stop ahead sign near #230 Cassie St. northbound.

March 2009: Discussed painting 2 crosswalks and speed limit reduction from 35 mph to 25 mph in front of Barre Town School on Websterville Rd. - tabled; recommended to CV Regional Planning Commission the top 3 locations for Barre Town as High Risk Rural Roads: (1) Rt. 14/Pine Hill, (2) Osborne/Cutler Corner/Phelps, (3) Waterman/Donahue; recommended to make left lane for left turning and straight-through traffic and right lane for right turning traffic at intersection of Middle Rd./Rt. 14. ■

TOWN OF BARRE

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Websterville, VT 05678-0116

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SOLID WASTE NEWS

Spring Bulk Trash Collection - May 9



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 9

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 box below lists the fees charged and items 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.

The Barre Town Heritage Celebration Committee is offering a service. In exchange for a donation, the Committee will haul accepted bulky items. See the article below.

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 vehicles for safety reasons.

The Wilson Depot accepts many items and is open Tuesdays 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.cvswwmd.org.

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

Bulk Trash Pick Up Service

Would you like to utilize the bulk trash collection service but are unable to transport your own items? As a fundraiser, members of the Barre Town Heritage Festival Committee will pick up items for Town residents. A donation would be appreciated. Contact Kathie Felch at 479-9391 or kfelch@barretown.org (subject - Bulk Trash) and schedule a pick-up on May 9 between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Pick up is limited to acceptable items as listed in the previous article. Users of the service are required to pay the per load fee listed. Items must be outside, on a porch, or easily accessible in a garage.



Lawn Waste Site

The Holden Road lawn waste site will open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 25. Two new volunteers will open the site on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon, starting April 30. Volunteers are needed for Wednesday afternoon/evening. If you would like to volunteer, contact the Town Manager's Office at 479-9331. It is suggested volunteers work together; in case one member is unable to attend, the others can open the site at the scheduled time. Individuals without a group could be paired up with other individuals. Volunteers only monitor the site and are not expected to unload trucks.

Town residents may drop off organic lawn and garden waste. Accepted organics are: branches less than 5" in diameter, leaves, grass clippings, flower and garden plants, and vegetables (pumpkins, squash). Branches and logs larger than 5" in short lengths are accepted but must be placed on the firewood pile.

Residents are welcome to take firewood, woodchips, and compost. The DPW employees will no longer use the loader to load chips. The pile of chips is small, so residents are asked to take only what they need for their home landscaping.

Green Up Day 2009

Green Up Day is May 2nd this year. We are looking for individuals, groups or organizations in town to help with cleaning up our roadsides and/or with financial help to cover the expense of items such as food for the BBQ, T-shirts, or postage.

This year we will be having our 3rd Volunteers BBQ from noon to 2 p.m. Every person who picks up bags from the Town Office or calls us to get bags will receive a ticket for the BBQ. We will be giving away a Green Up gift basket there again this year. All you need to do is fill out the back of your ticket and drop it in the basket when you come to the BBQ.

There are several roads (such as Holden Road, Graniteville Road, and the Cobble Hill area) where trash has accumulated over the years. The adoption of these areas by a group or organization would be extremely

helpful. If you know of a road or an area in town that fits this description and you wish to clean up part or all of it, notify us. If you wish to clean up an area but are unsure where in town you could help, please contact us for an area that needs attention. You can pick up bags at the Town Office or we can deliver them to you if you are unable to get there. Also, if you are willing to volunteer help with the BBQ, email or call us as soon as possible.

We hope that with help from many Barre Town residents, we can keep Barre Town looking clean and more appealing to visitors and those wishing to move here.

You can contact us at 476-3955 or bvtgreenup@yahoo.com for more information. Thank you.

*Danette & Jeff Gagne
Barre Town Green Up Day Coordinators*

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 VT Solid Waste Management District Household Hazardous Waste Collection!



There will be 5 collections in the District this season, and the schedule is as follows. All events are held on Saturdays and the hours for all events are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- **May 30: Barre Town Public Works Garage**
- July 11: Tunbridge Transfer Station
- Aug. 29: Hardwick Town Garage
- Sept. 19: Bradford Town Garage
- Sept. 26: Montpelier (Dept. of Labor parking lot, off Memorial Drive)

Please see the District's web site for directions to the collections and more information on hazardous waste: www.cvswwmd.org; go to the Household Hazardous Waste section under the Info. Categories heading.

Disposal Fees: \$15 per car for most residential loads. Please call for more information. Note: Businesses must call ahead and pre-register.

The Central VT Solid Waste Management District helps its 22 member communities to work toward Zero Waste. See our web site for information about all of our programs and services.

- Cathy Donahue, CVSWMDC Communications Manager

Schedule Change at Recycling Depot

The CVSWMDC has announced that the Recycling Depot in the Wilson Industrial Park will no longer be open on Thursdays. They will remain open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, 8 am - 3:30 pm.



RECREATION IN BARRE TOWN

By Kelly Houston, Management Intern

Summer Recreation

As warmer weather arrives, consider the outdoor recreation opportunities provided by the Town. If you're interested in taking in a game or two, sporting events take place at the Town's recreation and athletic complex located on Websterville Road. If you are the athletic type, be sure to notice the tennis courts, volleyball courts, baseball fields, softball fields, soccer fields, track, and skate park included within this complex. For a listing of events or for field use, contact Recreation Supervisor Don Gainey by emailing offices@barretown.org or call the Town Manager's Office.

Perhaps nature walks, the fully-equipped picnic shelter, bike paths, or local neighborhood playgrounds (for locations visit www.barretown.org and select Recreation Department) might interest you.

For younger residents under 16 years of age, the Selectboard has allocated \$25 per eligible resident for swim lesson reimbursements. Swim lessons are offered locally by First In Fitness (223-6161), Lotus Lake Camp (433-5451), and at the Barre City pool.

Recreation areas around town are something that all community members can benefit from. Outdoor recreation activities promote healthy living and fun for all ages. So, take advantage of what Barre Town has to offer!

StoryWalk™ Launched in Barre Town

StoryWalk™ is coming to town thanks in large part to the efforts of Recreation Board member Melissa Anderson who arranged to bring this spectacular literary opportunity to the Barre Town bike path. The StoryWalk™ project was created by Anne Ferguson, of Montpelier, and developed in collaboration with the VT Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

You may be asking what exactly is StoryWalk™? StoryWalk™ is a reading program

which links children's stories and popular walking paths within a community. Conceptually, the project was developed to combine four fundamental aspects: physical activity, literacy, family time, and the outdoor experience. Ms. Ferguson remarked that, "Physical activity for the entire family is one of the most important keys to preventing nasty chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. Literacy is another important component to the design of this project and early literacy in particular due to its linkage with academic success". StoryWalk™ has gained critical acclaim regionally as well as nationally.

Stories are chosen based on the amount of text, if it is engaging, if the message is kind, physical size, and illustrations. Typically, the stories can be anywhere between 20 and 40 pages. The distance between pages varies depending on the path along which the story is placed. This program is intended for families with small children.

StoryWalk™ will be starting here in Barre Town in May and will be located on the bike path starting at the school parking lot entrance so that the Elementary & Middle School can utilize it. Stories will be available for viewing the first two weeks of May, June, July, and August. Featured books include "Gossie" for May, "Sheep Take A Hike" for June, "Rail Trail Alphabet Adventures" for July, and "The Dot" for August.

Picnic Shelter Reservations

To reserve the pavilion at the Town's recreation complex, contact Recreation Supervisor Don Gainey at 476-6174.

A large BBQ pit, water, electricity, lights, and restrooms are on location. There is a nominal \$25 fee (+ \$1/person) to use the pavilion. Be sure to call well in advance to use the shelter area.

Youth Track Program

Barre Town and Barre City are planning to offer a youth track program this summer. The joint track program would be associated with the Hershey Track Program. Youths ages 7-14 may participate in running events, jumping events, and softball throws. This is a 6-week program consisting of two practices per week and two tentatively-scheduled track meets to be held on Saturday, July 11 and Sunday, July 19. This program is to begin before school lets out for the summer and will end in July. The cost will be \$5.00 per participant. This program is made possible by a line item in the FY 2009-2010 proposed budget.

For more information about this program, parents and students are encouraged to visit the Town web site at www.barretown.org.

Barre Heritage Weekend

In recent years, Barre Town and Barre City have worked together to put on Barre Homecoming Days. The festival is to honor the culture and history of the Town and City. This year, event organizers decided to rename the event the Barre Heritage Festival so the true meaning of the event can be reflected. This is, after all, a celebration of Barre's diverse heritage and character.

This year's Barre Heritage Festival will be held on the weekend of July 24-26 with events in both the City and the Town.

On Friday, July 24, events will be held at the Paquet Farm on Morrison Road in celebration of their 100th anniversary. Food will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. The Racing Chefs will be doing a pig roast/BBQ. Live music will be performed by Native Tongue and other area musicians from 6:00 p.m. - midnight. Sports tournaments will also begin on Friday at the Barre Town recreation fields and end on Sunday.

On Saturday, July 25, Heritage events will be held in the City. There will be a parade, tow down (truck pull), and a variety of vendors.

On Sunday, July 26, the Town will be holding events at the recreation and athletic complex. There will be a tennis tournament and basketball tournament. Other happenings include live music, food, family fun games (i.e. water balloon toss, three-legged race, spoon/egg race), a dunk tank (to dunk Town & City Assessor Joe Levesque), and a jousting match featuring Barre Town Selectboard Chairman Jeff Blow and Barre City Mayor Lauzon.

Donation items are being collected for a silent auction. If you have any items to donate, contact Kathie Felch at 479-9391.

The "Heritage Cup" (a co-ed softball tournament featuring neighborhood teams) will be played Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday.

Horseback Riding Safety

Horseback riding has grown as a recreation activity in Vermont. Some riders use public roads for part of or for their entire ride. Local horse owners report some drivers do crazy and unsafe things when passing horseback riders.



Section 1127 in Title 23 of the Vermont

Statutes states, "Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a horse or other draft animal, or approaching a horse or other animal upon which a person is riding, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of such horse or animal ..." (emphasis added).

According to a representative of a local horse group and the Vermont Horse Council, many things frighten a horse: the noise of different road surfaces, water puddles, the clang of a vehicle hitting a pothole, rattling trailers or pickup truck loads. Noises and visual cues can cause the best-trained horse to become afraid and make unexpected movements such as sidestepping into the roadway. Horseback riders and drivers of animal-drawn carriages have enough road conditions with which to cope. They don't need people yelling out car windows, blowing car horns, revving engines, or downshifting intentionally to create more noise.

When approaching a horse, drivers should slow down, thereby reducing road and vehicle noises. If safe to do so, drivers could give horses a little extra space as they drive by.

Vermont Statutes also makes "(a) person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle ... subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle ..." (Title 23, Section 1014). Horse enthusiasts must also exercise caution and obey traffic laws.

Horses and their riders share the road with motorists. For their safety and your's, slow down and give them a little extra room.