

# Barre Town Newsletter

Municipal News

## Industrial Development

It is arguably the biggest economic development news since the announcement that Bombardier would build in the Wilson Industrial Park (WIP). Earlier this summer S.B. Electronics (SBE) was awarded a \$9.1 million U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) grant which will pay about 50% of costs for a project that involves purchase of 10-12 acres of WIP land, construction of a 50,000 s.f. plant, acquisition of new manufacturing equipment, staff development, and public infrastructure. SBE will manufacture its Power Ring Film Capacitor™ in the new plant. The capacitor is used in hybrid, plug-in hybrid, and pure electric vehicles.

"SBE's advanced engineering and precision manufacturing capability can and does compete with the best in the world," said Tom Evslin, head of Vermont's Office of Economic Stimulus & Recovery. "This award recognizes their unique capabilities and provides capital when capital is very hard to get so that SBE can turn its technology and skill into more good jobs in Barre."

Sam Mathews, Executive Director of Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation, said at a recent Selectboard meeting that SBE expects to hire up to 140 people over 5 years.

Barre Town and economic development partner Barre Area Development have been involved in the project

since early Spring. The Town, specifically, provided material for the DoE grant application. This summer the Town applied to the VT Community Development Program for a \$1 million grant on behalf of SBE. The application is under review by the State; Town officials will present it to the VT Community Development Board in early October. If awarded the grant, the Selectboard will loan the \$1 million (less grant administration expenses) to SBE. This grant is one necessary piece in public and private "local" funding to match the DoE grant.

Ed Sawyer, President and CEO of SBE, said, "This total funding package, led by the DoE grant, will not only enable SBE to accelerate this capacity (to meet the needs of the automotive market), it will also fund the company's continuing effort to produce the world class products and technology that our customers require and the market expects."

The Town continues to be deeply involved in making this project a reality in Barre Town. The real estate transaction must be closed, for which a Town subdivision and numerous State permits are required. The Town, as WIP developer, is responsible for the necessary public infrastructure: road, water line, stormwater, underground electric, and telecommunication facilities.

SBE is not the only business planning to build in the WIP. On July 14, the Selectboard authorized a purchase/sale agreement (P/S) with Harris Enterprises, Inc. for sale of the lot next to the Wilson Recycling Depot. The P/S has been signed. Harris plans to construct a warehouse on the lot to support an area granite business. Assuming the Town and Harris close the deal, Harris would construct the industrial building next year. ■

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## Heritage Festival



This year's Barre Heritage Festival has come and gone. A wide array of events were held throughout the Town and City beginning on Wed., July 22 and ending on Sun., July 26. Barre Town events included the Paquet's Centennial Celebration on Friday evening and the 2nd Annual Family Fun Day on Sunday. From the fireworks on Friday evening to the jousting match on Sunday afternoon, local heritage was recognized and celebrated throughout the weekend.

Town events were made possible in large part to fund-raising efforts (bulk trash collection, lawn sale, and comedy show) of the Barre Town Heritage Committee. They collected approximately \$2,600, with all proceeds going to Heritage Festival activities. Local businesses (North Star, H.P. Hood/Booth Bros. Dairy, Windshield World, and Bond Auto) also showed their support by donating upwards of \$2,000 each.

Donations aside, the Heritage Festival would not have occurred without Town Committee Coordinator Kathie Felch or City Committee Chairperson Emily Kaminsky and the countless hours spent by committee members.

After months of planning, the final meeting of the 2009 Heritage Festival Committee has taken place. Members and community participants alike have been debriefed, taking lessons from this year's festival to be applied to next

year, paving the way for successful festivals in the future. If you have suggestions, or would like to be part of next year's Heritage Committee, please direct your inquiries to Kathie (479-9391 or [bhf@barretown.org](mailto:bhf@barretown.org)).

- Kelly Houston, Management Intern

## Electronic Newsletter Delivery

The Town can now offer electronic mailing of its quarterly newsletter. The benefits of electronic delivery are many: it is convenient, saves paper, generates efficient and effective use of resources, and cuts service costs. If you are interested in receiving this publication via email, contact the Town Manager's Office (479-9331 or [khouston@barretown.org](mailto:khouston@barretown.org)) or the Town Clerk's Office (479-9391 or [dkelty@barretown.org](mailto:dkelty@barretown.org)). Upon request, your name will be removed from the physical mailing list and added to the electronic mailing list. Thank you for helping the Town reduce costs associated with issuing this publication!

- Kelly Houston, Management Intern



## Cat Neutering

Vermont Companion Animal Neutering (VT-CAN) offers financial assistance to residents of Washington and Orange counties who cannot afford to spay or neuter their cats. The clinic is open Tuesday through Thursday 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Appointments and transportation arrangements are available. If you could use this service, contact VT-CAN at 223-0034 or [www.vt-can.org](http://www.vt-can.org).

## FIRE WARDEN

If you need a burn permit, call Fire Warden Chris Day or Deputy Brent Putney at 498-8694.

## Fall Road Work

### Gravel Roads:

- Cutler Corner Rd. from #554 to town line - reconstructed with new layer of top gravel
- Lowery Rd. - drainage improvements by the old fire district springs near Koch's field and top-coated with 6" new gravel
- Jensen Rd. - top-coated with 4-6" new gravel
- Beckley Hill Rd. - reconstructed from end of pavement to LePage Rd. with additional stone ditching, fabric, and new gravel.
- Taplin Rd. - stone lining and ditch improvements from top of hill near TV tower east to brook at bottom of hill thanks to two \$7,000 grants from the Better Back Roads Program.
- Top-dressed with new gravel: School, Averill, Gun Club, Hartley, LePage, and Mecklesen.

### In-Place Stabilization:

This summer and Fall the Town is upgrading 3 gravel roads and part of a fourth with in-place stabilization. Nuissl, Pierce, Old Quarry Hill, and part of Anderson will be converted to hard surface roads using this procedure. The process involves rototilling the surface down to a depth of 8" and mixing in a 3% Portland Cement slurry, graded smooth, and compacted. After a day or so, it is rolled with a vibratory compactor to create "micro-cracks" before it cures. The surface is then coated with a polymer asphalt emulsion, and layers of stone are applied and rolled.

- Harry Hinrichsen, Town Engineer

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### BARRE TOWN TAX DUE DATES

for fiscal year 2009-2010

Property Taxes	Sewer Use Charge
November 16, 2009	None due
February 16, 2010	February 16, 2010
May 17, 2010	None due

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

## A New School Year Has Arrived



School is back in session, and it's an exciting time for children -- especially youngsters attending school for the first time. Unfortunately, it also means that young, inexperienced pedestrians and bicyclists are in the traffic mix where they are more likely to be struck by vehicles.

Motorists can help reduce the risk by:

- slowing down in school and residential areas;
- watching for clues that give warning of children in the area (i.e. signs, safety patrols, bikes, adult crossing guards, school buses);
- obey all school bus stop laws;
- clear ALL fogged or frosty windows on your vehicle before driving (not just the driver side of the front windshield);
- obey all traffic signs;
- avoid school zones during arrival and dismissal hours when possible.

Each year thousands of children are struck by automobiles. The Barre Town Police Department suggests to parents that they ...

- ... teach their children safe street crossing practices before the start of school;
- ... know the walking route to school or the bus route and bus stop area;
- ... instruct children how to judge if there is adequate time to cross a street and to never cross between two parked cars;

... teach children that when there is no sidewalk and it is necessary to walk on the roadway, walk on the far left side of the street facing traffic and use crosswalks and designated school crossings whenever possible.

Some youngsters, especially those venturing away from home for the first time, may never have learned pedestrian/traffic safety and older students may have forgotten over the summer. Drivers need to be cautious around schools, bus stops, and areas where children are walking to school.

Remember, children are greatly influenced by their peers and imitate the actions of older brothers and sisters as well as parents when they do not set good pedestrian safety examples.

In past years I have written this article stating many times that drivers must be more alert around children and near school zones, but it bears repeating. Drivers never know when a child might emerge from behind a bus or other vehicle and dart into the roadway. We must always be prepared to stop, and we must be on guard for any occurrence when driving near a school, a bus, or pedestrians.

But being aware of the dangers as a driver is not enough. We each have precautions to take as parents, too. We can dress the child in brightly colored clothing. We can teach him how to watch for mistakes by drivers and others on the way to school. Students also should be taught that just because they have the right-of-way at an intersection does not mean they should proceed without looking to see if their way is clear.

Perhaps if we teach our children to make their safety their responsibility, we can avoid some of the accidents in which children are hurt or killed because they depend on us to do what we're supposed to do. If they take care before crossing a road or getting on or off a bus, and drivers take the responsibility from their vantage, the combination might be enough to make the streets safer for our children. It's worth the attempt!

Let's all work together to teach our children pedestrian traffic safety so we can all enjoy a safe and uneventful start of the new school year.

- Police Chief Michael Stevens

### BYSA BASKETBALL

BYSA basketball registrations will be held in October and is open to boys and girls in grades 3-6. Visit [www.bysabasketball.com](http://www.bysabasketball.com) for more information or to print off a registration form.



## Fire Prevention Week 2009

Fire Prevention Week 2009 is October 4-10. While we should practice fire safety every day, this one week is dedicated to fire prevention and education so special awareness and attention can be placed on its importance.

Fire Prevention Week was started to commemorate the "Great Chicago Fire" -- the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9. You might remember hearing about the cow belonging to Mrs. O'Leary starting the fire in her barn that ended up burning most of Chicago. Well, there might now be vindication for bovines everywhere as truth be told; historians are now leaning less on the poor cow and more on other potential causes.



While the Great Chicago fire gets all the attention for being so devastating on those October days in 1871, the most devastating forest fire in American history also occurred on October 8, 1871. The "Peshtigo Fire" roared through northeast Wisconsin, burning down more than 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

Fire Prevention Week began 40 years after these terrible tragedies when people decided we needed to remember lessons learned and teach those lessons to others. Each year a different theme is picked to focus on a particular important fire safety message. This year the theme is "Stay Fire Smart, Don't Get Burned". Lessons to be learned that go along with this year's theme are plentiful. Here are a few things to remember: Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges; have a 3 foot "kid-free" zone around the stove; test water before placing a child or yourself into the tub; treat a burn right away by putting it in cold water for three to five minutes and covering with a clean dry cloth (but don't be afraid to seek medical attention if it is too bad); pay attention to what you are cooking, particularly when frying, grilling, or broiling food. Remember, while Vermont is an exception, nationally the leading cause of house fires is unattended cooking.

The Barre Town Fire Department usually spends a few days each year at the Barre Town Elementary School teaching fire safety to young children. However, we would be more than willing to go to other schools, day

cares, boy and girl scout meetings, or other similar events or organizations. In addition, we are always available one-on-one to talk fire prevention and safety from young to old. So don't hesitate to call, and please always "Stay Fire Smart".

- Fire Chief Chris Violette

The next issue of the  
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will be published in November 2009.

## Volunteer Appreciation

It is a time-honored tradition that every Spring the Selectboard holds its volunteer appreciation ceremony to recognize residents who have donated countless hours of their time facilitating programs, services, and activities for Barre Town. In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, the Selectboard wanted to show its gratitude to the 65+ volunteers who have contributed their time and energy serving the Town over the past year. This year's recognition ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 21.

At this year's ceremony, 67 volunteers, 5 local stores, and 1 club were acknowledged. Of the 67 volunteers, 8 received special mention. Donald Allen and Paul White received praise for their 10 years of service on the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. Bob Comolli was honored for 10 years of service to the Board of Recreation. Bruce Mitton and Mark Perry were acknowledged for their work during both Spring and Fall bulk trash collections. Dan Kely was appreciated for 5 years of service on the Cemetery Commission. Jeff and Danette Gagne were applauded for their coordination efforts (for 5 years) of Green Up Day.

While recognition might only come but once a year, the work of volunteers never goes unnoticed. Barre Town would cease to function as it does without the work of its many dedicated volunteers.

- Kelly Houston, Management Intern

### NOTICE

- (1) No street openings or work in the right-of-way will be allowed after November 1.
- (2) No connections to water or sewer mains will be made between November 1 and April 15.

## BULK TRASH COLLECTION - PROPERTY CLEAN-UP

The Fall bulk trash collection will be held **Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the DPW Garage (129 Websterville Road). On the average, residents bring in 168 loads of debris during the 6-hour Fall collections. With 2 stations set up to off-load debris, residents usually are in and out of the DPW yard quickly. This collection is a good time to clear out and clean up the attic, basement, porch, garage, or outside storage area. It is a good way to dispose of building waste after a home improvement project. The box below lists items accepted and fees charged. Users will also be asked to donate to a local charity or cause.

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

Building scraps such as sheetrock, wood, 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 half of a garage roof in one piece is not acceptable.

Salvaging is permitted during the event, but the public must be careful around the equipment and vehicles. Children should stay in their vehicle for safety reasons. Pallets will be pulled from the waste stream and set outside the DPW gate for the public to take. The CV Solid Waste Management District's Wilson Depot is open 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tues. and Sat. (not Thurs.). They accept many items every day it is open. Call 229-9383 or check their website ([www.cvswmd.org](http://www.cvswmd.org)) for details.

### BULK TRASH PICK UP SERVICE

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 [bhf@barretown.org](mailto:bhf@barretown.org) (subject - Bulk Trash) and schedule a pick-up on September 19 between 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pick up is limited to acceptable items as listed above. Users of the service are required to pay the per load fee listed. Items must be easily accessible.

### Lawn Waste Site Leaf Disposal

As a reminder if you are not a regular lawn waste site user, the site on Holden Road is open Sat. from 8 am-noon, Wed. from 3-6 pm, and Thurs. from 9 a.m.-noon. As the days shorten, the Wed. afternoon hours could change. For the leaf disposal season, hours will be added on 3 weekends - usually in mid to late Oct., depending on weather conditions. On these 3 weekends, the site is open from 8 am-4 pm on Sat. and noon-4 pm on Sunday. The weekends with additional hours will be announced at Selectboard meetings and will be posted on our web site.

Don't burn leaves or rake them into a ditch or drainageway. Leaves and tall grass often are dry in the Fall. A little wind can blow burning leaves into woods or fields starting a wildland fire. Leaves are trouble for ditches, culverts and streams causing back-ups which could lead to unnecessary erosion and property damage.

To haul more leaves, chop leaves once with a lawn mower. Using a plastic sheet or tarp reduces off-loading time.

Thanks to everyone who has been using the site as intended. Problems have been nearly non-existent. Thanks to volunteers Wayne Pelkey, Joe Coates, and Clifton Coates who make weekday service possible.

## Student Absent Today?



Throughout my years as a police officer, I have been exposed to situations where children have left for school and at 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon received a phone call

that the child did not return home. Upon looking into and investigating the matter, it was found the child never made it to school.

This gave me great concern as to what can transpire during the course of a day and how much time is lost when looking for a child (this can be up to 8 hours later). I have received extensive training on missing children investigation, and the first several hours are critical to ensure a favorable outcome.

Given the concern that I had developed, I met with principal Tim Crowley and proposed a program. I was able to outline my concerns and show him the benefit of having a school call-back program. As with any program, staffing is critical. The school felt this was important, and Mr. Crowley found the staffing to implement this program. This plan was put into action last year and was very successful. We had only a few issues needing police attention. We are starting another school year at Barre Town, and I hope we can continue our successful practice in keeping our children safe.

The program starts with the parents. If your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness or other reasons, you need to call 476-6617, press 5, and leave a message stating your child will not be at school that day. Attendance will be taken and then cross-checked by a staff person noting the excused absences. If any student is absent without being called in, school staff will make a phone call to the parents. If no contact can be made, the school will phone the Police Department and report that student as missing from school, their whereabouts unknown. The PD will start an investigation and attempt to contact the parents even if it means going to the parents' work place. If no contact of any family members can be made, we will treat this as an actual missing child case and proceed accordingly. The system is in place to make sure that if a child is missing we know about it quickly and, if any of the events are suspicious, we can get on the matter quickly.

If each parent will remember to call if their child will not be at school or will be late, we will make this system work.

- Police Chief Michael Stevens

## Library Services

Aldrich Public Library provides library services to the citizens of Barre Town and Barre City. Every resident is entitled to free membership. The library currently has a total of 9,700 borrowers. Last year, the library's total circulation was 98,500 items – that's 10 items for every borrower. Those who cannot get to the library can receive home delivery – 1,500 deliveries last year!

The main library downtown is open 54 hours a week. The East Barre Branch is open 10 hours a week. Over 500 people use the Aldrich Library every day!

Aldrich Library has a collection of 60,000 items: 54,000 books (including several thousand in large print), 3,000 films, 2,500 recorded books, and 90 magazine subscriptions. To find out if the library has a particular book, access the library's digital catalog online ([www.aldrich.lib.vt.us](http://www.aldrich.lib.vt.us)) from your home or office. If the library doesn't have the book you want, we will borrow it for you from another library via inter-library loan.

There are 25 internet access computers for patrons to use for research, e-mail, job searches, resume writing, travel planning, banking and budgeting, and more ... average of 2,700 computer users each month!

Each year we plan and present programs for adults and young people. Last year we offered 300 programs, which were attended by 5,400 adults and 4,500 children – a total attendance of 10,000 people!

We offer story hours, after-school and vacation-time craft activities, summer reading program, graphic novel group for teens, poetry club, reading circle book discussion group, community-wide book read, Senior Day, and our summer series Authors At The Aldrich when we invite 12 Vermont authors to visit and talk about their lives and books.

Our community meeting room seats up to 125 people and has a built-in multi-media projector and sound system. Many community groups regularly use the room for programs and events, including the Paletteers, Barre Youth Sports, Strong Living exercise program, Success By Six, and OSHER Institute For Lifelong Learning.

We were the first public library in Vermont to offer a free summer lunch program through the VT Campaign To End Childhood Hunger, and we founded the first Friends Of The Library group in 1976. We share ideas, books, and services with the wonderful school librarians in the Barre Supervisory Union.

We encourage everyone in Barre Town to visit both the main and branch libraries and enjoy the services we provide.

- Karen Lane, Library Director and  
Nancy F. Pope, President

## Paramedics & Intercept

In October 2006, the Town of Barre began offering 24-hour paramedic intercept contract service to all municipalities in VT EMS District 6. BTEMS paramedics intercept local EMS services transporting critically ill or injured patients, riding with the crew to CVMC to provide advanced medical care.

At the moment, 18 of the 24 municipalities in District 6 have paramedic coverage - 7 by primary ALS response and 11 by contracted paramedic intercept. Barre Town EMS provides primary ALS response for 6 towns: Barre Town, Berlin, Plainfield, Orange, Washington, and Topsham, and 9 towns with contracted paramedic intercept. BTEMS maintains paramedic coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Each full-time crew is staffed with an Advanced Intermediate EMT and a Critical Care Paramedic. Two of these crews are on-duty every hour of the day -- one in Berlin Fire Department at the Four Corners Station on Rt. 62 and the other in East Barre on Rt. 302. A third paramedic crew is available from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to provide additional coverage for the area.

In 2007, Cabot and Marshfield decided to contract the intercept service, as well as mutual aid service. Hardwick Rescue (also covering the towns of Walden and Woodbury) began contracting intercept service in May 2009. Mad River Valley Ambulance contracted for intercept service in July 2009 for the towns of Warren, Waitsfield, Fayston, and Moretown. Northfield (Roxbury), Williamstown, and First Branch Ambulance (Tunbridge and Chelsea) are currently reviewing the intercept proposal. The intercept program has proven to be a valuable asset to all participants and BTEMS.

This program has been, and will continue to be, a significant benefit to other service providers and towns in the area by offering a higher level of care for a \$200 charge per incident to the contract town or service provider. Paramedic intercept will typically account for 7%-9% of an ambulance provider's calls for service annually. This effectively raises the level of care for that town or service provider without the actual cost of maintaining a paramedic staff.

- EMS Director David Jennings

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### MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, Sept. 7 - Labor Day  
Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

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## Project Updates

► **Charles Fantoni (East Barre) Roundabout:** AOT held a final inspection on July 23. Except for very minor punch list items, the project was finished as of that date. The Town's cost for buying sleeve and water pipe and having it installed under the roundabout was \$9,925, which was well below the budgeted amount. The Town is responsible for landscape maintenance around the park-n-ride and roundabout. Mowing has begun. A granite post and plaque naming the roundabout in honor of Charles Fantoni will be installed soon.

► **East Barre Sidewalk:** The design engineer is expected to present preliminary plans for Selectboard approval no later than September 8. After the Selectboard accepts (approves) the preliminary plans, right-of-way acquisition plans will be prepared for AOT approval. After receiving authorization, the project manager will obtain right-of-way deeds from the 5 affected property owners. Bidding is expected in late winter or spring of 2010. Construction of the sidewalk, curb, and related drainage from the East Barre PO to Mill St. and down to the fire station will be completed in 2010. 80% of the project is funded by a Transportation Enhancement Grant; the Town pays the remaining 20%. The project budget is approximately \$160,000.

► **Hazard Mitigation/Route 302 & Honey Brook:** 9 contractors bid on the project to place streambank stabilization along one side of the Honey Brook and re-grade the open lot to create greater flood water storage capacity. Low bidder was Estes Trucking & Excavation at \$19,900. Work is to be completed by Sept. 11, 2009. The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant will pay 75% of the expense; the Town is responsible for the balance.

► **Cherrywood Drive Culvert:** With a contract for manufacturing a 6'x6' concrete box culvert awarded, 8 bids for removal of the old culvert and installation of the new culvert were opened on Apr. 30. On May 19 the Selectboard awarded the contract to E.E. Packard at \$61,786 with an allowance (\$12/cy) for unsuitable backfill material. Packard had to supply suitable material. The final construction bill was \$70,634. The total of the culvert and construction was \$112,381. The VT AOT Structures Program Grant is also paying 90% of the cost for new guardrail and road paving.

► **Rt. 14/Bridge St. Intersection:** AOT is actively working on plans for this improvement project. This summer they were working on traffic control and erosion control plans. In late Fall, right-of-way plans should be sent to AOT for approval; the entire r.o.w. process may take 1½ years. Construction is forecast for 2011. The project is 100% Federally funded.

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - SUMMARY REPORT

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

**May 2009:** Approved request by A. Spaulding for site plan review to construct within 50' of stream on Mill St.; approved request by D. Lacroix for 6' variance from side yard setback on Goldsbury Woods; continued request by W. Stevens for conditional use approval to allow restaurant on Mill St.; approved request by Auto Trek LLC for sign variance on Fisher Rd.; approved request by A. Spaulding for 3' variance from side yard setback on Mill St.

**June 2009:** Denied appeal by R. Buzzell; denied request by W. Stevens for conditional use approval to allow restaurant on Mill St.

**July 2009:** Approved request by G. Booth for 2-lot s.d. on Morrison; approved request by G.&D. Watt for 2-lot s.d. on So. Barre Rd.

**August 2009:** Approved request by S. Adams for revised final approval-lot reconfiguration/merger on Sierra Lavin & Pierce Rd.; approved request by VT Butter & Cheese for 40' variance from rear yard setback on Pitman Rd.; approved request by VT Butter & Cheese for site plan approval for construction of 52'x77' cooler; approved request by S. Adams to bring in fill exceeding 800 c.y. on Pierce Rd.; continued request by P. Couture on appeal of violation on Church Hill Rd.

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

**April 2009:** Approved changes to Zoning Bylaw.

**May 2009:** Approved request by C.&N. Vaillancourt for 2nd curb cut on Ladd Rd.

**June 2009:** Approved changes to Zoning Bylaw; approved changes to the Subdivision Ordinance.

**July 2009:** Continued request by P. Couture for allowed use determination on Church Hill Rd.

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

**April 2009:** Reviewed request by BT School Board to lower speed limit from 35 to 25 mph on portion of Websterville Rd. in front of school, add 2 crosswalks, and declare that portion an official school zone.

**May 2009:** Recommended installing 3 equestrian signs: in advance of Pine Hill westbound, top of Nichols eastbound; 300' of intersection northbound; accepted resignation of Don Allen and recognized him for 10 years of service on TSAC.

**June 2009:** Introduced new member Jon VanGuilder; reviewed plans for Rt.63/Miller; recommended stop bars on Gregoire & Littlejohn.

**July 2009:** Recommended gate posting stop signs on Phelps; voted to hold public hearing on 8/19 for crosswalks, speed limits, stop signs, yield sign.

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