



CITIZEN BUDGET TOUR

Fiscal Year
2016 – 2017

Saturday,
February 20, 2016

Lettered item = Tour stop

Numbered item = Tour drive-by or mentions

Tour Itinerary - Saturday, February 20, 2016

A. Municipal Building (8:00 am)

1. Websterville Road paving (2016)

B. Department of Public Works Truck Garage (8:50 am)

C. DPW Maintenance Shop (9:15-9:50 am)

2. Pitman Road paving (2015)
3. Malone Solar Farm
4. Wilson Industrial Park sign
5. Recreation & Athletic Complex
6. Wilson Cemetery
7. Quarry Street/Rt. 14 intersection
8. Maplewood Cemetery
9. Nichols Road-Pine Hill Road paving (2015)
10. Pine Hill Solar Farm
11. Pine Hill Road/Rt. 14 intersection
12. Plainfield Brook Road paving (2016)
13. Trow Hill Playground
14. West Cobble Hill Road paving (2016)
15. East Barre water pipe projects
16. Rt. 110/Mill St. intersection

D. East Barre Fire Station and Coffee (10:40 am)

17. Mill St paving (2016)
18. Aldrich Library, East Barre Branch

E. EMS Station (11:00/11:10 a.m.)

19. McLaughlin Road paving (2016)
20. One Bridge Street commercial development
21. Rt. 14/Bridge Street/Sterling Hill intersection
22. Bridge Street sidewalk

F. South Barre Fire Station (11:45 am)

23. Holden Road paving (2015)
24. Peloquin Road culvert
25. Judy, Dianne and Bonnie Lanes paving (2015)
26. Lower Graniteville Playground
27. Graniteville Road paving (2016)
28. Upper Websterville Playground
29. Town Forest

G. Return to Municipal Building (12:30 pm)

Introduction

Welcome to the 25th annual Citizen Budget Tour. This booklet is designed to help you navigate your way through the various Town departments and projects in the hope that you will leave today with a better understanding of how your government works for you.

On this tour we will point out notable past activity, what we are doing right now, and what we are planning on doing next year and beyond. Questions are encouraged, and with elected officials and Town staff along for the ride, you should be able to get answers.

Please, take a few minutes to read through this booklet and mark anything that looks like it may be of interest to you. Enjoy!

A. Municipal Building

The Municipal Building is the heart of the Town government. The building is currently home to six departments: Police Department, Town Clerk's Office, Town Manager's Office, Assessor's Office, Planning and Zoning Department, and the Town Engineer's Office. The building is the center for the bulk of the Town's administrative functions. Built in the 1930s, the building was first a school. When the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School was built in the 1960s, the brick portion of this building became Town offices.

In 1992, voters approved a bond for the addition which now houses the Police Department, the Selectboard meeting room, and a small conference room. The brick portion of the building was updated during the renovation. The Municipal Building also serves as an emergency operations center, and is the official meeting place of Barre Town's many volunteer boards, committees, and commissions.

The building is cleaned and maintained by a part-time employee. The Town Engineer oversees most capital improvement projects to the Municipal Building and partners with Efficiency Vermont when possible to attain bang-for-the-buck investments. The cemetery crew cuts the grass and rakes leaves. The parking lot is plowed by a contractor.

Barre Town has a Building Fund which is a sinking, or reserve, fund. In the past the Building Fund has paid for Municipal Building improvements such as parking lot lighting, roof (on brick section), and energy efficiency improvements.

Purchases and projects approved for FY 2015-16 are underway: installation of an automatic transfer switch for the emergency power generator, replacement lighting in the Planning/Zoning office, installation of replacement carpet in the front lobby entrance and Selectboard meeting room, and repairs to the front entrance and gutter system are being scheduled. The floor buffer and rug shampooer are not yet purchased.

The FY 2016-17 budget requests include \$5,000 for electrical and lighting upgrades, \$3,000 for an HVAC study, and \$9,000 to paint the main office area.

Town Manager's Office

The Town Manager's office is staffed by four employees: the Manager, the Executive Secretary, Assistant Town Manager, and the part-time Accounts Payable Clerk (who can be found in the basement office). This office provides oversight and support for all of the other Town departments as well as the Selectboard, Recreation Board and Cemetery Commission.



The Town Manager is the CEO and CFO of Barre Town. The manager is responsible for orchestrating the day-to-day operations, including but not limited to providing leadership, conducting Town business, internal and external problem solving, budgeting, strategic planning, and developing policy. The manager wears many hats, serving also as grant administrator, labor negotiator, project manager, and HR administrator.

As with any organization, the Executive Secretary is vital to administrative function, ensuring organizational process, support and completion of daily office transactions. In addition to providing administrative support, the Executive Secretary also assists with insurance and vehicle registrations, formats and publishes the quarterly newsletter, compiles the Town Report, assists with weekly payroll, keeps the meeting room calendar, updates announcements and calendar on the town website, and manages picnic shelter reservations.

The Bookkeeping position has been eliminated and the duties divided between, a contractor - Batchelder and Associates (B.A.), and a part-time Accounts Payable Clerk. As the Town's bookkeeping

contractor, B.A. is responsible for financial record keeping for the Manager's Office. Specific duties include general bookkeeping processing payroll, weekly accounts payable, audit preparations and maintaining equipment records, generating accounts receivables invoices, and IRS reporting.

The Assistant Town Manager has many responsibilities, administering special projects that change as required to assist municipal need. This position is currently vacant and is in the process of being filled.

The Accounts Payable Clerk (10 hrs/wk) oversees invoices and payables communicating with the bookkeeping contractor, vendors and staff to ensure the prompt and accurate payment of municipal bills.

There are no new significant requests in the Town Manager's Office budget for FY 2016-17.

Town Clerk's Office

The Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office is arguably the most popular destination in the Municipal Building. Staffed by the elected Clerk-Treasurer and three full-time Assistant Clerks, this office is responsible for many important tasks, including collecting payments on behalf of the Town (permit fees, utility fees, and property taxes). The Clerk's office also maintains all vital records, mails approved accounts payable checks, and provides customer service to a diverse group of patrons.



The Clerk's Office manages all elections and maintains the voter checklist. Land records (deeds, mortgages, approved plats, etc.) are recorded here. They issue marriage licenses, dog licenses, hunting and fishing licenses, and motor vehicle registrations.

The Town Clerk is also the clerk to the Selectboard. She attends the meetings and transcribes the minutes. Meeting agenda and minutes are posted weekly on the Town website. A link to the updated GIS system was recently placed on the town website. The Town Clerk also posts the link to the Selectboard's internet broadcast, hosted by UstreamTV, on the Town's website.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, the Clerk's Office has installed new ports and outlets and replaced two computer monitors

with larger ones. The approved shark “lift away” vacuum for use in the vault is pending.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$5,000 for shelving in the downstairs vault, one-fifth of the project cost planned over 5 years.

Assessor’s Office

The primary function of the Assessor’s Office is to value property for taxes. This office has one full-time Administrative Assistant. The Town Assessor is not a Town employee. His services are contracted for 20 hours each week.

Barre Town shouldn’t be forced to perform a complete reappraisal for a few more years.

The Assessor’s Office computer software and maintenance account has increased in recent years to account for upgrades to the GIS software. The system maintains the tax maps and makes maps with several overlays available on the Town website. The GIS information can be used by anyone but can be especially helpful to real estate agents, lawyers, and surveyors.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, the Assessor’s Office purchased a fire proof file cabinet to store Land Use records, at less than half the expected cost.

The FY 2016-17 budget requests include \$250 for an all-in-one printer.

Planning & Zoning Office

The Planning & Zoning Office is charged with the task of planning future development of the Town and ensuring that Zoning Bylaws are followed accordingly. This office handles applications for zoning permits, subdivisions, and certificates of occupancy.

Within this office there are two full-time employees - the Planning & Zoning Administrator and an Administrative Assistant. The department serves both the Planning Commission and the Development Review Board. The Planning & Zoning Administrator is responsible for administering community development block grants like the one secured for the Central Vermont Montessori School just a few months ago, preparing agendas, monitoring programs, and helping to create applicable policies. He is the lead person for the municipal building phone system and Town radio network.

There were no significant changes in the last or current Planning & Zoning Office fiscal year budget. There are no significant requests in the FY 2016-17 budget.

Town Engineer's Office

The Town Engineer advises the Department of Public Works, Town Manager, and Selectboard on infrastructure projects within the Town; reviews subdivision plans for the Planning & Zoning Office; and prepares specifications for projects being put out to bid (e.g. paving, milling, roofing). This office includes the Town Engineer and an engineering student that serves as a seasonal assistant during the summer and school breaks.

The Town Engineer's office performs several key functions. The Town Engineer issues permits for sewer, water, driveway, and work within rights-of-way. The office also informs residents about water and sewer connections, keeps an inventory of town roads and utilities, collects "as-built" information, keeps plat files on older developments, and works on State and Federal grant projects. The Engineer regularly works on infrastructure grants – such as the VTrans Paving and Structures Grant Programs, High Risk Rural Roads, and Better Back Roads – to secure support in improving our Town highways. The Town Engineer also serves as a staff representative to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and the former Ancient Roads Committee.

Thanks to the 2014-15 approved budget, the engineer's office purchased a new large format printer scanner last year and has been digitally archiving older plans.

There are no new significant FY 2016-17 budget requests.

Police Department

The Police Department currently has eight full-time officers including the Chief and Sergeants. Officers generally work four 10-hour shifts per week, although with the work schedule two officers work five 8-hour shifts. The department also has a civilian Office Clerk/Dispatcher, who works from 8 am - 4 p.m. during the week. The Sergeants assist the Chief with his administrative duties and supervises the evening shifts.



The Police Department has five marked cruisers; one car is replaced every year. The Chief and Sergeant both have a dedicated vehicle, and one vehicle is assigned to each of the three daily shifts. Crown Victorias and Explorers have been phased out and replaced by Police Interceptors. Police Cruisers are high-tech machines, each equipped with cell phones and laptop computers, called mobile data terminals (MDT), which allow officers to write reports and look up information while in the field.

An Animal Control Officer works out of the Police Department, who, in addition to providing services to Barre Town, is contracted to serve the neighboring towns of Berlin, Barre City, and Orange.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, the department paid for its annual Taser evidence storage and administration license, a Taser, a new computer, and its annual contract to receive maintenance and support service for the finger print machine.

The FY 2016-17 requests include \$4,398 for a DVR with 3 terabytes of memory, \$810 for a replacement rifle, and \$2,970 for a Sexual Assault Investigation Unit.

Department of Public Works

The DPW has 14 full-time employees: a Superintendent, two mechanics, a Shop Foreman, and 10 crew members that maintain Town roads, water, and sewer. One of the crew members spends the majority of his time maintaining the water system, sewer system, and caring for signs. Each summer, four college students are hired to support summer construction projects.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, DPW purchased a vibrating roll and low-pro 4-wheel drive truck.

- Roads: In FY 2016-17 the Town expects to spend approximately \$690,000 on road projects. A complete list of paved road projects and gravel road projects planned for FY 2016-17, as presented in the respective 5-year plans, are listed in Appendix A. See the Tour Itinerary on the inside front cover for the projects we will visit, including some of the paving projects completed in FY 2015-16 and planned for FY 2016-17.
- Sewer: Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, all sewer infrastructure was GPS mapped. Also approved but not yet complete is purchase of a push camera for sewer pipes and culverts.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$2,000 for a roof on the South Barre Sewer Pump Station, \$7,500 for a replacement pump at the South Barre Station, and a total of \$27,320 for the GIS data collection on manholes and sewer pipes project (\$6,500 contract with CVRPC, \$12,000 for FTE supervision of a summer helper, \$7,420 for a summer helper, and \$1,400 for vehicle use.

- Water: The water supply for the Town comes from several sources and is maintained by a variety of entities. The Town maintains a well and control building at Waterman Street, water storage tanks at Millstone and Waterman Street, water pump stations at Old 302 and Wilson Street. The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$26,925 for a water line upgrade in East Barre at Rt. 110 and Old 302 (item 15 on the tour) and \$13,500 to cover water purchase cost increases from Graniteville Fire District. On the revenue side, a 1.39% (\$.09/unit) water consumption rate increase is proposed (quarterly base charge would not increase). Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, DPW cleaned water tanks.

B. Department of Public Works Truck Garage

The DPW truck garage on Websterville Road, built around 1960, is the Town's oldest facility. Additions were built in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The Town moved into the new vehicle shop on Pitman Road in 2003 and since then the truck garage has been gradually renovated and being made more energy efficient. Based on an energy audit conducted in 2010, more efficiency improvements are possible.

The "yard" includes underground storage tanks for gasoline and diesel. The leak detection systems on the tanks were replaced in 2010 after failed testing in 2009. Also at the yard are a salt storage building with an attached lean-to roof for storing equipment, a sand storage structure, a pole barn for outdoor storage of equipment and supplies, and the fenced Police Department impound lot and storage area. The School rents a portion of the yard to store the bus fleet.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, DPW purchased a truck garage generator. Also approved but not yet purchased is a new 10-wheel dump truck.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$8,400 to replace windows, \$5,000 to pave at the Truck Garage, and \$190,000 for a replacement 10-wheel dump truck with extended warranty.

C. DPW Maintenance Shop

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, DPW was able to replace ceiling tiles in the shop office and installed a waste oil tank, pump and containment system.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$1,100 for renewing truck diagnostics, \$900 for an inch impact gun, \$900 for a replacement 80-90 gear oil pump, and \$5,000 for 2 propane heaters.



3. Malone Solar Farm

500 kilowatt solar farm at Wilson Industrial Park was developed privately by Mr. Patrick Malone.

Recreation Department

The Recreation Maintenance crew is a half time supervisor, two full-time seasonal helpers, and one summer helper who keep recreation buildings, grounds and equipment maintained at the Recreation & Athletic Complex and its six playgrounds (3 of which are later tour items).

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, the department was able to repair fencing at several recreational facilities.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$5,760 plus payroll expenses for more help May to August 1:00pm-6:30pm to monitor use of fields when it is rainy or wet, and recycling receptacles to comply with Act 148, the Universal Recycling Law.

5. Recreation & Athletic Complex

As the Town's largest park, the facility features a number of athletic and leisure amenities: a sand volleyball court, four tennis courts, a basketball court, a running track, a full-size soccer field, a full-size baseball field, a full-size softball field, an all-



purpose field, a Little League field, a pair of picnic shelters, a skate park, and a Bike Path which will be connected to the East Barre Path (currently being planned) and to the South Barre City Bike Path using funds bequeathed by Barre businessman Charlie Semprebou.

Recent updates at the recreation facility includes electrical repairs near the Edo Building, wiring to the Soccer Field scoreboard, resealing of the Skate Park surface, staining of the picnic shelter, resurfacing of the basketball court, and addition of material and grading for the softball infield.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes conduit and rewiring of the softball field lights. The Recreation Board would also like \$14,000 to rebuild the softball field backstop.

Cemetery Division

The Town owns three cemeteries; Wilson Cemetery (corner of Quarry Hill and Websterville Road, item 6 on the tour), West Hill Cemetery (Perry Road), and Maplewood Cemetery (corner of Nichols Road and Farwell Street, item 8 on the tour). The cemeteries are operated and maintained by the Cemetery Commission and the Cemetery Division (seasonal staff). The Cemetery crew is a Sexton, two full-time seasonal employees, and one summer helper (May-August). The crew supports other Town grounds as well; the Sexton also supervises maintenance of the Town's recreational facilities, the two full-timers perform lawn maintenance at other Town locations, and the summer helper also works with the recreation department. The Cemetery Fund is supported by Cemetery Trust investments, operating revenues, and property taxes collected through the General Fund.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, the Cemetery Department has ordered 13 replacement headstones for historic ones that were broken; they will be replaced this summer.

Because of some unusual requests, the annual \$2,600 old headstone replacement request is suspended for FY 2016-17.

6. Wilson Cemetery

This is the Town's biggest cemetery and it serves as the headquarters for the Cemetery Division. The FY 2016-17 Cemetery budget request includes \$700 for a replacement hedge; \$2,500 to replace

the steel vault doors, and \$6,410 to clean the columbarium, benches, pedestal, and sign.

7. Quarry Street/Rt. 14 intersection

This VTrans project to improve the intersection is mostly in Barre City, but drainage work crosses into Barre Town, so the Town has a small local share. There are two phases: in 2017, earthwork on the south side of Quarry St from Rt. 14 to the railroad, and in 2018, relocation of overhead utilities. The Town budgeted for its local share in FY 2014-15.

8. Maplewood Cemetery

The FY 2016-17 Cemetery budget request includes funds to rehab the Maplewood Cemetery: \$8,192 to reconstruct the gravel road, and \$5,895 for year one of a two-year budgeting effort to restore the historic wrought iron fence and entrance arch.

10. Pine Hill Road/Rt. 14 intersection Paving

In the summer of 2015, DPW made spot repairs to Nichols and Pine Hill Roads. A contractor applied a chip seal surface after the repairs. The Town has extended the culvert under Pine Hill and improved the turning radius of the intersection.

11. Pine Hill Road Solar Farm

500 kW solar array developed by Novus Energy, with credits going to Spaulding High School and Barre Technical Center.

13. Trow Hill Playground

Barre Town, the Recreation Commission, and several residents have been working to revitalize the Trow Hill Playground since August, 2015. Boy Scout Zach Bullock earned his Eagle Scout rank by upgrading the picnic shelter, making benches, and removing 11

truckloads of brush along the fence. The Town had the basketball court resealed and fence repaired, and replaced a basketball net.

The FY 2015-16 budget paid for new, accessible equipment: a large play structure, a unique zip line-like ride (winner in a neighborhood survey), replacement swing seats, an accessible swing seat, and a spring rider. This equipment will be installed in the spring.

The large playground can accommodate more equipment so more ideas are being sought from the neighborhood and will be considered by the Recreation Commission. Grants, cash and in-kind donations would be sought for this equipment.

14. West Cobble Hill, Philbrook and Meadowcrest paving

West Cobble Hill Road will receive crack treatment and bonded wearing course (BWC) from Hill St. to Ridgewood (North). The entire length of Philbrook Street will receive BWC. Meadowcrest Lane will be milled and paved with 1 ½" of hot mix asphalt.

15. East Barre water pipe projects

The overall goal is to upgrade the water line from the end of Mill St to East Cobble Hill Road. There will be three construction phases. The first phase, from the north side of the roundabout to Hillside Avenue, will be constructed this spring at an estimated cost of \$25,000, as approved in the FY 2015-16 budget. The 2016-17 Water Fund budget request includes \$26,925 for the second phase, which will extend 8" pipe from the end of Mill Street at Rt. 110 across Old 302 to the Jail Branch River. The third phase, the stream crossing, will not be constructed until 2018 or later, and may include a pedestrian bridge as part of the project. The estimate for that phase is \$90,000-\$100,000.

16. Rt. 110/Mill St. intersection

The State of Vermont is redesigning this intersection. The last available draft plan is on view at the Municipal Building. Key features are:

- Shifting the Mill Street approach so that it is perpendicular to Route 110, improving sight lines for Mill Street traffic entering Route 110;
- Adjustments to the Bianchi Street approach to Rt. 110 and minor vegetation clearing to maximize sight distances for vehicles exiting Bianchi St (this adjustment reflects objections raised during the January public hearing to the original proposal that Bianchi Street be changed to one-way);
- Narrowing the Old Route 302 approach to provide better definition for traffic leaving and entering Old Route 302;
- Adding a new sidewalk on the north side of Mill Street between Summer Street and Route 110, and a pedestrian crossing to connect the new sidewalk to the existing sidewalk on the Rt. 110 bridge.

The next steps are to develop preliminary plans based on public input received this winter and spring; acquire rights-of-way in 2017, finalize plans in the summer of 2018, and contract for project work in fall of 2018, with construction planned in 2019. The project is currently estimated to cost \$300,000 and will be paid for by federal and state dollars, with no costs to Barre Town.

Fire Department

Barre Town has one Fire Department with two stations. The department is managed by the Fire Chief and a Deputy Chief. Each station has an Assistant Chief, a Captain, and two Lieutenants. The department provides primary (first called) coverage to all of Barre Town and the largest share of the Town of Orange.



The department vehicles are typically replaced using lease financing. It uses four engine (pumper) trucks, two at each station. These are kept for 25 years each. The last replacements were purchased in 2011. The department has three tanker trucks which are kept 25-30 years, with the chassis replaced with used ones every 5-7 years. The next tanker expenses are not expected until 2019 when a new tanker is planned for purchase.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, firefighter emergency (call-out) pay was increased to \$13.00/hr. and both locations received security cameras.

The FY 2016-17 budget requests includes a \$1,600 increase for small equipment, \$1,200 for portable scene lighting, \$1,200 for 1,000 ft of 1” forestry hose, \$1,400 for traffic warning signs, and \$3,000 for hose testing.

D. East Barre Fire Station

The East Barre Station houses the main rescue truck (R-1), the utility pickup truck, and the rescue UTV and trailer.

Thanks to the FY2015-16 budget, the Fire Department purchased a stokes basket for the UTV, replaced flooring in the entry and hallway, repaired the brick on the building’s side, and repaired the floor in bay 4.

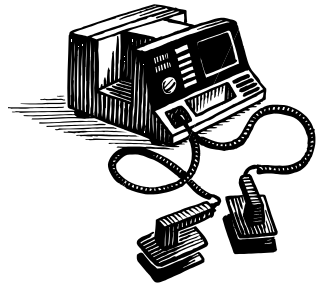
The 2016-17 budget request includes \$2,000 to repair more of the concrete floor.

18. Aldrich Library

The Town contributes annually to the Aldrich Library to recognize the value the library provides to the Barre Community as a whole. The Library has had to take from its endowment for the past few years in order to cover its operating expenses. The Library received a \$55,000 increase in FY 2015-2016 from Town voters and is requesting another \$30,000 increase over last year, for a total of \$205,000.

E. Emergency Medical Services Dept.

Barre Town EMS employs 13 full-timers (FTE): a Director, 6 paramedics, and 6 AEMTs. The FTE paramedics and AEMTs are matched to form six crews. Two crews (a team) are on duty 24/7. One crew is assigned to the department headquarters (Rt. 302 station) and one is assigned to rented space in the Berlin Fire Station. The teams currently work 24-hour shifts (7 am-7 am) and have 48 hours off between shifts. Another 9 crew members are per diem, and staff a third ambulance crew of 1 paramedic and 1 AEMT, who assist with coverage 9am-5pm M-F.



Call revenue (patient billings) and other minor operating income do not cover the nearly \$1.8 million in expenses. Barre Town contracts EMS service with neighboring towns, which subsidize this gap with a per capita fee.

Thanks to the FY 2015-16 approved budget, the cots have received preventative maintenance, and 3 pulse oximeters have been purchased. The three approved infusion pumps have been purchased and will be delivered in March.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes payroll changes for a new work schedule, \$7,000 for two new ambulance radios, \$1,600 for a washer/dryer, \$47,000 for an automated CPR device (AutoPulse), \$18,000 for a transport ventilator, \$3,750 for 3 glide scopes, \$1,200 for paramedic bags, and \$4,500 to repair overhead doors.

20. One Bridge Street commercial development

Construction of a 6000 sq. ft. commercial building is proposed here, including parking and on-property erosion control. The current prospective tenant is Dunkin Donuts which would use ~1,500 sf of the south end of the building along Bridge Street.

21. Rt. 14/Bridge Street/Sterling Hill intersection

This project managed by VTrans is slated for construction in 2017. It will add left turn lanes on Rt. 14 on both sides of the intersection and include a traffic light. The crest of the hill near Christie Street will be shaved down. Existing sidewalk in the immediate area will be replaced. The project is entirely funded by federal and state government with no cost to the Town. Barre City will replace 1500' feet of water line from Jockey Hollow to just south of the intersection prior to the state's project, made necessary by the amount of road cut required by the Route 14 project. These costs will not be borne by the Town of Barre.

22. Bridge Street Sidewalk

Barre Town will construct a sidewalk along the north side of Bridge Street between Route 14 and the bridge to provide a safer route for pedestrians. The project is estimated to cost \$164,400, with 80% federal and 20% Town of Barre dollars. The conceptual plans include a 3 foot bike lane on the north side of Bridge Street. The Town plans to add, from its own budget, pavement and striping for a 3 foot bike lane on the south side of Bridge Street, advancing the Barre Connector (aka Semprebon) Bike Path. Construction is currently planned for 2017.

F. South Barre Fire Station

This station has a Hummer multi-purpose truck (wildland fire, mini pumper, and rescue equipment) which is being replaced with a new pickup truck purchased with money raised by the firefighters.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes \$6,100 to replace the South Barre Fire Station bay lighting with more energy efficient lighting.

24. Pelouquin Road culvert

The Town will replace the existing 84" elliptical metal culvert with a new reinforced concrete box culvert. The total project estimate for the project is \$220,160. A state grant will cover \$175,000; the FY 2016-17 Highway budget request includes the local share of \$45,160.

26. Lower Graniteville Playground

This playground was last renovated in the mid 1990's. Repairs were made to several pieces of equipment and brush was cut along the fence last year. In 2015, DPW repainted the sign.

27. Graniteville Road paving

Graniteville Road will be milled and repaved with hot mix asphalt from Baptist Street to Church Hill Road. From McLeod Hill Road to Church Hill the shoulders will be widened and marked as bike lanes. These bike lanes are part of the Town's master plan for bike paths. The milling and paving are estimated to cost \$100,430.

28. Upper Websterville Playground

This playground was entirely renovated from 2013 to 15. The FY2016-17 budget request includes a facility name sign for this playground.

29. Town Forest

Purchase of the 355 acre town forest was completed in 2013. Voters approved borrowing \$100,000 to contribute towards the purchase. The last of four loan payments (from the General Fund) will be made in December, 2016. The annual debt payment is \$25,000 principal and about \$1,000 in interest.

Two parking lots with informational kiosks for forest users are provided at the top of Barclay Quarry Road and on Brook Street. The Brook Street parking area sees a high volume of year round users. The Town supplies a port-a-let at this lot.

The garage at Brook Street is divided in two halves and "rented" to the Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club and to Millstone Trails Association (MTA). The MTA, Thunder Chickens and Recreation crew take turns cutting the grass. The Thunder Chickens and the DPW crew keep the lot plowed. The cemetery crew collects trash and pick up leaves.

The forest is used by the general public and other organizations – Thunder Chickens, MTA, SHS cross country, and the Rehab Gym. The Recreation Board sponsors free guided nature walks.

Thanks to the 2015-16 approved budget, a forestry consultant was contracted to assist the Town in managing the forest, including

developing specs for logging. The Town contracted for this logging which is underway this winter and should yield a return of \$11,000.

The FY 2016-17 budget request includes a facility sign for the Brook Street parking area, replacing the Brook Street port-o-let with a handicapped-accessible one, and \$1,500 to support winter snow grooming of Town Forest trails.

Other Facilities

Recreation Facilities

- Barre Town Recreation & Athletic Complex
- Parks & Playgrounds: Trow Hill, Upper Graniteville, Lower Graniteville, Upper Websterville, East Barre, Wilson Street (South Barre)
- Picnic Areas: Quarry Hill, Lower Graniteville
- Bike Paths: South Barre, East Barre, and Millstone Hill West

Utilities

- Sewer Pump Stations: South Barre, Orchard Terrace
- Sewage Metering Stations: South Barre, Cedar Street, West Skylark Terrace, Richardson Road
- Water Pump Stations: Old Route 302, Wilson Street
- Water Storage Tanks: Millstone, Waterman Street
- Waterman Street well & control building

Public Works

- Gravel Pit (Route 14, Williamstown)
- Holden Road Lawn Waste Site
- Outdoor storage – Websterville Road

Public Safety

- Radio Equipment, Generator (Williamstown)

Other

- Building (22 Wilson Street), rented to private day care provider

Appendix A

Road Projects

Paved Road Projects

(budget found in Summer Construction and Retreatment departments of the Highway Fund)

- Graniteville Rd – Baptist St to Church Hill Rd
- Websterville Rd – Quarry Hill Rd to Town offices
- Plainfield Brook Rd – Rt. 14 to Camire Hill Rd
- Mill St – Rt. 110 to end of pavement (EOP)
- McLaughlin Rd – Rt. 14 to EOP
- Norris St – entire length
- Teja Rd – entire length
- Church St – entire length
- Clyde St – entire length
- Garden St – entire length
- Summer St – entire length
- High St – entire length
- Morin Rd – entire length
- King's Row – entire length
- Hebert Dr – entire length
- Allen St – Barre City line to #212
- Crest St – entire length
- Compo St – entire length
- Dodge Ave – entire length
- Pearl St – entire length
- West Cobble Hill Rd – Hill St to Ridgewood (north)
- Philbrook St – entire length
- Meadowcrest Ln – entire length
- Pierce Rd – entire length
- Miller Road Ext – Rt. 63 to Town line

Gravel Road Projects

(budget found in Summer Maintenance of the Highway Fund)

- LePage Rd – Beckley Hill Rd to Ladd Farm
- Jensen Rd – entire length
- Cedar Cliff – entire length
- Nuissl Rd – EOP to Pierce Rd

- BUDGET FACTS -

I. Current budgets (FY 2015 – 16)

General Fund	=	\$3,349,961
Highway Fund	=	\$2,712,220

II. Grand List Growth History

2006 - \$5,669,690	2011 - \$6,003,000
2007 - \$5,789,108	2012 - \$6,077,702
2008 - \$5,897,467	2013 - \$6,018,586
2009 - \$5,898,07	2014 - \$6,094,817
2010 - \$5,938,000	2015 - \$6,165,000

(8.73% increase since 2006 i.e. in 9 years; .97% increase per year)

III. Percent (%) Revenues from Property Taxes, Current Year

General Fund – 83.4%	Highway Fund – 92.5%
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IV. 2.5% Budget Increase Impact on Tax Rate

(1% Grand List growth & all other revenues remain the same)

General Fund: 2.5% increase = \$83,750. 1¢ tax rate = \$62,250
 $\$83,750 \div \$62,250 = 1.35\text{¢}$ tax rate increase

Highway Fund: 2.5% increase = \$65,222. 1¢ tax rate = \$62,250
 $\$67,805.50 \div \$62,250 = 1.09\text{¢}$ tax rate increase

V. Tax Rate History

Budget Yr	Town Rate	Ed. Homestead	Ed. Non-Homestead
2007-08	.8319	1.0972	1.4602
2008-09	.8291	1.1541	1.5546
2009-10	.8473	1.1416	1.6324
2010-11	.8502	1.2193	1.6350
2011-12	.8593	1.2904	1.6210
2012-13	.8569	1.3014	1.6076
2013-14	.8609	1.3654	1.6661
2014-15	.8939	1.3930	1.7328
2015-16	.9098	1.4056	1.7341
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% 8 yr Δ	+9.36%	+28.11%	+18.76%
ave. annual Δ	+1.79%	+3.51%	+2.34%

VI. Taxes Due per 1¢

\$100,000 assessed value=\$10	\$220,000 assessed value=\$22
\$140,000 assessed value=\$14	\$255,000 assessed value=\$25.50
\$175,000 assessed value=\$17.50	\$315,000 assessed value=\$31.50

VII. At present tax rate, annual tax bill for residential properties:

Assessed Value	Tax Bill	Assessed Value	Tax Bill
\$90,000	\$2,083	\$160,000	\$3,704
\$115,000	\$2,662	\$200,000	\$4,630
\$135,000	\$3,125	\$300,000	\$6,946

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