

District 6
Certcode 1202-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2026 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID - Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of **BARRE TOWN** in **WASHINGTON** County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000			0.000	0.000
Class 2	21.560			21.560	0.000
Class 3	73.76	27		74.03	0.000
State Highway	11.593			11.593	0.000
Total	106.913			107.183	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000			0.000	
* Class 4	4.64			4.64	0.000
* Legal Trail	1.84			1.84	

* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total.

Initial
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Unchanged totals entered by P. DeAndrea, VTans, 3/18/2026

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

1. **NEW HIGHWAYS:** Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".
 TH229 Hickory way was extended .27

2. **DISCONTINUED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

3. **RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED:** Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

4. **SCENIC HIGHWAYS:** Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES RECORDED THIS YEAR: Place an X in the box and sign below.

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Signatures of Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees:
 Bob Nelson
 Dawn Doucy

Signature of T/C/V Clerk: Lidant Date Filed: 3/17/2026

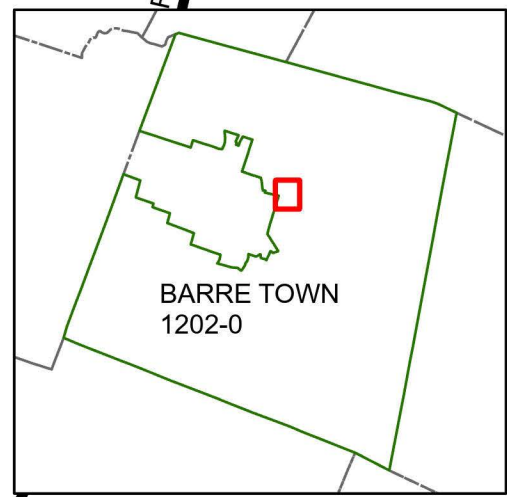
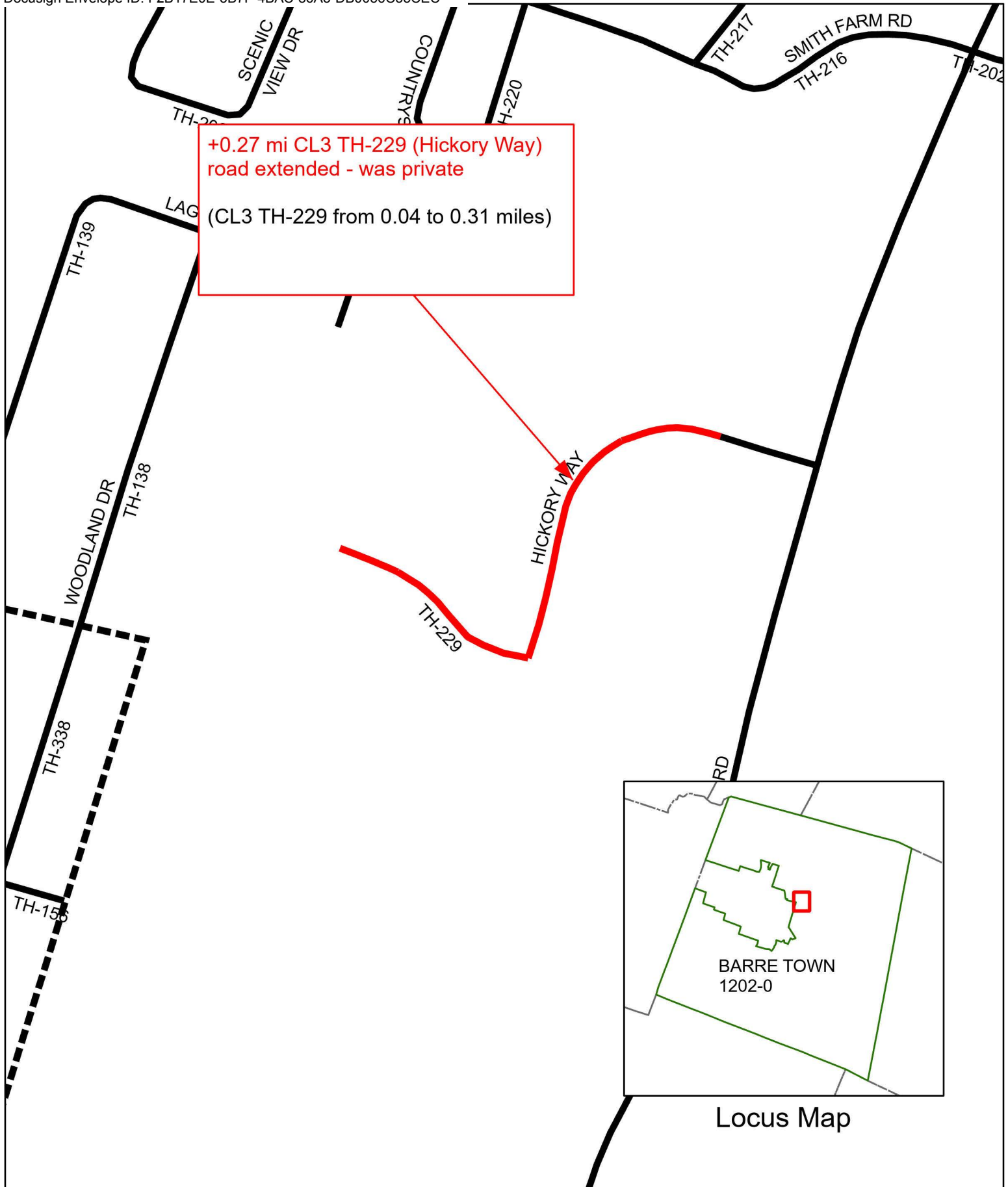
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AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED: Johnathan Croft
 Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 3/18/2026

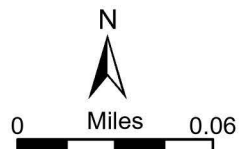
+0.27 mi CL3 TH-229 (Hickory Way)
road extended - was private
(CL3 TH-229 from 0.04 to 0.31 miles)



Mileage Certificate Changes 2026
BARRE TOWN TH-229

(CTUA:1202-0)
(CERTCODE:1202-0)

Mapping Unit
Highway Division
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- March 18, 2026



COMMUNITY NEWS

YOUTH NEWS

Adoption Month

November is National Adoption Month, a time to recognize the importance of maintaining connections between children and their family of origin, whether through post-adoption contracts, or reunification. It highlights the 80 Vermont children and youth who are awaiting their forever families.

Project Family, a partnership between Lund and the Department for Children and Families, works to find permanent families for children and youth. However, more families are needed, especially for youth over the age of 14. The chances of a child younger than age 8 being adopted are almost nine times greater than for one over the age of 14.

The Vermont Consortium for Adoption & Guardianship is an organization comprised of adopted individuals, adoptive caregivers, community members and professionals who work to support families formed through adoption and guardianship in Vermont. Their website provides resources such as support groups, events and training opportunities, and includes free post-permanency support services.

For more information how you can help a child to find their forever family, call Project Family at 1-800-746-7000 or visit dcf.vermont.gov/fid/adopt.

AROUND TOWN

Truth-telling

St. JOHNSBURY — The final Public Truth-Telling Session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at St. Johnsbury Elementary School, 257 Western Ave., St. Johnsbury.

OPENING DAY



Killington Resort opens to the public at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13.

PROVIDED PHOTO

This season is designed for individuals who have been harmed by Vermont's state systems, laws and policies, to speak. The broader public is welcome to attend. Potential community discussion themes include family separation, barriers to choosing where one lives, and being isolated or excluded from one's community.

Established in 2023, the Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission is an independent body working to uncover and acknowledge harm caused by Vermont's state systems. Through public testimony, historical research and community engagement, the commission goal is to promote healing, truth and systemic transformation.

Job fairs

Vermont Department of Labor announced its "Work Your Way" Job Fair Series, a statewide event for part-time and seasonal hiring.

The series will take place from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at these American Job Centers: — Barre-Montpelier Job Center, 5 Perry St., #200. — Burlington Job Center, 63 Pearl St. — Rutland Job Center, 88 Merchants Row.

— Springfield Job Center, 56 Main St., #101. — St. Johnsbury Job Center, 1197 Main St., #1. Attendees can meet with local

employers, learn about available job opportunities, and explore flexible work arrangements. Pre-registration, found on the Department's website (labor.vermont.gov), is welcome but not required.

Craft show

ESSEX JUNCTION — The sixth annual Vermont Holiday Market brings more than 125 crafters and artisans from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 to the Expo South Building, Champlain Valley Exposition, 105 Pearl St., Essex Junction.

Free gift wrapping will be provided by the Josh Pallotta Fund, with all donations supporting Josh's House. The first 200 guests each day

will receive a free tote bag, and the first 100 guests will be automatically entered to win a gift basket valued at over \$200.

Vermont Holiday Market offers full-day food options, free parking, and an on-site ATM. Tickets are available at the door: adults \$10, children younger than age 12 free.

AROUND VT

Cultural research

Vermont Folklife announces the opening of applications for the 2026 Vermont Community Fellows Program, an initiative to build statewide capacity for community-based, action-oriented field research. The program is made possible thanks to Congressionally Directed Spending secured by Sen. Bernie Sanders through the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Applications will be accepted from now until Dec. 14. For more information and to apply, visit: vtfolklife.org/communityfellows.

This Community Fellows Program provides funding, practical skills and ongoing mentorship to Vermont residents age 18+ to address shared needs through collaborative field research projects with the places, people and groups that matter to them.

Do you have an item you would like to see in Community News? A milestone? A public announcement? A short news release about something entertaining going on in your town? Simply email the information to us at news@timesargus.com. Be sure to put "Community News" in the subject line. (Note: We do reserve the right to edit for length.) When submitting photographs, please be sure they are larger than 1MB in a jpg format.

NOV. 13

63rd annual Lebanon Christmas Show & Sale — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 250 N Plainfield Road, Lebanon.

Lyric Theatre Co.'s "A Chorus Line" — at The Flynn Main Stage. Nov. 13-16 will be presented at The Flynn Main Stage. Nov. 13 through 16, 7:30 p.m. The Flynn, 153 Main St., Burlington. 802-668-1484.

NOV. 14

Operation Santa by United States Postal Service — 3-5 p.m. 3 South Main St., Barre. 802-477-4026.

Opera Vermont Presents "A Bayou Legend" — The program is a series of works in pairs, one of each pair by an early composer, one by a 20th-century composer, from Tchaikovsky to Liszt, to Verdi, to Williams. William Grant Still's tale of love and transcendence, debuting in Vermont with a world-class BPO cast and orchestrated by Cavin Marcell Merson. 7:30 p.m. Chandler Music Hall, Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 North Main St., Randolph. 802-728-9878.

NOV. 15

23rd annual Hunter's Breakfast & Bake Sale — 7-11 a.m. First Congregational

Events

Church, Ridge Road and Route 65, Brookfield. 508-828-3940.

Chelsea Holiday Market — Over 30 local artisan and agricultural vendors with something for everyone, whether you are shopping for unique holiday gifts or looking to stock the Thanksgiving table. Wheelchair accessible. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. First Branch Middle and PreSchool, 6 School St., Chelsea.

Waitsfield Elementary Ski & State Sale — Back for its 46th year, this celebrated community tradition offers unbeatable prices on new and gently

used ski, skis, and winter sports gear. 9-4 p.m. Waitsfield Elementary School, 3951 Main St., Waitsfield.

Craft Fair — 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 8 North Main St., Waterbury.

Winter Clothing Giveaway Free Clothing for Everyone — 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Jayville Public Library, 122 School St., Marshfield. 802-426-3581.

Bake Sale Extraordinaire — Touched by Love International invites you to our Bake Sale Extraordinaire. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Shaw's, 160 Pease Turnpike North, Berlin. 802-476-9699.

Getting the Most Out of Our Library — Learn how to navigate our library. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Vermont Genealogy Library, 57 River Road, Essex Junction. 802-671-5647.

Widow's Weekend Drag Brunch — Join us for mimosas, brunch, and some of the best drag performers Vermont has to offer. 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Summer Street Tavern, 30 Summer St., Barre.

Opera Vermont Presents William Grant Still's "A Bayou Legend" — "A

tale of unrequited love, revenge, and eternal transcendence." Featuring a live orchestra conducted by Cavin Marcell Merson. 4-6 p.m. Chandler Music Hall, Chandler Center for the Arts, 71 North Main St., Randolph. 802-728-9878.

Annual Laurette Davis Ladies' Night Out — 6-10 p.m. American Legion Post 63, 48 Depot Square, Northfield.

"Atlantic Crossing" in Admont — Atlantic Crossing, one of Vermont's

best-known traditional ensembles, will perform at the Admont Community Club. 7:30 p.m. Admont Community Club, 1611 Martin Road, Colas. 802-454-7103.

Waltzing and Contra Dance — Waltzing 7-7:45, Contra dance into session at 7:45 p.m. and Contra Dance 8-11 p.m. Regular dance admission plus \$5 for waltz session. Beginners, singles, and all ages are welcome; all dances are taught. 7-11 p.m. Capital City Grange, 6612 Vermont 12, Berlin. 802-225-8921.

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LOTTERY

Tuesday

Nov. 11, 2025

DRAWS

Midday: 3-4-1 and 9-1-9-6
Evening: 9-2-7 and 5-6-8-8

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Town of Barre VERMONT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & SITE VISIT

Final Road Acceptance Hickory Way & Wildwood Drive

The Barre Town Selectboard will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting beginning at 6 PM on November 16, 2025, to consider the final acceptance of Hickory Way and the extension of Wildwood Drive as public roads. Hickory Way is located in the Windy Wood Housing Development and runs approximately 1,650 feet from its intersection with Windy Wood Road to its intersection with Wildwood Drive. Wildwood Drive is an existing town road, which has been extended by approximately 470 feet.

The hearing will be held in Conference Room 1 at the municipal building, located at 149 Westerville Road. Prior to the public hearing, the Selectboard will conduct a special meeting for the purpose of conducting a site visit at 4:00 PM, starting at the intersection of Hickory Way and Locust Common.

Per Barre Town Selectboard



BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 16, 2025

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Consider approving the agenda.
4. Consider approving December 2, 2025 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Public Hearing (continued from 11/18/2025) Hickory Way Road Acceptance. Consider the acceptance of Hickory as a Town road
7. Discuss the purchase of a new fire truck
8. FY 2024 budget proposal – EMS staffing
9. Consider a request by the EMS Director for an unbudgeted expenditure – a stand-alone subscription to a reporting system
10. Consider appointing an acting Town Manager
11. Bid Award – Consider awarding the contract for the Holden Road bank stabilization project
12. Review and consider adopting the Five-Year Gravel Road Plan
13. Review and consider adopting the Five-Year Paved Road Plan
14. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for December 9 & December 16, 2025
15. Miscellaneous: including permits and licenses
16. Round the Table
17. Executive Session: personnel and contracts
18. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of December 16, 2025, was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

Selectboard Members Present: Norma Malone, Justin Bolduc, Bob Nelson, Todd Provencher, and David Soucy.

Selectboard Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Chris Violette, Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Director of Public Works Josh Martineau, Fire Chief Andy Lange, EMS Director David Danforth, Kaelee Bouleris, and Fire Department Officers: Josh Stewart, Chris Day, Brad Morse, Brandon Tessier, Chris Sanborn, Adam Crawford, and Zach King. Those present virtually: DPW Superintendent MaCaden Lyford.

Others Present: Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisell. Those present virtually: Jon Snow

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Malone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add item 5a. – Receive guests for non-agenda items
2. Modification to item #13: review with discussion in executive session
3. Item #17 Executive Session: possible action related to item #13 and personnel

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the December 4, 2025 Selectboard meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

- We are currently accepting letters or emails of interest for the 2026-2027 Budget Committee. If you are a registered voter in Barre Town and would like to serve on a committee that, despite its short term, has a significant impact on town operations, this opportunity may be for you. The committee will meet from the end of January until the end of March to review all ten funds and their respective budgets. The Town Manager will accept letters or emails expressing interest until December 24th. If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact the Town Manager at 479-9331 or email him at cviolette@barretown.org.

GUESTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING (CONTINUED) – HICKORY WAY/WILDWOOD DRIVE ACCEPTANCE:

Background: The process of initiating the acceptance of Hickory Way and the extension of Wildwood Drive as Town roads within the Windy Wood housing development began during the Selectboard meeting on November 18, 2025. This 64-unit project, permitted in the mid-2000s and constructed over a period of 10 years starting in 2014, includes significant infrastructure such as water, sewer, and stormwater systems, along with the two roads. A site visit was conducted before the November 18 public hearing, with four of the five Selectboard members in attendance.

During the public hearing, discussions centered on the Selectboard's site visit as well as the status of draft deeds for the road. Richard Colton, the principal of Windy Wood Housing, LLC, provided the deeds, and as of the November 18th meeting, they were reviewed by Town Attorney Mike Monte. Director of Public Works, Josh Martineau confirmed that, based on his observations, the roads meet the Town's specifications and standards and have held up well in the year since final paving was completed. Additionally, the residents of the development seem satisfied; no complaints about the road have been received. Windy Wood Development Board of Directors John Hull spoke virtually about his impressions of the road, noting that it held up well. It was also noted that, in typical cases, provisional acceptance precedes final approval, but given unique circumstances, it was deemed unnecessary. The hearing was adjourned to allow time for the Town Attorney's feedback on the acceptability of the draft deeds.

Since the hearing on the 18th, Town Attorney, Mike Monte has completed his review and determined that the deeds submitted by Mr. Colton are insufficient. In an even bigger revelation, Mr. Monte noted that there were no deeds or rights within the documents submitted by Mr. Colton that legally authorize Windy Wood Housing, LLC to convey the portions of Hickory Way and Wildwood Drive located on land owned by LaGue Inc. The only suggestion that the developer could construct roads on LaGue's land comes from a note from Henry LaGue (now deceased), which permitted the roads to be built on LaGue Inc. land. Aside from that note, there is no evidence that legal documents exist. Windy Wood Housing, LLC, does not have the right to convey even an easement for the roads, complicating the situation. Below, for clarity:

Hickory Way begins at Windy Wood Road and traverses over land owned by the developer, approximately 1,600 feet, where it then meets the common boundary of Windy Wood Housing LLC and LaGue, Inc. From there, the remainder of Hickory Way and Wildwood Drive are on LaGue land. Of the 1,600 feet of Hickory Way, the first 300 feet were conveyed to the Town by Warranty Deed (book 287, page 857) in August of 2016. Although already conveyed, those first 300 feet have not been accepted as a Town road and are included in this proceeding.

As previously noted, the deeds submitted by Mr. Colton for 1,300 feet of Hickory Road not already conveyed were insufficient. The deeds did not accurately describe the road's course and direction or the actual boundaries. Correcting the deeds is technically Windy Wood Housing's responsibility. However, knowing Mr. Monte would have to review any corrected deeds and the uncertainty regarding how long it would take to make those corrections, the Manager has asked Mr. Monte to draft a new deed for the remaining portion of Hickory Way, on Windy Wood Housing LLC's land.

Mr. Monte has completed the task of rewriting the deed and, in the process, took the two Mr. Colton had drafted and made it into one deed. Mr. Colton has reviewed and approved the deed Mr. Monte drafted.

Regarding the section of Hickory Way (approximately 100 feet) and Wildwood Drive (approximately 465 feet) that was constructed on land owned by LaGue Inc., the acceptance process must be put on hold until the town is granted legal authority to use the LaGue land for these roads. Again, while the responsibility for obtaining the legal authority to cross LaGue Inc.'s land lies with Windy Wood Housing LLC, the Manager took the initiative to contact LaGue Inc. through Henry LaGue, III (Chip), to expedite the process. The Manager also requested that Mr. Monte draft the necessary documents for the Town to acquire an easement for Hickory Way and Wildwood Drive. My conversations with Mr. LaGue were positive, and he appeared willing to execute the required documents to convey the rights to the Town. However, given that Mr. LaGue

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

was leaving town, they were unable to meet to discuss further and go over the draft easement deed. Mr. LaGue should return around December 17th. The Manager notes that they plan to meet shortly thereafter to hopefully secure Mr. LaGue's commitment to sign the documents before the next Selectboard meeting.

Discussion:

Those present: Director of Public Works Josh Martineau

Mr. Violette recommended that the Board formally accept Hickory Way from Windy Wood LLC and LaGue Inc. and continue the public hearing to December 30 in hopes of receiving a commitment from Mr. LaGue.

Chair Malone expressed concerns regarding the drafted warranty deed, noting that it references an easement that has not yet been finalized. Mr. Violette explained that this language was included at the suggestion of Town Attorney Mike Monte and was intended to preserve the Town's rights to any potential deeds currently in place.

Mr. Nelson raised similar concerns and questioned the urgency of the matter. Mr. Violette responded that the urgency relates to taxpayer accountability, as the Town is currently maintaining the road based on a verbal agreement despite not owning it. Mr. Nelson stated that he was uncomfortable with the precedent this situation could set.

Board members acknowledged residents' concerns but noted that the matter is the responsibility of Mr. Colton.

Following further discussion, the Board agreed to continue the current road maintenance arrangement and defer further discussion regarding formal acceptance until the December 30 meeting.

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to continue the public hearing to the date certain of December 30, 2025.

FIRE TRUCK DISCUSSION:

Background: The five-year Equipment Replacement Plan outlines the replacement of the fire department's engine 2, a 1995 pumper truck built on a Freightliner chassis. The equipment plan anticipates a lease purchase over ten years at \$75,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2027. The \$75,000 would cover both principal and interest as proposed.

In preparation for this upcoming purchase, the fire department formed a truck committee to begin the rigorous process of creating specifications for a new truck. This complex task typically involves extensive research, visits to other fire departments to review recent purchases, meetings with factory representatives, and drafting specifications. Several members of the fire department served on this committee and submitted a proposed specification to the Manager back in August. At that time, the committee indicated that a new custom-built truck, similar to engines 3 and 4 (purchased in 2010 and 2011, respectively), is estimated to cost around \$1 million. While this price tag was startling, it was not entirely unexpected, as the rescue/pumper currently on order for the department came with a price tag of \$800,000 two years ago. It is well-known that the cost of fire apparatus and equipment has significantly increased.

Given the anticipated substantial cost for this new truck, the Manager asked the committee to revisit their work and explore all options, including downsizing. Historically, the fire department has operated with four pumper trucks, two in East Barre and two in South Barre. However, they have been running with three pumpers for the past several years since engine 1, the twin to engine 2, was taken out of service and sold.

The Manager believes that the optimal number of pumpers is three; four is unnecessary, especially given access to mutual aid. Three pumpers make sense because they provide significant operational flexibility. Having two pumpers available as frontline, first-due engines is essential for ensuring life safety for both the public and the firefighters. The third pumper allows for operational support while the department is fighting a fire by potentially providing a water supply or being able to remain in service to cover additional calls. Additionally, having three pumpers reduces reliance on mutual aid. This setup also ensures that the station maintains frontline readiness if one of the first-due engines is sidelined due to mechanical issues.

The Manager asked the committee to consider whether the new rescue that also functions as a pumper could count as the third pumper as an alternative to replacing engine 2 as a full-fledged pumper truck were pursued. There was considerable discussion about this, and the committee noted that since the primary purpose of the new rescue is for "rescue" operations, committing it to a fire scene would compromise its availability for rescue missions.

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

Additionally, the truck committee considered a mini or midi pumper. These trucks are smaller, considerably less expensive, and capable of pumping water. However, they do come with limitations and are not expected to be frontline pumpers. They also explored options such as program trucks or cookie-cutter trucks but have significant concerns about their construction and long-term viability. The Manager met with the officers to emphasize the importance of fiscal responsibility. The committee and officers demonstrated a clear understanding of the financial implications for taxpayers. At the same time, it is a balancing act to be fiscally responsible while ensuring the safety of the public and personnel.

Ultimately, the truck committee firmly believes that the best option is to continue pursuing the full-sized custom pumper truck. While the Manager has concerns about the costs now and in the future, they can make a compelling case. Because of that and understanding, the Manager has significant concerns about how the Town moves forward with not just this truck, but future trucks. This agenda item is purely for discussion, and no formal action is being requested at this time.

Discussion:

Those present: Fire Chief, Andy Lange and Fire Department Officers: Josh Martineau, Josh Stewart, Chris Day, Brad Morse, Brandon Tessier, Chris Sanborn, Adam Crawford, and Zach King.

Officers of the Barre Town Fire Department were present to discuss the proposed replacement of Engine 2 and to explain why they recommend pursuing a custom-built fire engine. Lieutenant Josh Martineau reviewed key points from a letter previously provided to Selectboard members. Highlights on a custom-built engine included the following:

- More durable and has an expected service life of up to 25 years
- Offers increased storage capacity
- Includes safety features designed to protect firefighters and improve emergency response
- Provides water gauges on all three sides of the vehicle
- Includes a pump heater to prevent freezing
- Features in-cab communication
- Offers park mode with emergency lighting
- Includes a roll-up panel system designed for greater longevity

Lieutenant Martineau explained that a truck committee met over a period of seven to eight months to evaluate options. In an effort to reduce costs, the Committee adjusted specifications by reducing shelving, changing the chassis, and selecting a five-person cab instead of a four-person cab. Despite these changes, industry-wide price increases have offset savings. Lieutenant Martineau stated that the Committee's primary goal was to identify a truck that would be durable, functional, and beneficial to the Town over the long term.

Mr. Martineau stated that the Fire Department is requesting authorization to put the proposed truck specifications out to bid.

The Board thanked the Fire Department Officers for their presence at the meeting and for their service to the Town.

Board members acknowledged the significant cost of the proposed vehicle and discussed the long-term value of a custom-built engine compared to a production model. After much discussion, the Board agreed to move forward with issuing a bid for the truck. Chair Malone stated that ensuring first responders are properly equipped and trained is a top priority.

Board members also discussed the importance of contributing to the Equipment Replacement Fund to assist with future vehicle purchases.

Lieutenant Martineau noted that there will be time to pursue grant opportunities to help offset the cost, as delivery of the truck would take more than two years.

Mr. Violette thanked the Truck Committee for their work, noting the thoughtful consideration given to both operational needs and fiscal responsibility.

ACTING TOWN MANAGER APPOINTMENT:

Background: Finance Director Katelyn Kran was appointed the Acting Town Manager (ATM) on May 2, 2023, upon Chris Violette's transition to the Town Manager's role. With Katelyn's departure from full-time employment, a new ATM should be appointed.

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

While the Manager is almost always reachable when he is out of town, there is still a need for someone in the building or close by to handle situations that require in-person presence.

Discussion:

Mr. Violette is recommending Town Manager Assistant Leslie Babic to be appointed as the Acting Town Manager. Mrs. Babic, working in the manager's office, has demonstrated a keen awareness of town matters and, as the Human Resource Director, has insight into many things. Mrs. Babic and Mr. Violette speak regularly when he is absent from the office and have a good line of communication established. Furthermore, Mrs. Babic has a good rapport with department heads and staff and will have plenty of support.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by David Soucy, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Leslie Babic as Acting Town Manager in the absence of the Town Manager.

It is noted for the record that this appointment will be effective as of December 19, 2025.

FIVE-YEAR GRAVEL ROAD PLAN:

Background: The Five-Year Gravel Road Plan is a long-term plan for continuing maintenance of the gravel roads in Barre Town. The plan is an important tool and is updated annually by the Director of Public Works. Due to flooding in both 2023 and 2024, maintenance fell behind. However, significant progress was made in 2026, helping us get back on track.

The proposed FY27-31 Gravel Road Plan is essentially a continuation of the plan approved last year, with a new fifth year. The most significant changes are to LePage and Lowery Road in year one, where adjustments were made to the amounts of gravel removed and added for both roads.

Discussion:

Those present: Director of Public Works, Josh Martineau. Those present virtually: DPW Superintendent MaCaden Lyford.

Mr. Nelson inquired whether the amount of gravel being applied to roads is kept consistent. Mr. Martineau responded that gravel application is not an exact science and that staff makes every effort to replace material at the same level as before. He noted that required regulations must be followed and that differences are sometimes a matter of perception, even though the condition of the road has not materially changed.

Chair Malone asked about the amount of gravel typically lost each year due to plowing, grading, dust, and normal wear. Mr. Martineau responded that approximately one inch of gravel is lost annually.

Mr. Provencher asked about the benefit of replacing well-packed gravel that appears to be in good condition. Mr. Martineau explained that over time, gravel breaks down due to traffic and environmental factors, resulting in fine material that becomes more noticeable in the spring and is what the department works to manage.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 5-Year Gravel Road Plan covering fiscal years 2027-3031.

EARLY BUDGET IDEA PRESENTATION - EMS:

Background: EMS Director David Danforth will be present to provide an early budget idea for the addition of three staff members.

Discussion:

Those present: EMS Director David Danforth

Mr. Danforth was present to discuss a proposed FY27 budget item. He noted a significant increase in call volume, currently up approximately 21%, and stated that operations will need to be adjusted to meet this growing demand. To better accommodate daytime call volume, he proposed adding three full-time positions: two EMT positions and one paramedic position. Mr. Danforth reported that the department currently averages 17 calls per day, with the highest single-day total reaching 37 calls. He stated that he does not anticipate the need to increase per capita rates at this time.

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

Board members asked whether additional vehicles would be required. Mr. Danforth responded that if call volume continues to increase, the department may need to consider adding an SUV and an additional ambulance within the next 12 months. He noted that this could present challenges and expressed hope that call volume will level off.

Chair Malone asked about the factors contributing to the increased call volume. Mr. Danforth attributed the rise to an aging population and lingering impacts following the COVID period. Chair Malone observed that mutual aid calls have not increased significantly, indicating that the rise in call volume is occurring primarily within service Towns. Mr. Danforth added that 911 calls are also increasing. Furthermore, Mr. Violette inquired about how the hospital is managing the increased patient volume. Mr. Danforth responded that the hospital is relying more frequently on EMS for patient transfers.

Mr. Bolduc asked for clarification regarding the proposed EMT positions. Mr. Danforth explained that the two EMT positions would allow for weekday staffing of an ambulance while ensuring paramedics remain available where they are most needed.

The Board thanked Mr. Danforth for the information presented.

UNBUDGETED EXPENSE REQUEST – EMS – NEW REPORTING PLATFORM:

Background: EMS Director David Danforth has a request to purchase a new reporting system that is not in the current budget. Mr. Danforth provided a memo outlining the justification, stating that the current free VT EMS version is inadequate for Barre Town EMS's needs. He relates this need to the expanded operations and the effort to increase efficiency.

Mr. Danforth proposes purchasing a stand-alone subscription to the same incident reporting system they currently use, SIREN. SIREN is a comprehensive electronic prehospital patient care data collection, analysis, and reporting system that has been used in Vermont since 2010. As noted in Mr. Danforth's memo to the Manager, the one-time implementation cost for the first year is \$43,595. The recurring subscription cost would be \$35,000 per year.

Discussion:

Those present: EMS Director David Danforth and AEMP provider Kaelee Bouleris. Those present virtually: Jon Snow

Jon Snow joined the meeting virtually. He is a career paramedic and paramedic educator, and he manages enterprise account sales for Image Trend, a software company that currently handles all of the EPCRS. This is the data reporting system that the EMS department uses.

Mr. Danforth explained that over the past 24 months, the department has focused on ensuring revenue accuracy and operational efficiency. He noted that the current free version of Vermont's EMS reporting system is inadequate for the department's needs. Because the State owns the global system, any changes must go through them, which limits functionality and efficiency.

To address these challenges, Mr. Danforth proposed purchasing a standalone subscription to SIREN, the reporting system currently in use. He explained that SIREN offers functionality that is not available in the State's free system, including auto-populated fields, which reduce human error and save time. The recurring subscription would also leverage AI tools to increase billing efficiency, and Mr. Snow noted that a 2–10% increase in revenue is expected with its implementation.

AEMP provider Kaelee Bouleris spoke on deficiencies in SIREN, highlighting that many State protocols are not included in the system. He noted billing challenges, such as missing destination fields, which require staff to contact the State to correct errors, affecting data accuracy.

Mr. Soucy expressed frustration, stating that this issue should be addressed at the State level, while Chair Malone suggested it is most likely a low priority for the State.

Mr. Danforth further emphasized that the current system is costing the department time and resources, and that the AI functionality in SIREN will assist providers by scanning reports, identifying discrepancies, and automatically populating appropriate fields.

Board members noted that current revenues are exceeding the budget by more than 3% and discussed that moving forward, the subscription would represent a recurring annual cost of approximately \$35,000.

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

Chair Malone inquired if other EMS departments have opted out of the State's free system. Mr. Danforth responded that Stowe uses its own system, and Rescue, Inc. opted out and now utilizes a system based in New Hampshire.

The Board acknowledged the department's challenges with the State's system and recognized the potential benefits of the proposed SIREN subscription.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by David Soucy, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the unbudgeted purchase of a full subscription to the incident reporting system known as SIREN for an initial cost of \$45,595.

BID AWARD – HOLDEN ROAD REPAIR:

Background: The lower section of Holden Road suffered significant damage during the flooding event on July 10, 2023, which affected Central Vermont. Since then, this section of Holden Road has been closed to traffic. The repair of Holden Road is a project under Public Assistance, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) allocating \$580,000 for the repairs. To date, we have received \$469,800 and will receive additional funds upon project completion, including the State's holdback of part of the FEMA award and the State's contribution from the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (ERAF).

The engineering firm VHB, based in Winooski, was hired to develop a solution for the necessary repairs. VHB, in turn, engaged Sanborn Head Associates, based in Burlington, for geotechnical engineering support. Together, they designed a solution that will involve installing a wall secured with soil nails to stabilize the bank.

On November 4, 2025, bid specifications and a bid request were posted on the State of Vermont's bid registry and circulated to several interested parties. During the bid opening on December 11, 2025, three bids were received. The lowest bid came from J.A. McDonald, Inc. of Lyndonville, VT, totaling \$622,653.50. The other bidders were Baillargeon Construction Services of Claremont, NH, at \$699,198.10, and ECI of Williston, VT, at \$769,692.50. Both Mr. Martineau and VHB reviewed J.A. McDonald's bid and determined that it meets all technical requirements, and they are confident in their ability to complete the work.

Recognizing that the costs exceeded the FEMA award, in his memo to the Manager, Mr. Martineau included an analysis of cost vs revenue for all the emergency repairs that received Federal and State support. The Manager and Mr. Martineau both believe that the Town is still within a funding framework that does not require the use of Town funds. In fact, both Mr. Martineau and the Manager are confident that the Town will likely not need to tap into the \$500,000 set aside from ARPA (now fund balance). However, it is important to note that there are still variables to consider, especially since the construction of both Holden and Camp Streets must be completed, and there may be potential cost overruns.

Discussion:

Those present: Director of Public Works, Josh Martineau

Mr. Martineau recommended awarding the Holden Road Bank Stabilization project to J.A. McDonald of Lyndonville, VT, at a cost of \$622,653.50. He noted a funding shortfall, explaining that although the project was initially anticipated to remain within the FEMA award amount based on engineering estimates, the total projected cost now exceeds that amount. With construction costs of \$622,653.50 and engineering costs of \$75,346.80, the overall project cost is expected to total approximately \$698,000.

Mr. Martineau further reported that the \$500,000 previously set aside from ARPA funds, which has since become part of the fund balance, is likely not needed. A cost analysis comparing expenses to revenue for all emergency repairs that received federal state support indicates these funds will not be required for this project.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to award the Holden Road Bank Stabilization Project to J.A. McDonald of Lyndonville, VT in the amount of \$622,653.50 and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract any necessary change orders and subject to any final administrative and permitting requirements.

Selectboard Minutes of December 16, 2025, Continued:

FIVE-YEAR PAVED ROAD PLAN:

Background: Historically, before budget preparation, staff and then the Selectboard review, amend, and approve several 5-year plans. The Five-Year Paved Road Plan is the first of these plans to be complete and ready for review. The proposed plan covers FY27-31.

Mr. Martineau has spent a lot of time scoring each paved road and has completed a revision to the scoring system. Josh has been converting the rating system to the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating, or PASER. The PASER rating system is a 1-10 scale used by most transportation agencies to assess road quality, with 10 being excellent (new) and 1 being failed. This is done by visually inspecting pavement for defects like cracks and potholes to guide maintenance decisions. The hope is that using this system saves money in the long term by applying treatments at the right time.

The proposed plan is not significantly different from last year's version. A new fifth year is added, and a few changes were made to year one (FY27). Mr. Martineau has moved the paving of Kings Row and Deerfield Drive to year five (FY31) so that they will now be grouped with similar roads in that area. The paving of Wildersburg Common has been moved to year three (FY29). This change is to avoid paving the road before work on the stormwater system is done. Finally, the plan contemplates completing the paving of Parker Road (in the Wilson Industrial Park) in year two (FY28). Continuing a practice begun two years ago, there are two versions of the plan. One with estimated pricing, and one without. The plan showing the estimated costs will be shared with the Selectboard for discussion in executive session. Publishing the cost estimates used for budgeting puts the town at a disadvantage because premature public knowledge gives potential bidders an edge in bidding.

Also, continuing a practice begun two years ago, the plan is to put the request for bids out by the end of the year to secure the most competitive bids possible.

Discussion:

Those present: Director of Public Works, Josh Martineau

Mr. Martineau presented a revised condition assessment for the Board's review. He noted that Kings Row and Deerfield Avenue were moved out of Year 1 due to low traffic volume, and Wildersburg was also removed from Year 1 to avoid scheduling work prior to construction. Additionally, he included the completion of Parker Road.

It was noted that further discussion of this agenda item will take place in executive session with possible action.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Todd Provencher, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of December 9, 2025. Bob Nelson abstained.

Mr. Bolduc asked about the Nantucket transfer, noting the ferry charged per passenger, which included the patient. Additionally, he expressed his interest in the possibility of making a policy for staff meal allowance while on the road.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Todd Provencher, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of December 16, 2025.

Chair Malone questioned the Novus bill. The Manager said that when the company made a switch from the estimated to actual billing, this invoice was missed.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Town Manager Chris Violette updated the Board on the following items:

- The Manager announced that later this week, two valued employees, Administrative Assistant to the Police Department Miriam Larkin and Finance Director Katelyn Kran, will be leaving the Town of Barre. He expressed his appreciation for their contributions.

ROUND TABLE:

Justin Bolduc:

- Mr. Bolduc echoed the Manager's comments regarding Miriam and Kate.
- Mr. Bolduc wished everyone a safe and happy holiday!

Bob Nelson:

- Mr. Nelson thanked Miriam and Kate for all they have done for the Town.
- Mr. Nelson wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Todd Provencher:

- Mr. Provencher also echoed the Manager's comments regarding Miriam and Kate.
- Mr. Provencher wished everyone a Merry Christmas!
- Mr. Provencher commented on the holiday displays he has seen.

Norma Malone:

- Chair Malone echoed the Manager's comments on Kate and Miriam
- Chair Malone wished everyone and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- Chair Malone gave a shout-out to the house on Hill Street with the inflatable brown horse and fence that is lit up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature public general knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 8:58 p.m. for personnel and contacts with possible action and invite town engineer Josh Martineau and EMS Director David Danforth.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to exit executive session at 10:25 p.m.

ACTION:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 5-Year Paved Road Plan for fiscal years 2027-2031.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the non-union wage adjustments as discussed.


ADJOURN:


On a motion by David Soucy, seconded by Todd Provencher, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:26 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Barre Town Selectboard


Norma Malone, Chair

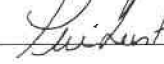

Justin Bolduc, Vice Chair

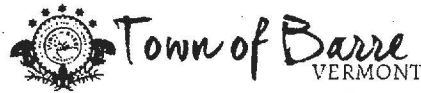

Todd Provencher


David Soucy


Bob Nelson

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this 3 day of February, 2026.

ATTEST: , Barre Town Clerk.



BARRE TOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING
January 13, 2026

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....6:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Consider approving the agenda.
4. Consider approving December 30, 2025 meeting minutes
5. Announcements
6. Receive guests for non-agenda items
7. Aldrich Public Library Report
8. Public Hearing (continued from 12/30/2025) Road Acceptance of Hickory Way & Wildwood Drive
9. Acceptance of Hickory Way and Wildwood Drive as Town roads
10. Development Review Board Appointment
11. Consider approving weekly accounts payable warrants for January 6, January 7 (special), and January 13, 2026
12. Miscellaneous: including permits and licenses if any
13. Round the Table
14. Executive Session: Real Estate & Personnel (personnel action possible)
15. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of January 13, 2026 was held at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 6:00 p.m.

Selectboard Members Present: Norma Malone, Justin Bolduc, Bob Nelson, and David Soucy.

Selectboard Members Absent: Todd Provencher.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Chris Violette and Town Clerk Tina Lunt.

Others Present: Kristin Baumann and Nancy Pope.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Malone called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add to item #12 Miscellaneous: to consider approval of a second-class liquor license and tobacco license for Harrington’s Fuel and Food.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by David Soucy, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the December 30, 2025 Selectboard meeting minutes with minor spelling and grammatical corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The elections for the Barre Unified Union School District and Central Vermont Career Center will be held on March 3, 2026. If you are considering running for one of the officer positions, you must submit a petition and a consent of candidate form by Monday, January 26, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. to the Town Clerk's Office. You can find the petition, form, and additional information on the Town Clerk page under Elections at barretown.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 479-9391.
- Christmas tree collection has begun. Public works crews will be around all the various Town neighborhoods and if a Christmas tree has been placed alongside the road in the right-of-way, they will collect it. The crew will be going around for the next several weeks so if you noticed that your

Selectboard Minutes of January 13, 2026 Continued:

neighbor's tree was picked up, but you haven't placed yours out yet, do not worry, they'll be back. Please make sure that all lights and decorations have been removed. If by the middle of the month your tree has not been picked up, please contact the public works office at 476-3522. The first responsibility of public works personnel is to maintain the roads so please be patient.

- As of December 24, 2025, USPS postmarks now show the date your mail is processed, not the day it's dropped in a mailbox. This could affect deadlines for bills, taxes, legal documents, and mail-in ballots. To make sure that your mail meets important deadlines, mail important items well in advance of the deadline, or go inside the post office and ask for a manual postmark. Plan ahead to avoid late fees or missed deadlines. More information is available at usps.com
- This meeting is the final regular Selectboard meeting before Budget Committee meetings commence on January 27, 2026. Starting on that date and continuing through March 24, 2026, the Selectboard will meet weekly at 5:30 p.m., except for February 24. These meetings will typically last less than an hour, as the Budget Committee meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. If the Selectboard has not completed its business within that hour, it may reconvene after the Budget Committee session on that evening. As always, the public is welcome to attend both meetings.

GUESTS: None.

ALDRICH LIBRARY REPORT:

Background: Library Director Kristin Baumann has requested time on the Selectboard agenda to provide a brief update on the library's current activities. The update is informational in nature and intended to keep the Selectboard apprised of library activities and community engagement.

Discussion:

Those present: Kristin Baumann, Library Director, and Nancy Pope, President of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Baumann delivered a presentation about the library's activities. The summary of this presentation includes the following:

York Branch:

- Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Cribbage on Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
- Book club
- Story hour
- Fall Festival was hosted this year
 - Live community theater play that was produced for the York Branch.
 - 42 people attended this event.

Main Branch

- Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.: Chinese Mah Jong
- Panel for lost ski areas of Barre
- Vermont Reads: The Light Pirate
 - The library received a \$1,000 grant from Vermont Humanities
- Artist and Resident Program funded by the Vermont Arts Council and Vermont Community Foundation.
 - Approximately 6-8 teens attend regularly.
- The Board has been working on 6 month review of the Strategic Plan
- The Finance Committee has completed the budget
- Facilities Committee is working on capital projects planning
- Upcoming Events:
 - April 18: Spring Fling
 - February 28: Forestry program with the Barre Recreation Department
 - February 27: Mini-golf from 12:00 -6:00 p.m.
- Once a month, the Time Argus will be running a column for the Aldrich Library. Mrs. Baumann shared this month's featured article with the Board

In conclusion, Mrs. Baumann expressed her anticipation for the upcoming Budget Committee meeting in a few weeks, where she will present. She mentioned that the Manager will receive a copy of their budget tomorrow. This presentation is tentatively scheduled for February 3.

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PUBLIC HEARING – HICKORY WAY / WILDWOOD DRIVE ACCEPTANCE:

Background: The Windy Wood Housing Development is a 64-unit Planned Unit Development located off Windy Wood Road. Originally permitted in the mid-2000s, the project received initial subdivision approval from the Planning Commission on December 21, 2007, followed by various state permits, including an Act 250 permit issued on February 4, 2011. The subdivision was revised and reapproved on May 11, 2016, to address updated regulations and wetland avoidance.

Construction began in 2014 following a prolonged dormancy related to market conditions and continued over approximately 12 years. The project includes two Town roads, five private roads, extensive water and sewer infrastructure, and a stormwater management system.

The primary road intended for Town ownership is Hickory Way, which extends approximately 1,650 feet from Windy Wood Road to its intersection with Wildwood Drive. Wildwood Drive, an existing Town road, was extended approximately 465 feet as part of the project.

Phase 1 of the development was governed by a Development Agreement signed on October 1, 2014, and included the first 300 feet of Hickory Way, two private roads, and major water and sewer installations. Much of the remaining infrastructure was constructed in subsequent years without formal Development Agreements but with ongoing oversight by the Town Engineer.

Town Engineers Harry Hinrichsen and, later, Josh Martineau provided varying levels of construction oversight. Mr. Martineau has confirmed that, based on visual inspections and construction practices, the roads meet Barre Town technical standards and have performed well since completion. Final paving throughout the development was completed by Pike Industries.

Hickory Way and the Wildwood Drive extension were always intended to become Town roads. Due to the project's unique timeline, the typical process of provisional acceptance followed by a one-year warranty period did not occur. Instead, the road has been in service for over a year without Town winter maintenance (until fall of 2025) and without reported deficiencies, supporting consideration of direct final acceptance.

The Selectboard initiated the road acceptance process at its November 18, 2025 meeting, including a site visit and public hearing. The hearing has since been continued multiple times to allow for legal review of deeds and resolution of ownership issues.

Two key complications emerged during the review of draft deeds submitted by Windy Wood Housing, LLC. The first was that Town Attorney Mike Monte determined that Deeds for portions of Hickory Way were insufficient and required redrafting. Second, Windy Wood Housing LLC lacked legal authority to convey road segments located on land owned by LaGue, Inc.

Approximately 1,600 feet of Hickory Way lies on Windy Wood Housing, LLC land. The first 300 feet were conveyed to the town in 2016 but were never formally accepted. The remaining segment required a rewritten Warranty Deed, which has now been completed by the Town Attorney and approved by the developer. Approximately 100 feet of Hickory Way and 465 feet of Wildwood Drive are located on LaGue, Inc. land. Other than a letter providing permission to Windy Wood Housing LLC to cross the land of LaGue, Inc, no formal documents exist authorizing them to pass the right to the town for these segments of road.

The Manager reached out to Henry LaGue, III (Chip), regarding the Town obtaining rights to cross LaGue, Inc. land. Chip, agreed to sign an Easement Deed drafted by the Town Attorney.

The Warranty Deed for Hickory Way will be executed once the Town accepts the portion of Hickory Way on land owned by Windy Wood Housing, LLC.

With the legal details now worked through, the Selectboard is now in a position to formally accept both Hickory Way and Wildwood Drive as Town roads. The portion of Hickory Way within the Windy Wood Development will be owned fee simple, while the portion on land owned by LaGue (including Wildwood Drive) will be with an easement. With future subdivision of this land, we'll endeavor to change the easement to fee simple.

Discussion:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to close the public hearing.

Selectboard Minutes of January 13, 2026 Continued:

ROAD ACCEPTANCE – HICKORY WAY / WILDWOOD DRIVE:

Background: Now that the public hearing is presumably closed, the Selectboard can now take formal action to accept and take over road maintenance responsibility for Hickory Way (approx. 1650') and the newly constructed portion of Wildwood Drive (approx. 465'). See agenda item 7 for more details.

Discussion:

On a motion by David Soucy, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to accept approximately 1,650 feet of road known as Hickory Way and approximately 465 feet of road known as Wildwood Drive as town roads. It is noted that at a duly warned site visit and public hearing were conducted on November 18, 2025, followed by subsequent public hearings (due to continuances) held on December 16, 2025, December 30, 2025, and January 13, 2026. Acceptance of the roads is contingent upon Windy Wood Housing, LLC executing the Warranty Deed to convey the portion of Hickory Way to the Town of Barre, not already done by the Warranty Deed recorded in the Barre Town Land Records under book 287, page 857. It is also noted that an invoice for the Town attorney's fees will be sent to the Windy Wood Housing Developers.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD (DRB) APPOINTMENT:

Background: Jon Valsangiacomo has resigned from the Development Review Board (DRB) effective immediately. He has served on the DRB for nearly 18 years, providing valuable insights, knowledge, and a thoughtful approach to development review matters. His long-standing service and dedication to the community are greatly appreciated.

Jon's resignation creates a vacancy on the seven-member DRB for the remainder of his term, which expires on May 31, 2026. Nancy Leclerc, who was appointed as a DRB Alternate on May 27, 2025, has expressed interest in filling the vacant seat for the remainder of the term. She is already familiar with DRB procedures.

Gina Galfetti is the other alternate, whom the Manager has not heard express interest in the position.

The Selectboard can wait to make the appointment and seek other interested candidates, or move forward with the alternate who is ready to step in.

Discussion:

The Manager believes choosing the alternative is the best option. Additionally, another option would be to not make an appointment and let Nancy LeClerc fill the seat for the remainder of the term.

Chair Malone noted that Mrs. LeClerc has attended every meeting since last May. Mr. Violette mentioned that Mr. Garbacik spoke very highly of her.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by David Soucy, the Selectboard voted unanimously to appoint Nancy Leclerc to the Development Review Board for a term ending May 31, 2026, that seat being vacated by Jon Valsangiacomo.

The Board expressed its gratitude for Mr. Valsangiacomo's many years of service on the DRB Board and acknowledged its understanding of his reasons for resigning.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by David Soucy, the Selectboard voted to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of January 6, 2026. Bob Nelson abstained.

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable warrants for the week of January 7, 2026 and January 13, 2026.

Chair Malone inquired about the Flight Paramedic Certification. Mr. Violette mentioned that Scott O'Brien, a Critical Care Provider, holds this certification. Chair Malone, along with the other Board members and the Manager, expressed their admiration. They remarked on how Barre Town EMS is going above and beyond. Chair Malone expressed her pride in this group.

Selectboard Minutes of January 13, 2026 Continued:

MISCELLANEOUS:

On a motion by Bob Nelson, seconded by Justin Bolduc, the Selectboard voted unanimously to approve the 2026 Second Class Liquor License and Tobacco License for Slayton & Harrington Holdings LLC d/b/a/ Harrington's Food & Fuel.

Town Manager Chris Violette updated the Board on the following items:

- The Manager reported a significant issue at the East Barre Fire Station last evening. He said the generator experienced a major surge, which damaged all equipment containing circuit boards or transformers. Al Ladd and Josh Martineau coordinated with others today to work on the furnace and doors. Additionally, Benoit Electric spent several hours inspecting various items and confirmed that the electrical system in the building is functioning properly. The Manager expressed gratitude to Al, Josh, and the fire department staff who assisted last evening.

ROUND TABLE:

David Soucy:

- Mr. Soucy expressed his admiration for how well the Barre Town roads are holding up. He noted that there is significantly less damage compared to other municipalities.

Norma Malone:

- Chair Malone inquired about the draft audit. Mr. Violette stated it might be ready this week and expressed hope that the auditors would be present on the 27th for the presentation.
- Chair Malone inquired about the mid-year budget to actuals review. Mr. Violette said the plan is to review these reports on the same evenings as the audit presentation, January 27.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to find the need to go into executive session citing premature public general knowledge would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage.

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to go into executive session at 7:02 p.m. for real estate and personnel.

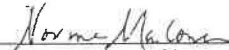
On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to exit executive session at 7:43 p.m.

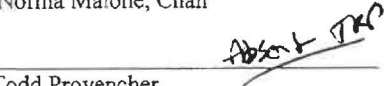
ADJOURN:

On a motion by David Soucy, seconded by Bob Nelson, the Selectboard voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES


Barre Town Selectboard


Norma Malone, Chair


Todd Provencher


Bob Nelson


Justin Bolduc, Vice Chair


David Soucy

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this 4 day of February, 2026.

ATTEST: , Barre Town Clerk.

WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS that **Windy Wood Housing LLC**, a Vermont limited liability company with offices in the City of Burlington, County of Chittenden, State of Vermont, **GRANTOR**, in consideration of One Dollar and Other Good and Valuable Considerations paid to its full satisfaction by the **Town of Barre**, a Vermont municipal corporation with its situs in the County of Washington, State of Vermont, **GRANTEE**, by these presents, does freely **GIVE, GRANT, SELL, CONVEY, AND CONFIRM** unto the said **GRANTEE, Town of Barre**, and its successors and assigns forever, certain lands and premises in the Town of Barre in the County of Washington and State of Vermont described as follows, viz:

Being the road commonly known as Hickory Way, running from its intersection with Hawthorne Place and Locust Common to the westerly boundary of the Grantors lands, and being more particularly described as:

that section depicted on a plan entitled "Plat of Right-of-Way of Hickory Way off Windy Wood Road, Town of Barre, Vermont", dated March 12, 2020, and recorded on Map Slide 152A in the Land Records of the Town of Barre; and

that section depicted on a plan entitled "Plat of Right-of-Way of Hickory Way Extended From Hickory Way, Town of Barre, Vermont", dated December 2, 2021, and recorded on Map Slide 215D in the Land Records of the Town of Barre.

Reference is made to the Warranty Deed from Windy Wood Housing LLC to the Town of Barre, dated August 12, 2016, and recorded in Book 287 at Page 857 of the Land Records of the Town of Barre, which conveyed the section of Hickory Way running from Windy Wood Road through the intersection with Hawthorne Place and Locust Common. Meaning and intending hereby to complete the conveyance of the entirety of Hickory Way to the Town of Barre.

Also being all of Grantor's right, title, and interest in and to any easements crossing adjacent lands of LaGue, Inc., which lands were conveyed to LaGue, Inc. by Warranty Deed of Donald W. Smith and Freda L. Smith dated May 25, 1962, and recorded in Book 40 at Page 319 of the Land Records of the Town of Barre.

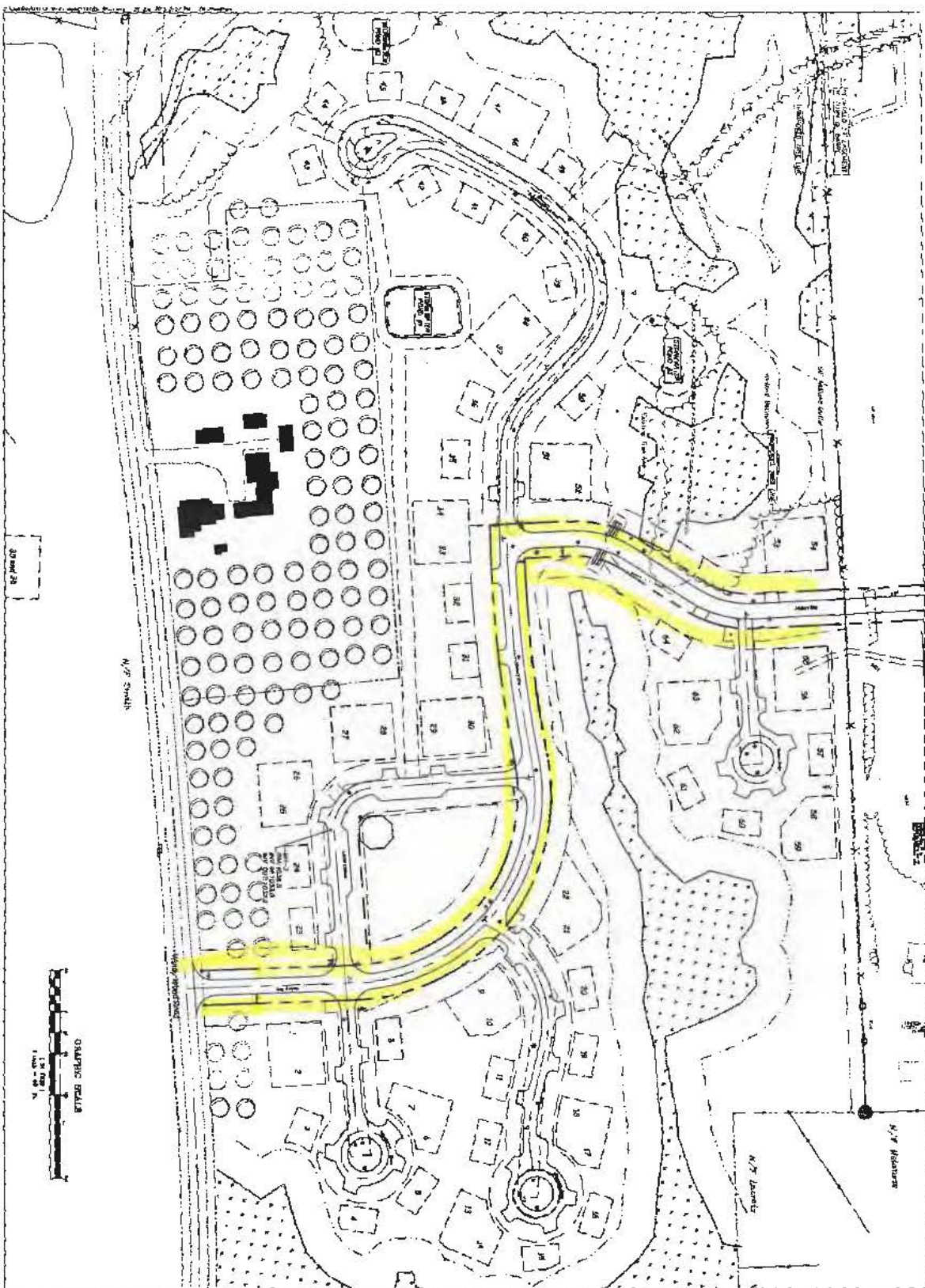
Being part of the same lands and premises conveyed to Windy Wood Housing LLC by Warranty Deed of Ruth R. Smith, Trustee of the Ruth R. Smith revocable trust, and Michael D. Caccavo, Esq., Successor Trustee of the Donald L. Smith Revocable Trust, dated October 15, 2004, and recorded in Book 202 at Page 965 of the Land Records of the Town of Barre.

Reference is here made to the above-mentioned deed and documents and all prior deeds and documents in the chain of title for a more particular description of the herein conveyed lands and premises and easements.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said granted premises, with all the privileges and appurtenances thereof, to the said **GRANTEE, Town of Barre**, and its successors and assigns, to their own use and behoof forever; and the said **GRANTOR**, for itself and its successors and assigns, does covenant with the said **GRANTEE**, and its successors and assigns, that until the

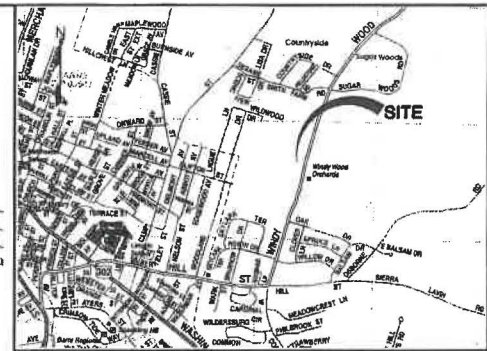
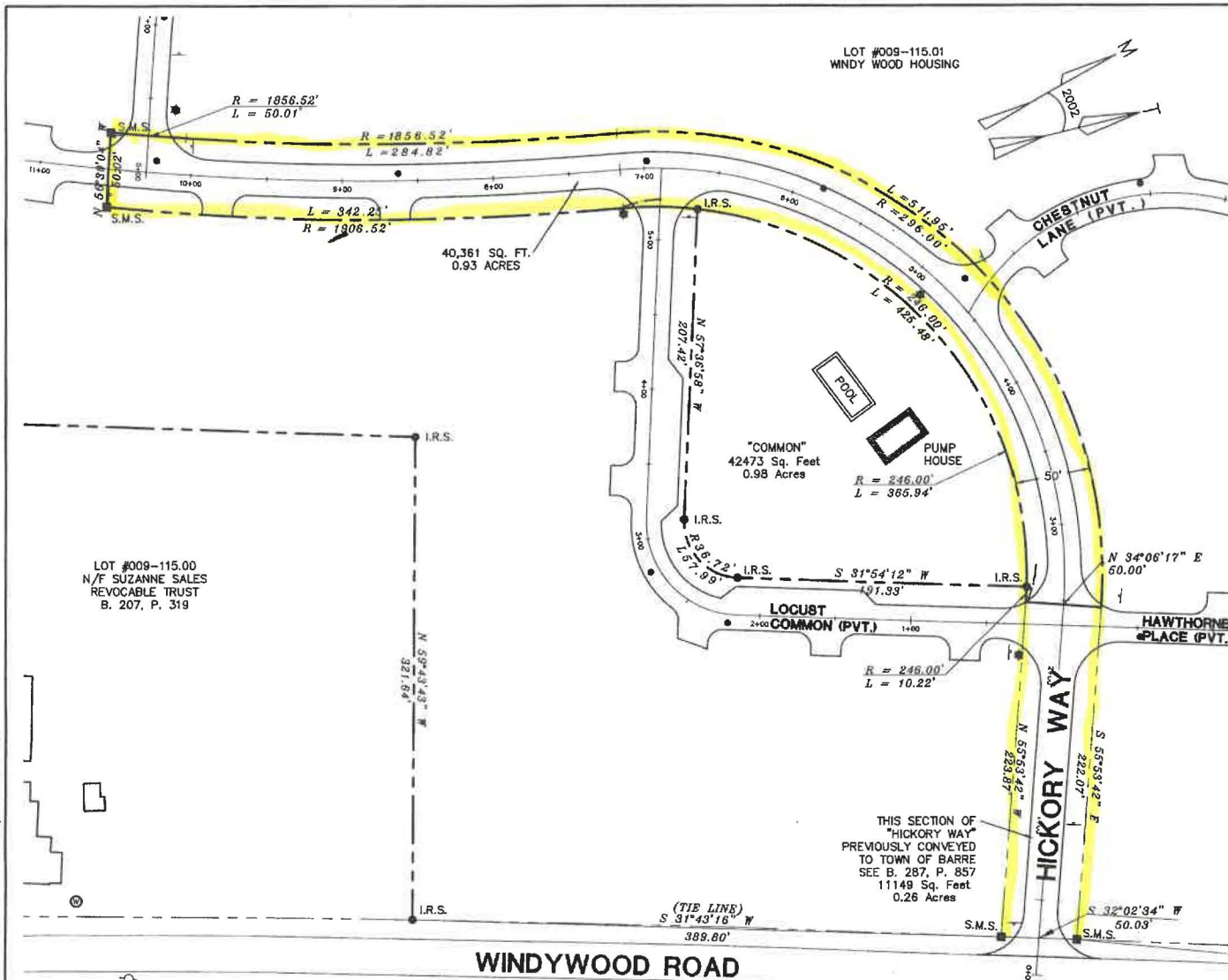
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WINDY WOOD WINDY WOOD ROAD BARRE TOWN, VERMONT WINDY WOOD HOUSING, LLC.		No. _____ DATE _____ REVISION _____ No. _____ DATE _____ REVISION _____ No. _____ DATE _____ REVISION _____ No. _____ DATE _____ REVISION _____	
OVERALL SITE PLAN CSK-9 SHEET 1 OF 1		Chief Structural Engineer DeWolfe ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES 27 West St., P.O. Box 100, Barre, VT 05641 Tel: 802-249-1111 Fax: 802-249-1112	

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REFERENCES

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3. WARRANTY DEED OF WINDY WOOD HOUSING LLC TO TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT, DATED AUGUST 12, 2016, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 287, PAGE 857 OF THE TOWN OF BARRE LAND RECORDS.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE SURVEY SHOWN HEREON IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE PARCEL BOUNDARIES DETERMINED AS NOTED HEREON AND IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITH ELECTRONIC TOTAL STATION SURVEY EQUIPMENT, WITH A POSITIONAL TOLERANCE CONFIDENCE LEVEL ABOVE 95%. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 27 V.S.A. SECTION 1403.

DATED March 17, 2020

Richard W. Bell
RICHARD W. BELL L.S. #638 VT.

© COPYRIGHT 2020		PLAT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HICKORY WAY OFF WINDY WOOD ROAD TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT
PROJ. #201287	DATE: FEBRUARY 2020	
SCALE: 1"=50'		
SURVEYED BY: MLC/TWW		
CHECKED BY: RWB		SHEET 1 OF 1
		DWG. # S-1287

RICHARD W. BELL
NO. 638
LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR

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LEGEND

- PROPERTY LINE
- - - RIGHT OF WAY OR PARCEL LINE
- POLE
- S.M.S. STONE MONUMENT SET
- I.R.S. IRON ROD SET

NOTES

1. BEARINGS ARE MAGNETIC AND TAKEN FROM REFERENCE #1 ABOVE.
2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAT IS TO DEFINE THE SECTION OF HICKORY WAY TO BE CONVEYED TO THE TOWN OF BARRE AND TO ALSO DEFINE THE COMMON AREA.
3. NO ENCROACHMENTS WERE OBSERVED.

CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS AN ORIGINAL INK ON MYLAR DRAWING.
 RICHARD W. BELL L.S.
 SLIDE # 152A

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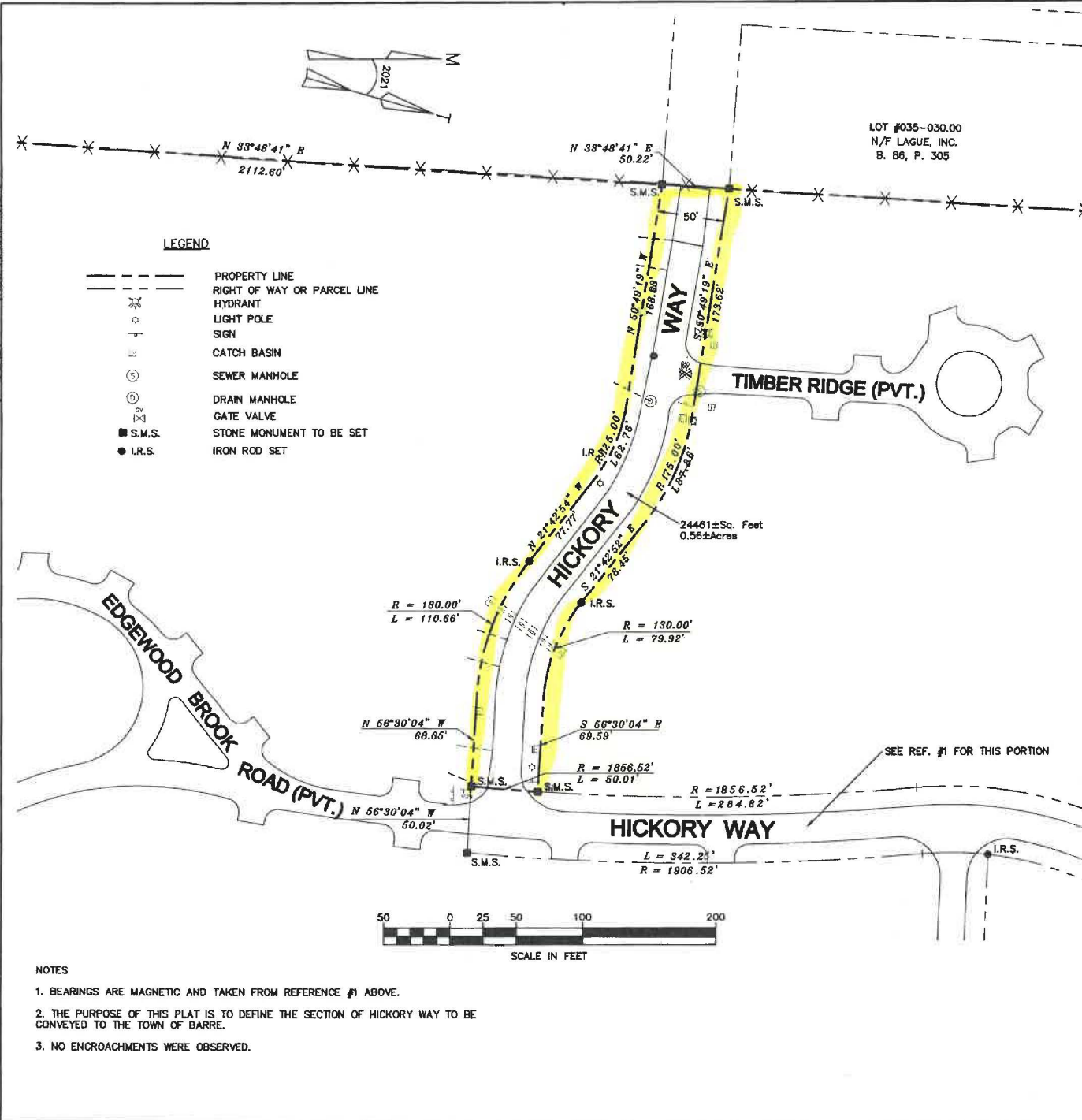
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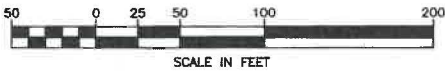
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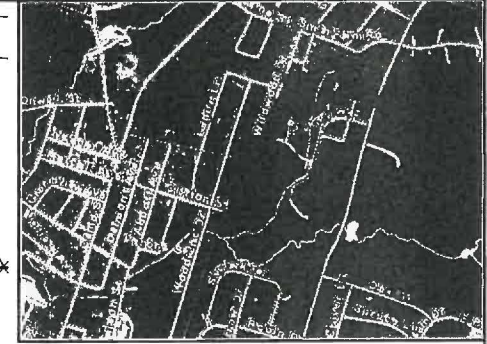
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- PROPERTY LINE
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 - ⊕ HYDRANT
 - ⊕ LIGHT POLE
 - ⊕ SIGN
 - ⊕ CATCH BASIN
 - ⊕ SEWER MANHOLE
 - ⊕ DRAIN MANHOLE
 - ⊕ GATE VALVE
 - S.M.S.
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 - STONE MONUMENT TO BE SET
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DATED *December 9, 2021*
Richard W. Bell
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PROJ. #211439	PLAT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HICKORY WAY EXTENDED FROM HICKORY WAY TOWN OF BARRE, VERMONT
DATE: DECEMBER, 2021	
SCALE: 1"=50'	
SURVEYED BY: RWB/MLC	
CHECKED BY: RWB	SHEET 1 OF 1
DWG. # S-1439	



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**CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION and OPENING
of a HIGHWAY for PUBLIC TRAVEL**

VTrans Use Only	
Certificate Year:	_____
Highway Class:	_____
Town Highway #:	_____
Mileage:	_____

Tina Lunt _____, Town _____ Clerk of the Town _____ of
(Clerk's Name) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village)
 Barre _____, Vermont.
(City/Town/Village Name)

Pursuant to Title 19, V.S.A., Chapter 7, this is to certify that the following described section of Class 3
(1,2,3 or 4)
 Highway in the Town of Barre was COMPLETED AND OPENED
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name)
 FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL on 1/13/2026,
(Month - Day) (Year)

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHT OF WAY:

(Include road name and intersecting town highway numbers)

Hickory Way TH 229 is extended .27 Miles long of a class 3 road intersecting with Windywood Road TH 8 to the east and Wildwood TH 139 to the west

and as shown on a Highway Map of the Town of Barre,
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name)
 dated 1/20/2026, and filed in Book 349 on page 320 of the
(Month - Day) (Year) (Book #) (Page #)
 Records of the Town of Barre by the Town Clerk of said Town
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village)
 incorporated herein by reference and attested to on said map by said Town Clerk.
(City/Town/Village)

Dated at Barre Town, County of Washington and State of Vermont,
(City/Town/Village Name) (County Name)
 this 13 day of January, A.D., 2026.
(Date - Day) (Date - Month) (Date - Year)

BOARD
OF
SELECTMEN,
ALDERMAN,
or TRUSTEES

Norma Malone _____
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)
Bob Nelson _____
(Selectman/Alderman/Trustee Signature)
Chris Violette _____
(Manager/Mayor Signature)

and the Manager/Mayor of the City/Town/Village of Barre Town.
(City/Town/Village Name)

Barre Town, VERMONT March 16, 2026
(City/Town/Village Name) (Month - Day) (Year)

THE ABOVE IS A TRUE COPY OF THE DESCRIPTION OF CLASS 3 HIGHWAY COMPLETED AND OPENED
(1,2,3 or 4)
 FOR PUBLIC TRAVEL, RECORDED IN BOOK 349 ON PAGE 862 OF THE Land RECORDS
(Book #) (Page #) (Land, Highway, etc.)
 OF THE Town OF Barre Town ON THE 16 DAY OF March,
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name) (Date - Day) (Date - Month)
2026, AT 3:00 O'CLOCK, P.M.
(Date - Year) (Time) (A or P)

DOC: 20260000000214

ATTEST: Chloe
(Clerk's Name)
 Asst. Town CLERK OF Barre Town, VERMONT
(City/Town/Village) (City/Town/Village Name)