

Town of Barre

CITIZEN BUDGET TOUR

Fiscal Year
2013 - 2014

Saturday,
February 23, 2013

Tour Itinerary
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1. **Municipal Building** (8:00)
 - End of East Barre Bike Path
 - Lower Websterville Sidewalk

2. **Public Works Garage** (8:45)

3. **Public Works Shop** (9:05)
 - *Wilson Industrial Park*
 - *Recreation & Athletic Complex*
 - *Semprebon Bike Path (Websterville section)*
 - *Wilson Cemetery columbarium and road paving*
 - *Green Mountain View waterline and paving*
 - *Platinum Plain paving*
 - *Sterling Hill paving*
 - *Semprebon Bike Path (cross county and near Middle Rd.)*
4. **South Barre Fire Station** (9:50)
 - *Semprebon Bike Path (South Barre end)*
 - *Bridge St./Rt. 14 Intersection project*
 - *Bridge St. sidewalk grant project*
 - *Bridge replacement*
 - *South Barre bike path*
 - *Bond Fields*
 - *Upper Prospect Street paving*
 - *Miller Road paving*
 - *West Hill Cemetery sign and fence*
5. **EMS Station** (11:10)
 - *Old Rt. 302 water pump station*
 - *Aldrich Library, East Barre Branch*
 - *East Barre Park*
6. **East Barre Fire Station** (11:40)
 - *Fire department smoke training building*
 - *Water storage tank*
 - *Upper Graniteville playground*
 - *Barclay Quarry Road town forest parking*
 - *Brook Street town forest parking and garage*
 - *Upper Websterville Playground*
7. **Municipal Building** (12:45)

Introduction

Welcome to the 22st annual Citizen Budget Tour. This booklet is designed to describe Town departments and buildings in the hope that you will leave us today with a better understanding of how your government works for you.

On this tour we'll try to point out what we've been able to do in the past, what we're doing right now, and what we're planning on doing (next year and beyond). Questions are always encouraged, and with the elected officials and staff along for the ride, you should be able to get an answer.

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

Municipal Building

The Municipal Building is the heart of Barre Town's government. The building is currently home to six departments and is the center for the Town's administrative functions. Built in the early 1930s, the building first was a school. When the Barre Town Elementary and Middle School was built in the 1960s, the brick portion of the building became the 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 it is the official meeting place of Barre Town's many volunteer boards, committees, and commissions.

Barre Town's Building Fund, a sinking, or reserve fund, has paid for improvements such as parking lot lighting, roof (on brick section), windows, and attic insulation. Late in 2012 motion sensor light controls were added in the basement hallway and break room. Continuing the effort to cut energy consumption a new air conditioning unit (cost \$5,000) for the computer room is proposed for 2013-2014.

The building addition's white clapboard siding needs to be scraped and painted. Repairs are needed to wooden trim over the annex entrance roof. Rain gutters are needed over the front and annex entrances and on the tower high above the annex entrance.

The building is cleaned and maintained by a part-time employee. The Town Engineer oversees most capital improvement projects to the Municipal Building. The cemetery crew cuts the grass and rakes leaves. The snow plow contractor plows the parking lot.

Data Processing

The Data Processing department (011.416) collects computer expenses for all items and functions shared by all municipal building departments. In 2011 the network server was replaced. In 2012 an external back up was installed in the basement level vault and wired to the server. For 2013-2014 \$5,000 is requested to replace the town website program.

Town Manager's Office

The Town Manager's office is staffed by four employees: the Manager, the Executive Secretary, the Bookkeeper, and the Assistant Town Manager (who can be found in the basement office). This office provides oversight and support for all 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, and project manager.

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 office calendar, and updates announcements and notices on the town website.

The Bookkeeper is responsible for financial record keeping within the Manager's Office. Specific duties include processing payroll, weekly accounts payable, maintenance of personnel records and equipment records, and administering employee benefit programs.

The Assistant Town Manager replaced the management internship program and has responsibilities comparable to the intern's. The position has been open since early January. Efforts to fill the position will commence in a month.

There are no new significant requests in the Town Manager's Office budget for 2013-2014.

Town Clerk's Office



The Town Clerk/Treasurer's Office is arguably the most popular destination in the Municipal Building. It is staffed by the elected Clerk-Treasurer, three full-time Assistant Clerks, and a part-time employee. The functions of the office include collecting payments on behalf of the Town (property taxes, utility fees, and permit fees),

maintaining all vital records, printing/mailing of accounts payable checks, and providing customer service to a diverse group of patrons.

They also issue licenses (dog, hunting & fishing, and motor vehicle renewal registrations). The Town Clerk's office also manages all elections and maintains the voter checklist.

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. Selectboard meetings are recorded by CVTV which makes the recording available on its website. A link from the town website to the meeting recording is provided by the town clerk. A part-time (4 hours per month) employee has been hired to reconcile bank statements to strengthen internal financial controls.

There are no new significant requests in the Town Clerk's Office budget for 2013-2014.

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.

During the last reappraisal cycle, the Town paid to have its tax maps digitized using Geographic Information System (GIS) software. At the same time, the Town purchased the ProVal database which has a \$3,700 annual maintenance fee. The 2008-2009 recession slightly lowered home values, stabilizing the common level of appraisal. Barre Town shouldn't be forced to perform a complete reappraisal for several 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, makes maps with several overlays and is 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. For 2013-2014, the Assessor's Office is requesting \$640 for storage (file) furniture.

Planning & Zoning Department

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

In this office 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 Administrative Assistant serves as the building's computer

Administrator and maintains the Town's email system, server, and the network of computers. The Planning & Zoning Administrator is responsible for coordinating community development block grants (like the one secured for the S.B. Electronics project), preparing agendas, monitoring programs, administering grants, and helping to create applicable policies. Two fiscal years ago the Administrator helped to transition the Town's GIS system to a new vendor while re-availing the service to the general public both in this office and online.

The Planning and Zoning Department is requesting \$1,000 for a new printer.

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 bidding specifications (e.g. paving, milling, roofing). This office includes the Town Engineer and a seasonal assistant (an engineering student who assists with projects in the summer and during school breaks).

Permits issued by the Town Engineer are: sewer, water, driveway, and work within rights-of-way. Other important office functions include informing residents about water and sewer connections, keeping an inventory of town roads, collecting "as-built" information, keeping plat files on older developments, and work on State and Federal grant projects. The Engineer is regularly working on grants such as the VTrans Structures Grant Program, 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 Ancient Roads Committee.

The TSAC has recommended the town budget to buy two portable speed humps (cost \$8,000). The Ancient Roads Committee recommended the selectboard budget money for legal and engineering services to verify status and location of ancient roads.

Police Department



Counting the Chief and the Sergeant, the Police Department currently has six full-time officers. There is one vacancy, which the department hopes to fill soon. Officers generally work four 10-hour shifts per week, with Thursdays being "double-up days." The department also has a civilian Office Clerk/Dispatcher, who works from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the week.

The Sergeant assists the Chief with his administrative duties and supervises the evening shift. A year ago the P.D. requested \$8,450 so the sergeant could buy a new police dog.

A German shepard pup was purchased. He still is a pup but his training has started.

The Police Department has five marked cruisers. The Chief and Sergeant both have a dedicated vehicle, and one is assigned to each of the three daily shifts. Crown Victorias and Explorers are being phased out and replaced by Ford Police Interceptors.

Police Cruisers are high-tech machines, each equipped with in-car cameras, 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 under the supervision of the police chief. The ACO is contracted to serve the neighboring towns of Berlin, Williamstown, and most recently, Orange.

The 2012-2013 police budget includes \$8,705 for the purchase of 9 tasers. Before the purchase was made the selectboard and police chief agreed to buy a better model costing a little more per unit, consequently 7 tasers were purchased.

The 2013-2014 police budget includes \$2,725 to purchase 2 more tasers.

East Barre Bike Path

The proposed East Barre bike path would enter the Municipal Building's lot through the back fence corner. From the fence the path would run along an old farm field to a ravine crossing near the former Pike Industries Crusher Plant. \$20,000 is being considered to fund survey and preliminary engineering of the path from the building to Millstone Boulevard.

Department of Public Works

The DPW truck garage on Websterville Road is the Town's oldest facility – built around 1960. Additions were added in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In 2003, when the Town moved into the new vehicle shop on Pitman Road, the truck garage was renovated. The building was rewired and the bathroom, break room, and locker room were all updated. In 2009, windows were replaced; in 2010 a new standing seam roof was installed; in 2011 the lights were replaced with more efficient bulbs. A waste oil furnace for heating the truck bay was installed in 2012. Working off an energy audit conducted in 2010, many improvements could be done to insulate the building and improve energy efficiency.

The "yard" includes underground storage tanks for gasoline and diesel. The tanks' leak detection systems 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 Police Department has a



fenced impound lot and small storage area on site.

The School rents a portion of the yard to store the bus fleet, and they pay for their share of electricity, parts, and maintenance. A 25-ton floor jack is requested for the truck garage. The crew would use it to attach chains to the truck tires.

The DPW has 14 full-time employees: a Superintendent, two mechanics, a Shop Foreman, and 10 crew members. 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.

During 2013-2014 the Town expects to spend approximately three-quarters of a million dollars on road projects. A complete list of paved road projects and gravel road projects planned for 2013-2014, as presented in the respective 5-year plans, are listed in Appendix A.

DPW operates the Town's water system with about 465 customers from East Barre to Quarry Hill. During the current fiscal year the DPW replaced a long section of 2" pipe near the East Cobble Hill Road/Taplin Road intersection. Presently DPW is preparing to replace 50 customers' water meters. DPW has requested a Water Fund budget that would buy 50 more meters and would replace the undersized pipe in Green Mountain View Drive. The 820 +/- project is estimated to cost \$43,200.

The Town's sewage collection is operated and maintained by the DPW. Serving just under 3,000 customers the sewage collection system covers a large part of town. From Sewer Fund and Building Fund monies improvements are being made to the system. The two sewer pump stations will be improved, with new electric service and emergency transfer switch at South Barre and a new control panel at Orchard Terrace (2013-2014). A meter station will be installed in Richardson Road to determine the amount of wastewater coming from the Richardson Road area. The flow information will be used by Barre City to calculate the town's sewage treatment charge. Treatment is about 2/3 of the total Sewer Fund budget.

Two mechanics maintain all the town's motorized equipment at the shop located at 79 Pitman Road. Through the Equipment Fund the shop is requesting a vehicle (cars, pickups) lift to complement the mechanics' work pits. The shop also is looking for an air conditioning machine and hydraulic hose machine. \$4,300 is requested to pay for sandblasting and painting a dump body that would be mounted on a new chassis.

During the current budget year the shop bought a new tire changing machine - \$5,500.

Wilson Industrial Park

Expansion of the Wilson Industrial Park is a town project-land acquisition, permitting, infrastructure development and lot sales. SB Electronics is the latest company to build in the

park. SBE expects to employ over 100 people in the plant within 5 years.

New England Excess Exchange is the newest company to locate in the park. NEEE signed a purchase-sale agreement to buy the 2.1 acre lot above SBE. NEEE at this time is seeking permits to construct a 8,200 square foot office building. Expenses and income from the Wilson Ind. Park are recorded in the Community Development Fund.

Semprebon Bike Path

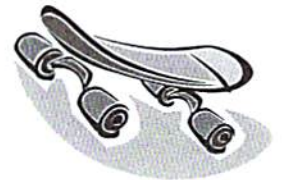
Charles Semprebon left the Town and City of Barre \$500,000 each for the creation of a bike path connecting Barre Town to Barre City. Through a joint planning contract connecting has been defined as

connecting the Barre Town School area to downtown Barre City (city hall area). The accepted planning study suggests the path should come out of the school parking area and down Websterville Road to Graniteville Road.

Barre City and Town, using their gifts from Mr. Semprebon have hired Dubois & King to survey, and prepare preliminary engineering plans. In the current draft form, the path would be on the St. Sylvester Cemetery side of Websterville Road.

Barre Town Recreation & Athletic Complex and Recreation Division

The Recreation Division's maintenance crew works from late April to the end of October. Staffing for the maintenance crew consists of: supervisor (1/2 of cemetery sexton's time), 2 laborers for the entire season and 2/3 of one summer helper (14 weeks). The cemetery crew helps by performing weekly trash pick-ups and inspections at neighborhood playgrounds, picnic areas and bike paths. The recreation crew devotes it's time to the recreation and athletic complex, the town's largest recreation facility which offers: a paved 1.35 mile long bike path, 2 picnic shelters, a skatepark, a regulation size soccer field, a running track, a sand volley ball court, a basketball court, 4 tennis courts, softball, baseball, little league and multi purpose fields.



The Recreation Divisions' facilities include: East Barre Park, Trow Hill Playground, Lower Graniteville Playground, Upper Graniteville Playground, Upper Websterville Playground, South Barre Playground, Graniteville picnic area, Quarry Hill picnic area, East Barre bike path and South Barre bike path.

This current budget year the recreation budget bought the last set of aluminum bleachers needed to replace old wooden bleachers. The East Barre Bike Path connection to Websterville Road will be completed. The South Barre Playground improvements were completed. For 2013-2014 the Building Fund will pay for re-wiring the softball field lights and scoreboard and will replace the original 30 year old wooden arms and light fixtures on the tall wooden poles.

Cemetery Division Wilson Cemetery

The Town owns three cemeteries: Wilson Cemetery (corner of Quarry Hill and Websterville Road), West Hill Cemetery (Perry Road), and Maplewood Cemetery (corner of Nichols Road and Farwell Street). The cemeteries are operated and maintained by the Cemetery Commission and the Cemetery Division (seasonal staff). The Cemetery crew is a Sexton (1/2 time), two full-time employees, and one summer helper. 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.

The Budget Committee set aside \$5,000 in the 2011-2012, 2012-2013 budgets and plans are made to budget \$5,000 again in 2013-2014. The \$15,000 sum will be used in 13'-14' to pave the Wilson Cemetery road from Websterville Road past the columbarium site. The Cemetery Division also requests money (\$725) for a granite bench and \$525 for 4 maple trees to be planted at the Maplewood Cemetery.

Green Mountain View – waterline, paving

The 4" water pipe in Green Mountain View is the last section of original pipe from the old, private Sterling Hill Water System. The Town is ready to complete a loop by connecting Barre View to Quarry Hill. There is concern the old transitoe 4" pipe will start leaking because it won't handle the increased water pressure. The water line replacement, by town forces, would cost \$43,200.

After the water line is replaced the street will be paved with hot mix asphalt (HMA). About 4' of pavement on the north (Quarry Hill) side will be removed for the water project. That trench will be patched with 3" of HMA. The 18' of undisturbed street will be milled, and then the entire 22' wide street will be overlaid with 2" of HMA. Total milling and paving cost is expected to be \$27,000.

Platinum Plain – paving

One spot repair is planned. The 1050' long street and the cul-de-sac will be surfaced with paver placed surface treatment (Nova Chip) at a cost of \$15,500 for repair and surface treatment.

Sterling Hill Road – paving

Sterling Hill Road from the end of pavement (EOP) up the hill to Quarry Hill Road will be resurfaced. There are 3 sections. The lowest 100' - from EOP to lower Silver Circle will be shimmed, if needed, and overlaid with 2" of HMA. From lower Silver Circle to house #130 the road is rough, uneven and prone to heaving. The DPW will remove the pavement in this 1,130' section. Repairs will be made as needed (could be removal of poor base gravel or draining a wet spot in the road base).

The road will be repaved with 3" of HMA (cost for paving = \$40,177). From house #130 to Quarry Hill the road is in better shape and will be resurfaced with paver placed surface treatment at an estimated cost of \$16,875. At a minimum there will be ditch maintenance and brush cutting along the road.

Semprebon Bike Path

Current thoughts are the path will run along the south side of Sterling Hill Road from Graniteville Road to the present snowmobile trail, where the path would start its long cross country run. On that loop around the Silver Circle, Platinum Plain development the path would come near Middle Road (back of lots) where Middle Road pitches steeply down Rt. 14.

Fire Department - South Barre Station



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 uses four engine (pumper) trucks, two at each station. Each station received a new HME pumper in 2011, replacing the two oldest vehicles (which were both sold in 2011). Two of the three tanker trucks are relatively new. The Town purchased two tankers from Deep South Fire Trucks for approximately \$128,000 each. One was financed for four years at 4% interest, and the other was paid for using cash from the Equipment Fund in 2010-11.

The East Barre Station houses the main rescue truck (R-1), the utility pickup truck, and the rescue snowmobile, sled, and trailer. South Barre has a Hummer multi-purpose truck (wildland fire, mini pumper, and rescue equipment).

In the current year budget the fire department has money to buy: a chainsaw (\$600), 2 multi-gas meters with vehicle charger (\$2,170), 1,000' of 4" hose (\$5,800), a portable generator (\$1,645) and cab (passenger) radio headsets (\$3,200). The Building Fund for 2012-2013 provides money to replace the South Barre Station oil burning furnace with a propane furnace. The old underground storage tank would be removed as part of the \$23,200 project. For 2013-2014 the Fire Department is requesting: \$5,000 for valves, gates, wyes and reducers to put on new pumps, a \$1,000 per year increase in the set aside for SCBA and Jaws of Life, and \$4,000 for contracted testing of hose.

South Barre

South Barre, especially around the Rt. 14/Bridge Street intersection, will look much

different in 4-5 years. The State's intersection improvement job, which will add left turn lanes on Rt. 14 and a traffic signal, is slated for construction in 2014. Barre Town might have to (probably will) re-lay its sewer line from Christie Street to Sterling Hill Road. The Semprebon bike path will come down Sterling Hill Road based on current plans. A sidewalk for pedestrian use might be added to one side of the street. Bicyclists would share the road with cars.

Barre Town has a transportation enhancement grant for sidewalk construction on the north side of Bridge Street from Rt. 14 to the bridge. The Town will pay its local share out of the Highway Fund when it's ready to start the project.

The Bridge Street bridge replacement project will start this spring and finish up by October 31, 2013. The Town has set aside its local share already. The bridge will have a 5' sidewalk on the north side. The Bridge Street sidewalk and bridge sidewalk are important because the Semprebon bike path would end at the South Barre Bike Path located on the west side of the bridge.

Bond Fields

These privately owned and developed youth athletic fields will help Barre Community Baseball, Barre Youth Sports Association soccer and football. Each of the 3 sports organizations will have an additional quality field for their teams. These private fields relieve some pressure on the town to provide more athletic fields.

Upper Prospect Street – paving

This 1,950' section of road from the Barre City line to Morrison Road will be milled (top 1 ½" of asphalt ground off) and repaved with 1 ½" of HMA. Budgeted milling and paving cost is \$50,100. The DPW plans to remove the overwidth paved shoulders replacing the pavement with crushed gravel.

Miller Road – paving

The stretch of road between Perry Road and Airport Road (3,360') will be shimmed and overlaid with 2" of HMA at a budgeted cost of \$79,650. A culvert near Airport Road might be replaced. Ditching and shoulder work will be performed.

West Hill Cemetery

The oldest of the town's 3 cemeteries dates back to the 1790's.

The Cemetery Commission is trying to maintain all 3 cemeteries in a respectful manner. After those discussions began the cemetery crew repaired the sign. The Commission would like to repair the iron fence or replace it with a similar style.

Emergency Medical Services Department



Barre Town EMS employs 13 full-timers: a Director, 6 paramedics, and 6 EMT-Is. The paramedics and EMTs 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 work 24-hour shifts (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and have 48 hours off between shifts.

Call revenue (patient billings) and other minor operating income do not cover the nearly \$1.6 million in expenses. Barre Town contracts EMS service with neighboring towns, which subsidize this gap with a per capita fee.

The only notable item requested in the 2013-2014 Ambulance Fund budget is a \$1,500 business (copier, scanner, printer, fax) machine. EMS is requesting very little mostly because it has received a lot of new vehicles and equipment in the past 15 months.

Over the winter of 2011-2012 the department took delivery of 4 new ambulances and 5 new defibrillators. Cash was paid for one ambulance. Lease financing was arranged for the other 3 ambulances and the defibs. Lease payments for the ambulances is paid from the Equipment Fund. The defibs are paid out of the Ambulance Fund. Last Spring the EMS was awarded a VLCT PACIF safety, loss control grant for 2 more stair chairs, giving the town 5 new stair chairs. Last, a fifth new ambulance was purchased, using lease financing, in the Fall of 2012.

Important issues facing EMS are: the Town of Berlin ambulance service contract, Obamacare reform impacts on health care payments, training requirements for the new certification levels adopted by the state.

Old Rt. 302 Pump Station

Originally a small sewage treatment plant, this building, under lease from the Town, was converted to a water pump station by the former East Barre Fire District #1. It pumps water from the Barre City trunk line up through the woods to Gerard Street. The EBFD #1 gave the pump station to the Town when the two merged.

Aldrich Library – East Barre Branch

The Town contributes annually to the Aldrich Library to recognize the value the library provides to the Barre community as a whole. The Library board has requested a \$150,000 contribution for FY 2013-2014. At this time the library is receiving \$103,000 from the Town.

Last Winter and Spring the Aldrich Library Board of Trustees used money donated by the late Ronald York to renovate and remodel the East Barre Branch on Mill Street. The apartment on the right side of the building was eliminated. The first floor of the former apartment now is a meeting room and book shelving area. There are new doors, windows, porch and siding.



East Barre Park

This is the Town's second largest park. It also has the second newest playground. (South Barre has the newest Playground.) The park offers a basketball court, a small picnic shelter, the playground, a large field used for youth sports and an unused open space. Grass cutting is contracted out. The cemetery crew picks up trash and maintains the playground equipment as needed.

East Barre Fire Station

This building is considered to be headquarters for the fire department. It has 5 overhead doors and can garage 8 large trucks. Assigned to the station are 2 pumpers, 2 tankers, the large rescue truck, a utility pick up (brush truck) and the rescue snowmobile and patient sled. For this station the Fire Department requests \$1,300 for floor gutter grates and \$4,000 for overhead air hose and reels. Its underground oil storage tank needs to be replaced too.

Smoke Training Building

The Fire Department acquired this mobile home about 15 years ago. It is parked on a town-owned lot. The department has used it to practice search and rescue in smoke filled buildings. Due to its condition the fire department is starting to think about removing it.

Water Storage Tank

This 250,000 gallon storage tank was constructed by the EBFD #1 when it created a pump station on Old Route 302. Water from the town's well (located behind the smoke training building) is pumped into this tank. The small operator's building's door is being replaced now at a cost of about \$500.

Upper Graniteville Playground

The playground is located at the end of Park Street, where the Upper Graniteville School once stood. The playground equipment was replaced during budget year 2001-2002 through a neighborhood fund-raising effort. A basketball court is provided. A small open space can be used to play ball, toss a Frisbee or other activities.

Barclay Quarry Rd. Town Forest Parking Area

Most of what will be the town forest lies inside the rectangle created by Graniteville Road, Church Hill Road, Littlejohn Road and Donahue Road. The forest property comes out to the dead end of Barclay Quarry Road. The ad-hoc Town Forest Management Plan Committee identified a small area at the end of Barclay Quarry where a parking area could be made. In anticipation of the forest acquisition over this winter the parking area for 10 or so cars was made by the DPW last fall. Kiosks are needed at this parking area and the other. A durable product costing \$975 is included in the budget. Kiosks would be used to inform forest users of the trails, rules and the funding sources that made it possible.

Brook Street Forest Parking and Garage

The second and largest parking area would be located at the top of Brook Street on a town forest lot. The lot is large and level. Parking for 60-70 cars could be provided. Current plans are parking will be made for about 30-35 cars. A two bay storage garage is located on the lot. The town is thinking it will "rent" the garage to Millstone Trails Association and Barre Town Thunder Chickens to store their trail maintenance equipment, tools and supplies. The groups are interested in performing on-site maintenance and making necessary improvements in lieu of rent.

Upper Websterville Playground

This is the old Upper Websterville School lot. The playground equipment was added in the mid 1990's after a neighborhood fund-raising campaign. Overhauling the playground is the Recreation Board's top priority for FY 2013-2014. Among the plans is construction of a small picnic shelter similar to shelters at other Barre Town playgrounds. The \$15,000 for the shelter is divided between fiscal years 13-14 and 14-15 in the Building Fund. The shelter would be built during the summer of 2014. In its General Fund budget the Recreation Board requests \$29,000 for playground improvements.

Other Facilities

Town Forest – The Town is expecting to take ownership of the nearly 355 acre forest land next month. 2013-2014 will bring the first required payments to Barre Area Development on the 4 year \$100,000 loan, and at that time there will likely be expenses associated with signage and kiosk development.

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
- 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

Public Safety

- Fire Department Smoke Training Trailer
- Radio Equipment, Generator (Williamstown)

Other

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

~ BUDGET FACTS ~

Tax year	Town Rate	Education	
		Homestead Rate	Non-Homestead
2012-13	.8569	1.3014	1.6076
2011-12	0.8593	1.2904	1.6210
2010-11	0.8502	1.2193	1.6350
2009-10	0.8473	1.1416	1.6324
2008-09	0.8291	1.1541	1.5546
2007-08	0.8319	1.0972	1.4602
2006-07	0.8225	1.0989	1.4355
2005-06	0.7760	1.0701	1.4009
2004-05	0.7264	0.9909	1.2967

Education Tax Rate

2003-04	1.0816	1.7984
2002-03	1.02749	1.75251
2001-02	1.05047	1.70953
2000-01	1.0024	1.5376
1999-00	0.9700	1.4700

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- \$ 10.00 taxes due for property assessed at \$100,000;
- \$ 12.50 taxes due for property assessed at \$125,000;
- \$ 15.00 taxes due for property assessed at \$150,000;
- \$ 20.00 taxes due for property assessed at \$200,000;
- \$ 30.00 taxes due for property assessed at \$300,000;

At the present tax rate the tax bill for residential properties are:

Property Value	Tax Bill
\$90,000	\$1,942
\$115,000	\$2,482
\$135,000	\$2,914
\$160,000	\$3,453
\$200,000	\$4,317
\$300,000	\$6,475
Grand List Growth	
2012.....	\$6,077,702
2011.....	\$6,003,000
2010.....	\$5,938,000
2009.....	\$5,898,075
2008.....	\$5,897,467
2007.....	\$5,789,108
2006.....	\$5,669,690