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relevant statute or rule and regulation of the commonwealth, including but not limited to, sections twenty-six to fifty-three, inclusive, of chapter twenty-one of the General Laws, and 314 CMR 7.00 and 314 CMR 12.00 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations.

Approved June 1, 1988.

Chapter 56. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BARRE TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in the town of Barre, a *department of public works, hereafter called the department, which shall be under the jurisdiction of a public works commission. Said commission shall be composed of the board of selectmen, the water commissioners and the sewer commissioners. The board of selectmen, water commissioners and sewer commissioners shall continue to be elected in accordance with the General Laws and the by-laws of said town and said board and commissioners shall continue to have all the powers and responsibilities vested by the general or special laws or by town by-law. The department shall have all the powers and duties now vested in or exercised by any of the following departments: the highway department, water department, sewer department and the parks and recreational department.*

SECTION 2. The public works commission shall appoint a superintendent of public works who shall exercise and perform the duties as directed by said commission. The superintendent shall supervise and direct the operation of the department. All present employees of any of the departments listed in section one shall be transferred to the department, continue to serve and retain all rights and benefits entitled to as of the effective date of this act. Said commission shall recommend to the personnel board a rate of compensation which shall be funded at the annual town meeting.

The superintendent of public works shall be qualified by education, training and experience to perform the duties of said position and shall supervise all employees of the department as determined from time to time by said commission.

The superintendent shall be removed for just cause only and by a majority vote of the whole commission. The superintendent shall be given written notice at least twenty-one days prior to the date of such removal which will state the reason for such removal, and, at the superintendent's request, a public hearing shall be held on the charges brought against the superintendent, prior to the removal. The superintendent shall hold no other elected or appointed office or engage in any business that said commission would deem to constitute a conflict of interest. The superintendent, with the approval of a majority of said commission and the personnel board, shall hire such employees as are

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required to perform the duties as directed. The superintendent shall submit to said commission, as often as they may require, a full report of all the operations under the superintendent's responsibility and as required by said commission, prepare a summary of said reports for publication. The superintendent shall advise said commission as to the requirements of the town within the scope of said department and shall, upon the request of said commission, prepare in writing, a detailed estimate of the funds required during the upcoming fiscal year to properly perform the duties of said department.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Barre at the annual town meeting to be held in nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, or at a special town meeting in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the warrant of said town meeting in the following manner: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled: 'An Act authorizing the town of Barre to establish a Department of Public Works', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to such question is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved June 1, 1988.

Chapter 57. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE UXBRIDGE RECREATION COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF UXBRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter forty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established in the town of Uxbridge an unpaid commission, to be known as the Uxbridge recreation commission. Said commission shall consist of nine members who shall be residents of said town and shall be appointed and may, for cause, be removed by the board of selectmen of said town. In the original appointments of the members, three shall be appointed for the term of one year, three shall be appointed for two years, three shall be appointed for terms of three years each, and thereafter, as the term of office of a member expires, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for the term of three years. Said commission shall elect from its membership a chairman and a secretary. Vacancies in the commission, caused otherwise than by expiration of term of service, shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in like manner as in the case of original appointments.

SECTION 3. Said commission shall assume administration of the land owned by the town of Uxbridge located at Capron street in said town, and formerly known as the Uxbridge Fairground; and athletic fields and