

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 25, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charlie Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Council approved the following consent agenda items as presented on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Meeting of June 18, 2013.
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Animal License, Mark Atkins, 21 Camp Street, 6 chickens.

The City Clerk and Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes made the following announcements:

- Water/sewer bills are due by July 1, 2013.
- All Barre City property owners have until Friday, June 28th at 1:00 PM to file for a grievance hearing on their property values.

Clerk Dawes asked the Council to set a special meeting for Monday, July 8th at 7:15 AM to set the tax rate, so that the tax files can be finalized later that day in preparation for printing the tax bills. The Council concurred.

Approval of Building Permits –

Council approved the following building permit on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Carolyn Moulton	34 Foster St.

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Resubmitting four projects for possible FEMA funding; the projects stemming from the 2011 flooding were originally deemed ineligible, but there is additional funding available.
- Researching possible funding from the Agency of Commerce & Community Development to help plug the funding gap in the Enterprise Aly remediation.
- The Hope Cemetery roadway paving project is expected to be completed by the end of the week.
 - The Quarry/South Main Streets intersection will be paved in 2-3 weeks.

There was discussion about the format of the Manager's report. Mayor Lauzon asked that the printed manager's report, which includes reports from City departments, be posted on the City website.

Visitors & Communications –

Councilor Dindo said he spoke with someone who recommended not having different parking meter token designs, as it creates sorting difficulties.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Report on Boy Scout Sculpture.

John Hook and Joellen Calderara of the Boy Scout Sculpture committee updated the Council on the committee's progress. Ms. Calderara said the goal is to have the sculpture completed by the 2014 Heritage Festival. The anticipated budget is \$72,000 and the committee has begun fundraising. The committee will ask the City to help select a location for the statue. They would also like to hold a coin drop to help raise funds.

There was discussion about location of the statue on public or private property, the Boy Scouts policy of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and the importance of the history of Boy Scouting to Barre.

Mayor Lauzon said the committee should contact Studio Place Arts executive director Sue Higby to discuss possible locations for the statue.

B) Byrne Grant Discussion – Speed Carts.

Chief Tim Bombardier said the City has been awarded a Byrne Grant of approximately \$10,000 to be used on new police initiatives. The Chief said the police department has looked into speed monitoring equipment such as speed carts and signs. He recommended Council approve the Chief and Manager going out to bid for speed monitoring equipment.

Council gave Chief Bombardier and Manager Mackenzie approval to go out to bid for speed monitoring equipment to be paid out of the Byrne Grant on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Chief Bombardier said he is ready to roll out the parking meter token design contest. Submissions will be collected in the Clerk's office, and the winner will receive a year's free parking, a season pass to the swimming pool and a season pass for skating at the BOR. Mayor Lauzon said the token will have the City seal on one side. The Mayor said the deadline for entries is July 24th and the Council will announce the winning design at the Heritage Festival.

C) Approval of Tax Stabilization Agreement.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the tax stabilization application and proposed agreement for 1-11 Bugbee Avenue. The item will be placed on the next meeting's agenda for approval to allow the Council more time to review the documents.

D) Approval of Central Vermont Humane Society Holding Agreement.

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the agreement. Council approved and authorized the Manager to sign on behalf of the City on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie said he is working with Barre Town Manager Carl Rogers to secure a contract for Animal Control services. Mayor Lauzon said such services are included in the FY14 budget and he would like to see them in place by July 1st.

E) Authorization of Manager to Execute Documents to Facilitate CVCLT/GSH Closing.

Mayor Lauzon said Central Vermont Community Land Trust (CVCLT) is purchasing a property currently owned by Good Samaritan Haven (GSH) by assumption of the debt. Because some of the funding has flowed through the City, the City may be required to sign some of the closing documents. There will be no financial obligations to the City.

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Council approved authorizing the Manager to sign any necessary documents on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

F) July Meeting Schedule.

Mayor Lauzon said Council will meet on the following dates through July and early August: July 9th, July 23rd and August 6th.

G) Brusa Trust Co-Trusteeship.

Clerk Dawes reviewed her memo outlining Judge Kilgore's interest in naming co-trustees for the Brusa Trust. There was discussion about the possible liabilities of co-trusteeships.

Council approved that a letter be submitted to the court requesting that a sole trustee be named for the Brusa Trust and indicating that the City is willing to serve as the sole trustee, on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Poirier said he is working on a document for Council to adopt formal policies on agenda issues that come up for action. He said he would like items to be taken up one week and be brought up for action the following week.

Councilor Herring said he will set a meeting for the Tax Stabilization Revision committee and the IT committee.

Councilor Dindo said there have been conflicts between people who have reserved the Rotary Park shelter and others who are using the shelter, and he asked how such a conflict should be addressed. Mayor Lauzon said the parties should contact the police department.

Council went into executive session at 8:44 PM to discuss personnel issues on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Alderman Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 9:12 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 9:12 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of the meeting is available through the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk