

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held July 26, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Etli; from Ward II, Councilor Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilors Chadderton and Herring. City Manager Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Dawes were also present.

Approval of the Minutes - The minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 12, 2011 were approved as presented on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Approval of City Warrants – Council approved City Warrants as presented, including Community Development Warrants payable out of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds and Municipal Planning Grant funds, on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

- The BCA is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 27th at 6:30 PM with the Barre Town BCA to discuss the proposed joint Barre City/Barre Town legislative district. The meeting is at the Barre Town offices.
- The BCA is scheduled to meet on Monday, August 1st at 5:00 PM to begin the annual tax assessment appeal process. The Clerk has received 21 appeal requests.
- The Board of Abatement is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 9th at 5:00 PM to hear six abatement requests. Mayor Lauzon asked if any tax abatements that are related to flood damage will be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. The Clerk will look into it.

Council approved a 2011 Food Establishment License application for Mario's dba The Quarry Grill and Tavern at 210 N. Main Street, on condition of a valid occupancy permit, on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council approved a retroactive 2011 Fireworks Display Permit application for test firing fireworks on July 18th & 19th in anticipation of the Heritage Festival, including waiver of the fee, on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council approved a 2011 Fireworks Display Permit application for the Heritage Festival, July 30, 2011 beginning at 9:00 PM from the Barre City Elementary School, including waiver of the fee, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council approved a single event 2011 Food Vending License application for the Racing Chefs for a pig roast and other food items on Keith Avenue on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 7:00 AM – midnight, with conditions that there be no parking on Keith Avenue and no blockage of the entrances to the Merchants Bank parking lots, on motion of Councilor Etli, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Building Permits – Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michael & Jean Perrigo	40 Palmisano Plaza
Allen Blondin & Dennis Diego	120 River St.
Timothy & Ann Craig	32 Westwood Parkway
Rosemarie Williams	14 Vine St.
Lori MacFarlane & Russell Belding	25 Wellington St.

Liquor Control Board –

Council approved a permanent use Outside Consumption Permit application from The Quarry Grill & Tavern at 210 N. Main Street, for the raised deck on North Main Street and the fenced-off area along Depot Square, with conditions as imposed by Chief Bombardier, a valid occupancy permit and an August 10, 2011 deadline for installation of the granite bollards, on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Etlí. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Council approved a one-time Outside Consumption Permit application from Green Mountain Tavern at 10 Keith Avenue for use of the western end of Keith Avenue on Saturday, July 30th from Noon – 10:00 PM, with conditions as imposed by Chief Bombardier, no parking on Keith Avenue and no blocking the Merchants Bank parking lots, on motion of Councilor Etlí, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Visitors and Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) We Dig Barre “Treasure Dig” Drawing – Week #4.

Barre Partnership executive director Dan Jones, board member Mary Jane Magnan and We Dig Barre mascot “Digger” made an appearance before Council for the drawing of this week’s Treasure Dig winner. Ms. Magnan reviewed the Wednesday evening events for this week, and said the Partnership will be registering kids for the Little Digger Club at the Wednesday events.

Mayor Lauzon said the ground breaking for the North Main Street Reconstruction Project will be Friday, July 29th at 6:00 PM in front of the Youth Triumphant memorial.

B) Resolution #2011-12 Re-submittal of Barre Housing Authority VCDP Grant Application.

Barre Housing Authority executive director Chip Castle reviewed the history of BHA’s VCDP grant application for installation of accessible showers in a number of its apartments, and a lift accessing the community room at Green Acres. Mr. Castle said the original application was denied, and BHA has revised the application based on the feedback from the grant review committee. He said the new application requires a new resolution from the City. Council approved resolution #2011-12 on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

C) Heritage Weekend Update.

Heritage Festival coordinator Mollie Brault-Binaghi gave an update of Festival activities and the schedule for this weekend.

D) Youth Triumphant “Apron” Decision – Granite vs. Concrete.

Studio Place Arts executive director Sue Higby presented a memo regarding the memorial’s artist, C. Paul Jennewein, and his intent for the apron surrounding the memorial. Matt and Joe Calcagni from Granite Corporation of Barre discussed the durability of granite, and possible finishes. There was discussion about the artist’s intent, durability, finishes and cost. Councilor Boutin made a motion to approve the apron construction as “an agglomerate of cement and crushed granite”, as outlined in Mr. Jennewein’s correspondence. There was no second to the motion.

There was additional discussion about the proposed lighting bollards, and other options for lighting the memorial. Ms. Higby said there is information about lighting design options in Mr. Jennewein’s records, and she will forward the information to the City.

Council approved going forward with the project as presented by Granite Corporation of Barre, using granite for the apron, with the Manager having leeway up to 10% of the project cost to address latent conditions that may come to light along the way, on motion of Councilor Etli, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

Mayor Lauzon asked the Calcagnis to come back every week or so to update the Council on the project's progress.

E) Third and Final Public Forum on Semprebond Fund Committee Recommendations.

Ellen Sivret reviewed the proposals she sponsored, which were focused on restoration efforts on historic buildings in the City. Ms. Sivret said her original proposal included funding towards installation of a concrete floor at the Granite Museum, and that proposal was not included in the recommendations from the Committee. She requested that the Council consider awarding \$17,000 to the Granite Museum to go towards the flooring project.

Chris Russo-Fraysier spoke in favor of the Cow Pasture proposal that received a recommendation from the Committee.

Bob Quinlan appeared before Council as an advocate for the Tarquinio Park proposal that received a recommendation from the Committee.

Mayor Lauzon said the Council will begin to act on the list of recommendations at next week's meeting.

F) Appointment of Representative to Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.

Council appointed Planning Director Michael Miller as the City's representative to the CVRPC on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Etli. **Motion carried.**

G) Paving Bids Award Ratification.

Mayor Lauzon said Manager Mackenzie awarded the paving bids last week due to there being no Council meeting, and asked that the Council ratify the Manager's action. Council ratified the Manager's awarding the paving bids to Pike Industries on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

City Manager's Report –

- Attended a targeted inspection of the Jail & Stevens Branches, identifying areas for mitigation.
- FEMA announced that Washington & Orange Counties have received public assistance disaster declarations. There will be a mandatory FEMA meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd for those seeing public assistance.
- Reminded everyone of the Big Dig ground breaking ceremony on Friday, July 29th at 6:00 PM in front of Youth Triumphant.
- Attended the 3rd weekly progress meeting for the Big Dig and everything seems to be off to a smooth start. Night work on the sanitary sewer lines will begin on Sunday, July 31st.
- The 3rd Big Dig merchants' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:30 PM at Alumni Hall.

Roundtable –

Mayor Lauzon said he has been watching the census numbers from the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center at the auditorium, and said they are not seeing the numbers of people registering that they expected. He reminded those who were affected by the May 26th/27th flooding and heavy rains to register for assistance.

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Council went into executive session at 9:25 PM to discuss personnel and legal issues on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 9:30 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 9:30 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

An audio transcript of this meeting is available through the Clerk's Office. Audio transcripts are kept on file for two years, as per state statute.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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