

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held November 16, 2011**

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

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the history of the City Place/219 North Main Street project, and other related topics, including:

- Neighborhood Stabilization Grant Program (NSP), which allowed for the purchase of 219 North Main Street and the demolition of the buildings located on the site.
- Community meetings about the need for a grocery store in the downtown.
- Tropical Storm Irene and the state's request for proposals for relocating displaced workers.

Jay Ancel, from Black River Design, reviewed the draft plans for the proposed building. He reviewed the site plan and the level-by-level plans.

Other points discussed by the Mayor, Mr. Ancel and those in attendance included:

- Parking.
- Building design – context, materials, façade.
- Number of stories – 4 or 5.
- Acquiring abutting properties to allow for additional parking/loading areas.
- Ownership/finance models
- Project cost estimated at \$12 million.
- Tenant businesses in the building – competition with existing businesses.
- Bringing jobs to the community.
- City has water/sewer capacity for additional development.
- Additional meetings and public hearings.
- Must remain a tax-generating property.
- Meetings being held with representatives from the Shumlin administration to discuss worker relocation to downtown Barre.
- NSP program restrictions – development must have a public benefit for low to moderate income.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

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