

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held January 14, 2012**

A Special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Michael Smith at 7:45 AM. In attendance were, from Ward I, Councilor Dominic Etli; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

The Manager distributed his draft FY13 budget and offered a quick review through the entire document. Council then went back to the beginning of the budget proposal and discussed specific points.

Mayor Lauzon arrived at 8:25 AM and assumed the chair of the meeting.

Chief Timothy Bombardier joined the meeting at 8:40 AM. There was discussion about the budget figures for the Police and Fire/EMS Departments.

Clerk Dawes said the charter calls for the Manager to present his budget to Council no later than 45 days before the election, and that this meeting fulfills that obligation. The Clerk said Council needs to approve the warning, which will include the final budget amount, no later than 30 days before the election, and that the last regularly scheduled Council meeting for that deadline is January 31st.

Councilor Etli left at 10:50 AM.

Mayor Lauzon asked the Manager to include a Buildings, Grounds, Cemeteries and Recreation Department in his next budget draft. The new department would include the current Facilities and Recreation Departments, and the Cemeteries & Parks Department that will fall under the general fund beginning on July 1, 2012.

Mayor Lauzon said there will be a special Council meeting on Saturday, January 28th for final review of the proposed FY13 budget.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 11:37 AM.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk