

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held January 28, 2012**

A Special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 8:23 AM. In attendance were, from Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Council reviewed Manager Mackenzie's budget draft #4. There was discussion on a number of topics, including:

- Creation of an assistant city manager position
- The merged Facilities/Cemeteries & Parks/Recreation Department
- Construction of a new city garage
- Overall increase in operations expenses of approximately 1.4%
- 2 cents of additional operations expense increase tied to absorption of Cemeteries & Parks Department
- Approximate 4% overall tax rate increase, including both municipal and education taxes
- Discussions with Barre Town re. dispatch services and water rates
- Library allocation increase based on formula of inflation rate plus 5%
- No new positions in budget except for assistant city manager
- Dispatch options/cross training dispatchers and firefighters
- Schedule for approval of the warning
- Schedule for public budget presentations

Council went into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 9:17 AM on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon closed the executive session at 9:37 AM. Councilor Poirier left at 9:37 AM.

Mayor Lauzon said the Council will take up the discussion of the Barre Town water rate contract at the February 7th meeting.

The Mayor requested that all fees be reviewed on an annual basis.

Councilor Herring left at 10:00 AM.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM, as there was no longer a quorum.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk