

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 7, 2012**

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, Councilor Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton (arrived 8:16 PM) and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

We Dig Barre Treasure Dig Drawing. Barre merchant Bob Sager asked Mayor Lauzon to draw this week's Treasure Dig winner and announced this week's clue.

Mayor Lauzon asked if there are maps that show where parking is available during the Big Dig. Mr. Sager said the Barre Partnership is updating their maps. The Mayor asked for the map to be posted on the City website.

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of May 1, 2012
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2012 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- The Special Meeting election polls will be open at the auditorium on May 8th from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15th.
- Even though the statutory deadline has passed, dogs must still be licensed, and the Clerk's office continues to issue tags.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control Board – Council approved a 1st class liquor license renewal for Day's Inn – Barre on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Mayor Lauzon said he wanted to go on record as being concerned about the recent teen night ordinance violations at Green Mountain Tavern, and said such ordinance violations should be addressed in writing from the City. Council authorized sending a written notification of warning to Green Mountain Tavern, officially informing them of their violation and that any future violation would lead to the Council – in its capacity as the local liquor control board - calling a license revocation hearing. The authorization was made on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Visitors and Communications –

Hannah Eтли, chair of the Semprebond Fund Committee, said the committee is accepting proposals until May 16th.

Mayor Lauzon said he recently spoke with a representative from Senator Leahy's office about the possibility of funding in support of the regional bike path. The Mayor said he would like to renew the conversations with neighboring municipalities about regional initiatives.

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following activities over the past week, and upcoming items:

- Meetings attended: Big Dig and other VTRANS projects, local property owner about maintenance of property, ANR about Enterprise Aly, City attorney about legal issues, conference call re. City Place, meetings re. Nelson Street hydro project and spillway repairs.
- Manager Mackenzie announced that Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta recently received a grant in support of the tennis program.

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Old Business –

B) Council Priority Discussion – Summer 2013 Work Plan.

Mayor Lauzon said he is still receiving Councilor lists. The Mayor said he will have a compilation list for discussion at next week's meeting.

C) April 12th Special Meeting Minutes Discussion.

Councilor Boutin said he would like to informally table the discussion until he has had an opportunity to review an audio recording of the April 12th meeting.

A) 2013 Proposed Budget Presentation and Discussion.

Mayor Lauzon gave a PowerPoint presentation of the FY2013 municipal budget being voted upon at the May 8th Special Meeting.

Councilor Smith thanked Manager Mackenzie for his commentary that ran in the newspaper over the weekend.

Mayor Lauzon apologized for swearing out of frustration at last week's Council meeting.

New Business –

A) Community Outreach Grants.

This item is deferred until next week.

Roundtable –

Councilor Poirier asked if the Green Up Day bags will be picked up by the City. Manager Mackenzie said yes.

Councilor Herring said the Green Up Day activities over the weekend were great. He reminded everyone of the blood drive being held on Monday, May 14th.

Councilor Smith thanked those who volunteered on Green Up Day, and encouraged people to come out and vote on May 8th.

Manager Mackenzie said the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps recently completed some work in the City Cow Pasture, and there is additional work planned for the future.

There was discussion about the traffic and pedestrian crossing signals, and the conflict created by green right turn lights that are on at the same time the pedestrian walk signals are on. There was consensus that there should be no right turn green arrows while pedestrians are crossing, especially at the corners of Elm & Washington Streets and North/South Main & Prospect Streets.

Mayor Lauzon thanked those who participated in Green Up Day.

Councilor Chadderton arrived at 8:16 PM and encouraged people to get out and vote.

Council adjourned at 8:17 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **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