

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held June 4, 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 and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk Carolyn Dawes.

Mayor Lauzon welcomed Sara Fordham, a local Barre City Elementary and Middle School student, who rescued her family and others living in the building when they experienced a house fire last week. The Mayor presented a resolution honoring Ms. Fordham for her heroic actions, and naming June 8, 2012 as "Sara Fordham Appreciation Day". Council approved the resolution on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.** Mayor Lauzon presented Ms. Fordham with a framed copy of the resolution and all those present offered a standing ovation.

**We Dig Barre Treasure Dig Drawing.** We Dig Barre committee chair Mary Jane Magnan and mascot Digger invited Clerk Dawes to draw this week's Treasure Dig winner, and announced this week's clue.

**New Business:**

**B) Discussion of NIXLE Community Information Service.**

Councilor Boutin said he would like to see the NIXLE system used more often. Chief Bombardier said the response to the system was not very strong. The Chief said there are a variety of ways the City can stay in touch with people, and the City should develop a policy for use of NIXLE or social media options. Mayor Lauzon asked Councilors Boutin and Chadderton to work with the Chief on a policy for using NIXLE, and report back at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Mayor asked the report to include specific information about posting items to NIXLE and ways to encourage participation and enrolment.

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Special Meeting of May 29, 2012
  - Regular Meeting of May 31, 2012
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2012 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
  - 2012 Commercial Swimming Pool License for Westview Condominium Association located at 122 Batchelder Street.
  - 2012 single event Entertainment License for Flag Day Ceremony, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 7:45 PM in City Hall Park/gazebo. Approval included waiver of the application fee.

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

- The polls for tomorrow's Special Meeting election will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the auditorium. All Barre City voters are encouraged to participate.
- Dog licenses continue to be issued. Letters were sent out in late May, alerting dog owners that they have 30 days to get their dog licenses renewed before the list is turned over to the First Constable for enforcement.

**Approval of Building Permits** –

Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.** Approval of the Elmer application included waiver of the fee.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Stephen Elmer	91 Allen Street
Joan McMahon	28 Nelson Street

**Liquor Control Board –NONE**

**Visitors and Communications – NONE**

**City Manager Report –**

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following activities from the previous week, and upcoming events:

- Meetings about rehabilitation of the roads in Hope Cemetery, traffic signal modifications, Big Dig, VLCT labor & human resources seminar, grievance hearing.
- The Big Dig appears to be on schedule. Paving of the northern portion should begin the later this month and be done by June 28<sup>th</sup>. Work will then begin in the Depot Square area, followed by the southern end of North Main Street.
- The traffic signal modifications are scheduled to take place on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The municipal pool opens for the year on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Traffic modifications in the Summer Street/Keith Avenue area are being considered.
- There will be an internal parking summit for Barre City staff on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a trial installation of 2 different lighting types at Youth Triumphant in the near future, to select the better lighting option for the memorial.

**Old Business:**

**A) Public Safety Committee Updates:**

- **Fire Department**
- **Police Department**

There was nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

**A) FY 2013 Proposed Budget Revote Review.**

Mayor Lauzon thanked the Council for its work on the budget revisions. The Mayor asked the taxpayers for their support and faith.

Councilor Poirier said he would like the Council to include the Beverage Baron area and the adjoining stream retaining walls in one of its upcoming tours of the City. Mayor Lauzon said it will be included, and said he would also like to visit Short Street and Granite Street. The Mayor said next week's Council meeting will begin with a brief session in the Council chambers beginning at 6:00 PM, and then the Council will tour the cemeteries and meet with residents on Merchant Street.

Councilor Poirier referenced a letter distributed to the Council about an animal cruelty case, and said he is concerned about citizens putting themselves in harm's way. He said people should be reminded to go through channels, and asked that a note be sent indicating the Council's concern for their safety. Mayor Lauzon asked to have Chief Bombardier get in touch with the organization that drafted the letter and remind them if they find themselves in a confrontational situation, they should notify the police department.

**C) Award of 2012 Bituminous Concrete Paving Bid.**

Manager Mackenzie reviewed a memo from the Engineering Department, which recommended that the bid be awarded to low bidder Pike Industries. Council awarded the bid to Pike on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**D) Quarry Hill – Truck Traffic.**

Mayor Lauzon said the City has party status to an Act 250 application for a hot mix plant in Barre Town, which is projected to have a significant increase in truck traffic up and down Quarry Street in the summers. The Mayor said he would like to see Barre City and Barre Town work together on a truck route plan that would include truck traffic on Middle Road in Barre Town, which is currently closed to truck traffic. He said the current configuration of the intersection at the bottom of Quarry Street makes it unsafe for that volume of traffic. Manager Mackenzie suggested he set up a meeting with Barre Town and draft a position letter for the Council to review and edit. Councilor Poirier suggested involving resident Ed Stanak who recently retired from the Act 250 division. Mayor Lauzon suggested involving the Barre City TAC.

**Roundtable –**

Councilor Herring said the Barre City school boards have approved a 4 year contract for teachers at Spaulding Union High School District and the Barre City Elementary and Middle School.

Councilor Smith encouraged voters to come out and vote in support of the municipal budget at tomorrow's election. He said there will be a Taste of Barre event on Keith Avenue on Thursday from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Manager Mackenzie reminded the Council of the schedule for next week's meeting, which includes meeting in the Council chambers at 6:00 PM, followed by a tour of the cemeteries and a visit with residents on Merchant Street.

Mayor Lauzon encouraged people to come out and support the City at tomorrow's election.

Council adjourned at 8:12 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