

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 9, 2013**

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 Charles Dindo; Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Meeting of April 2, 2013
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Entertainment License, Studio Place Arts, 201 N. Main St., annual fundraiser event on Friday, May 10, 2013 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
 - Entertainment License, Thunder Road, car show & parade, Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 7:00 AM – 12:15 PM. The license was approved contingent upon Police Department approval and conditions.

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

- Dog and wolf-hybrids were due to be licensed by April 1st. They must still be licensed, but there will be a late fee.
- The House Government Operations Committee approved the City charter changes. The bill was reported to the full House today.
- Read invitation from the Sons of Union Veterans and Barre Area Veterans Council to the dedication of the Civil War Memorial recently erected in City Hall Park. The dedication will take place on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013, at 11:00 AM.

Approval of Building Permits –

Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

| <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Address</u> |
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| Robert & Roseanne Martell | 11 Marcell Ave. |

Liquor Control Board –

Council approved a special event permit for Grand View Winery for the Studio Place Arts fundraiser scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2013. The permit is scheduled from 6:00 – 10:00 PM. Approval was on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

Council approved the following liquor license renewals on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

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| Doenges Enterprises Inc. DBA Soup N Greens | 325 N. Main Street |
| Planet Rock N Metal | 127 N. Main Street |

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Received notification of the City's successful application for a transportation grant in the amount

of \$25,000 to support the bike path.

- Reviewed the environmental assessment report books for Merchant's Row and Enterprise Aly, including the corrective action plan. The Manager said he is meeting with ANR and others to focus on funding options. There will be a Council briefing in the near future.
- Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4th. The City will pick up green GUD bags the following week.
- Reviewed the vacancies on committees and boards. There is a candidate for the Civic Center Committee vacancy, and the interested party will be invited to meet with the Council next week.
- The Manager said he and VideoVision have been exploring options for new microphones to enhance the video recordings of the Council meetings, and after the tonight's meeting he will show the Council the different models under consideration.

Visitors & Communications –

City residents April & Matthew Jolly said she received a letter from an attorney representing her neighbor, Jeff Friot, informing them of the recent license issued by the City to allow Mr. Friot use of a City-owned undeveloped street abutting his property. Ms. Jolly said the parcel in question abuts her property and she said it would have been nice to have received notification of the pending license approval. She asked if there is any opportunity to appeal the license. Mayor Lauzon said there was public notice though Council minutes and Council meeting warnings. He said certain forms of development on the parcel would call for building and/or zoning permits, and some of them would include notification to abutters. Ms. Jolly said she is concerned because the parcel in question is an attractive piece of land on which they have seen a variety of wildlife. She said it would have been helpful to them if they received notification before the license was issued. Mayor Lauzon asked about the letter from the attorney. Ms. Jolly said her property has a right-of-way across the Friots' property, and the letter from the attorney said the Friots are asking the Jollys to release the ROW in exchange for creating a driveway over the licensed parcel. The Mayor said there is no appeal available for the issuance of the license, but there would be appeal options for any permits issued to develop the parcel in question.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

B) Closing of the Grand Lists.

Clerk Dawes said the grand lists for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 have not been closed yet due to pending appeals which were recently finalized. The Clerk said closing the grand lists calls for the Council to certify that no litigation or appeals are pending. Council approved the certifications of the grand lists from the listed years on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

C) Acceptance of VTRANS Bike Path Grant Award.

Manager Mackenzie said the City has received notification of a \$250,000 grant in support of the bike path. Council will have an opportunity in the near future to officially accept the grant. Tonight's recommended action is to accept the project commitment form and authorize the Manager to sign on behalf of the City. Council approved the Manager's recommendation on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

D) Council Discussion of Joint City/BCEMS Budget Public Forum.

Manager Mackenzie said he is gathering information from the school board and will work with them on the format for the public forum. Clerk Dawes said the school board has reserved the Barre Opera House for Wednesday, May 1, 2013 starting at 6:30 PM for the forum. Mayor Lauzon said he would like the chair of the Citizens Budget Committee to make the presentation on behalf of the City at the forum, and he would like the Committee to make a similar presentation to Council at the April 23rd meeting.

A) Approval of Warning for May 14, 2013 Budget Revote Special Meeting.

Council approved the warning for the May 14, 2013 budget revote special meeting as presented on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilor Dindo said there is a bike path committee meeting tomorrow evening.

Councilor Smith said the next Planning Commission neighborhood walk & talk is this Thursday, and will start at the Mutuo on Beckley Street.

Mayor Lauzon said he attended National Service Recognition Day, honoring AmeriCorps volunteers. The Mayor said Green Up Day is coming on May 4th, and he would like to find a way for the City to collect dirt left on the roads from the winter season. He said he would like a presentation from the City's Green Up Day coordinators at next week's Council meeting.

Council adjourned at 7:43 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of the meeting is available through the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk