

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held April 16, 2013**

A Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at the Barre Area Senior Center at 135 North Main Street at 6:00 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 II, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie, Facility Director Jeff Bergeron, Barre Area Senior Center board members Bob Brault and Dorothy Jo Neve, and John Clark.

Mr. Brault lead those assembled on a tour of the Senior Center building

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 6:40 PM.

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held April 16, 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, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Mayor Lauzon opened the meeting by inviting those in attendance to stand for a moment of silence in honor of those who died or were injured during the bombings in Boston on Monday. The Mayor said there will be a candlelight vigil in City Hall Park tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Lauzon introduced Lt. Col. Donald Singer, who runs the JROTC program at Spaulding Union High School, who introduced JROTC members Samantha Hammerschom and Shaylan Edwards. Ms. Hammerschom and Ms. Edwards said the SHS JROTC drill team qualified to compete at this year's national competitions in Florida. They said this is the first time a team from Vermont has been invited to compete. Council and audience members applauded this accomplishment and wished them well at the national completion.

Ryan Dudley, math & science teacher at Barre City Elementary & Middle School, introduced his students who recently participated in the Destination Imagination competition. Their entry won them an invitation to compete in the national competition in Knoxville, KY. The students displayed the structure they designed and built, which held more than 6 times the weight of their nearest competitor. Council and audience members applauded their accomplishment and wished them well at the national competition.

Mayor Lauzon

**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 meeting:
  - Regular Meeting of April 9, 2013
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
  - Taxicab Operator's License or Edmund Morrison.
  - Taxicab Driver's License, Edmund Morrison.

**New Business –**

**B) Civic Center Committee Appointment of Jerome Bolkum.**

Jerome Bolkum was introduced to the Council as a recommended appointee to the Civic Center Committee. Mr. Bolkum discussed his reasons for wanting to serve on the committee. Council approved

the appointment on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

- Dog and wolf-hybrids were due to be licensed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. They must still be licensed, but there will be a late fee.
- Ballots for the May 14, 2013 budget revote are available. They have been mailed to those who voted early/absentee for the March Annual (Town) Meeting. Early/absentee voting is available in the clerk’s office.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15, 2013.
- The Clerk reminded everyone of tomorrow evening’s candlelight vigil in recognition of the bombings in Boston.

**Approval of Building Permits** –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jason & Crystal Jones	53 Country Way
F&M Bashara LLC	781 N. Main Street
The James Finnie Trust	7 Valliere Avenue

**Liquor Control Board** –

Council approved the following Request to Cater Permit applications on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

- The Hilltop Restaurant for a Barre Historical Society fundraising event at the Old Labor Hall on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 from 5:00 – 10:00 PM
- The Cornerstone Pub & Kitchen for a business opening at 21 Metro Way on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Council approved the following liquor and tobacco license renewals on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

**1<sup>st</sup> CLASS**

Green Mountain Tavern 10 Keith Avenue

**2nd CLASS**

Central Market Inc. 50 Summer Street

**TOBACCO**

Green Mountain Tavern 10 Keith Avenue  
Central Market Inc. 50 Summer Street  
Christine Duggan DBA Spencer’s Discount Tobacco 125 N. Main Street

**City Manager’s Report** –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Attended the following:
  - Flooding workshop.
  - Granite Museum board meeting.
  - Meeting with the Grand Prix bike race organizers to discuss logistical requirements.
  - Bike Path Committee meeting.
  - Big Dig meeting.
  - Meeting to coordinate joint public forum on the Barre City/BCEMS budgets revote.

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- Seminar on upcoming Health Exchange, with a focus on the impact on union contracts and negotiations.
- Passed out packets of FY12 audit materials. The auditor will present the audit to the Council at the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Reviewed committee vacancies.

Mayor Lauzon said the Nelson Street hydro project will start construction in the near future. The meter at the water treatment plant has been designated as the recipient meter. Manager Mackenzie reviewed the construction timeline.

#### **Old Business – NONE**

#### **New Business –**

##### **A) Green Up Day Presentation – SHS Students for a Safe Environment.**

Mayor Lauzon said this item will be deferred to next week.

#### **Visitors & Communications –**

John Clark asked about the removal of the handicap ramp on the front of City Hall. Mayor Lauzon said the façade is being renovated and the ramp will be replaced. Mr. Clark said the removal of the ramp left holes in the front granite steps; the holes could be a hazard and should be filled.

Mr. Clark said he has questions about the rental housing inspection program and its enforcement. He said he recently received a letter from the Zoning Department asking about transfer of property, and said Lt. Matt Cetin told him it is not a formal complaint. Mr. Clark said if there is a formal complaint against him or his property, he has a right to know. Mayor Lauzon said he will look into it and let Mr. Clark know. Mr. Clark said the property has not changed since his letter to Manager Mackenzie in November.

Mr. Clark said there are piles of tires at Highgate Apartments and a North Main Street business, and he is concerned about the tires being an opportunity for standing water and a breeding ground for mosquitoes that can carry encephalitis. Mayor Lauzon reviewed the current agreement between the City and the North Main Street business, and said a timeframe could be established to avoid standing water. Mr. Clark said there are other areas in the City where tires are being allowed to accumulate.

Mr. Clark said he has called the tree warden twice to ask about the status of a pair of trees on his property. The warden has not responded or come to look at the trees.

King Street resident Wayne King said his 3 year old grandson was hit by a car in front of the house. Mr. King said it is a dead end street and there is no way the speed limit should be 25 MPH. He said either the speed limit needs to change or speed bumps need to be installed. Mayor Lauzon said he will speak with Chief Bombardier about the situation and get back to Mr. King within a week.

#### **Other –**

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the numbers for the May 14, 2013 budget revote and said the projected joint municipal/education tax rate increase is 2.3%. The Mayor said he is hopeful the voters will support the budget. Clerk Dawes said the school superintendant will give a budget presentation at next week's meeting. Mayor Lauzon asked that the chair of the Citizen Budget Committee give a presentation on the City budget at next week's meeting.

#### **Round Table –**

Councilor Herring said he wants to follow up with Doug LaPointe, who is the Green-Up Day coordinator, to see if the City has applied for a grant through the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District.

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He said he attended a job fair in Montpelier recently, and would like to have one here in Barre. He said the joint Barre City/BCEMS public forum on the budget revotes is scheduled for Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Barre Opera House.

Councilor Dindo said he has been getting calls about the Big Dig construction, and wanted to confirm that most Summer Street paving work will be done during the day and most North Main Street paving work will be done at night.

Councilor Boutin said he continues to have concerns about the way the traffic signals are working. Manager Mackenzie said he has made it clear to the contractor that the signals are to be running as designed by the completion of the project. Councilor Boutin said the signals should be returned to their pre-Big Dig operation. Mayor Lauzon said at the completion of construction, the contractor will come before Council to take any questions and make a recommendation.

Councilor Chadderton asked when City Engineer Reg Abare will give a street report. Mayor Lauzon said the report will be scheduled for mid-May.

Mayor Lauzon said the regional public safety commission has been working for 3 ½ years with no discernible progress. The Mayor said he will work to get commitments out of the four communities involved with the commission.

Council adjourned at 8:16 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk