

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 29, 2012**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin (arrived 6:13 PM); and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie, Chief Tim Bombardier, Facilities Director Jeff Bergeron, City Engineer Reg Abare and Clerk Carolyn Dawes.

Mayor Lauzon asked for updates on the City's preparations for Hurricane Sandy, scheduled to impact our area beginning this evening.

Others in attendance gave updates on the storm and the City's preparations, including discussion on the following:

- 1,000 sandbags have been filled and stockpiled at the Public Works garage. There are also 500 unfilled bags available, and sand to fill them.
- The current forecast is for winds with gusts up to 60 mph, with no significant rain in the first 24 hours of the storm's impact on our area. There will be an increased chance of rain over the following 1-5 days.
- Public safety equipment has been staged at the Civic Center. Excavators have been staged at the Public Works garage and other vulnerable locations around the City.
- The Red Cross is prepared to open an emergency shelter at the auditorium, if deemed necessary.
- The expectation is that the high winds will cause downed trees and power lines. Public Works, Facilities and Public Safety have chainsaws and are prepared to address issues of clean up following the storm. Public Safety is prepared to cordon off downed power lines as necessary. Green Mountain Power is prepared to deal with downed power lines as they are reported.
- The City is monitoring 11 locations known to be vulnerable to flooding.
- The City has granted permission to the Good Samaritan Haven homeless shelter for an additional 5 cots for this evening only, provided there is a fire watch over night. The Haven is reporting their head count to the Chief at 9:00 PM tonight.

Mayor Lauzon said the next update will be at tomorrow evening's Council meeting.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk