

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held November 4, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 7:00 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; and from Ward II, Alderman Michael Boutin. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of October 29, 2013.
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

The City Clerk and Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes reported on the following:

- Polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM at the auditorium for tomorrow's special election.
- Second quarter property taxes are due by November 15th. The drop box on City Hall and the credit card link on the City website are payment options.

Approval of Building Permits – Council approved the following building permit on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Tina Marie Priddy	16 Maplewood Ave.

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report – Manager Mackenzie announced the following:

- The BOR mold remediation work is on schedule.
- Asked the public to please report any traffic signal glitches to the Manager's office.
- The Veteran's Day parade and ceremonies will be Monday, November 11th.
- The winter parking ban begins on Friday, November 15th and runs to April 1st. 24 hour parking permits are available through the Clerk's office.

Councilor Dindo said the Barre Rotary Club is planning on making a donation to help with the BOR mold remediation, and the Mutuo is discussing making a donation.

Visitors & Communications –

Mayor Lauzon said there was a great article in today's paper about Councilor Dindo and his work as a granite draftsman. The Mayor read from letters written to the Fire Department, thanking Paramedic Nick Copping for his services, and from Williamstown, thanking them for the use of the portable pump.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Discussion on Free Holiday Parking.

Manager Mackenzie said the Council has traditionally approved City-wide free parking from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day. Mayor Lauzon said with the installation of new meters throughout the City, he would like the Manager and Chief Bombardier to come back to Council next week with a recommendation for this year's free parking.

B) Approval of Bike Path Engineering Services Agreement Amendment.

Special Projects Manager Pat McDonald gave an overview of the DuBois & King agreement amendments for the Granite Museum and Smith Street segments of the bike path and recommended Council approve the amendments. Mayor Lauzon said Manager Mackenzie has recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest stemming from his association with DuBois & King, and requested that the Manager's recusal be noted for the record.

Council Poirier made the motion to approve the amendments and authorize the Manager to sign on behalf of the City, seconded by Councilor Dindo.

There was discussion about adjusting the bike path's locations due to the railroad, and path status in Montpelier and Berlin. Ms. McDonald said a report will be coming back to the Council in the near future.

Council voted on the motion. **Motion carried.**

C) TIF Informational Hearing.

City Planner Michael Miller gave his PowerPoint presentation on TIF.

City resident Cheryl Anderson said she is concerned about the focus on the downtown while forgetting about homeowners. Mayor Lauzon said the new downtown development will benefit homeowners by growing the grand list, which will decrease the tax rate and increase property values. Ms. Anderson said the community needs to move forward as a whole. Councilors voiced their support of the TIF program and tomorrow's vote.

D) Poll Hours and Parking.

Mayor Lauzon said the polls will be open tomorrow from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. The Mayor said he would like to propose that both sides of Seminary Hill and the area in front of and beside the auditorium be designated as Barre City voter parking only during polling hours for this election and all future elections.

Council approved the parking restrictions on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

E) Trestle Project Construction Services Agreement.

Manager Mackenzie said this item will be deferred until he has a chance to review the service agreement.

Round Table –

All Councilors voiced their support for the TIF bond vote and encouraged Barre City voters to turn out tomorrow for the special election.

Councilor Dindo thanked Simply Subs and Ed LaCross for donating food for last year's bike path presentation.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the Council meeting at 8:09 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk