

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held January 4, 2014**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 8:10 AM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Charles Dindo; from Ward II, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton. Other City personnel in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Members of the Citizens Budget & Finance Committee in attendance: Linda Couture, John Hannigan and Justin Johnson.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the FY13 fund balance reconciliation sheet, which included information on the FY12 and FY13 fund balances. There was discussion about the cemetery debt, which was absorbed into the general fund as of July 1, 2012, and repayment options for the debt. There was additional discussion about the recent unanticipated expenses which include the fire department turn-out gear, the North Main Street culvert, mold remediation at the BOR and spillway repairs at the reservoir. Mayor Lauzon recommended that the cost of the mold remediation be covered through the fund balances, and that the remaining fund balance be used to decrease the FY15 budget property tax impact.

Manager Mackenzie gave a quick overview of the latest draft of the FY15 budget. The Council and Committee members discussed the following:

- Establishing a records restoration fund.
- Police department overtime expenses.
- Recording of court rulings in the City land records.

Council requested information on what makes up the Local Agreement Rate, and what is anticipated to be included in the FY15 rate.

Council requested backup information to support the proposed budget numbers for police and fire department personnel.

Mayor Lauzon tentatively set a Council budget work session for two weeks from today: Saturday, January 18, 2014.

The Council meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM 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