

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held April 1, 2014**

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; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith (arrived 7:05 PM); and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. 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 Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
  - Regular Meeting of March 25, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
  - Food Establishment License:
    - Delicate Decadence, 15 Cottage Street

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

- As of today's deadline, the office has licensed 432 dog, of which nearly 200 were licensed in the last two days.
- There are seven properties scheduled for tax sale in May.

The Clerk called the Council's attention to her draft letter to Probate Court Judge Kilgore regarding the Brusa Trust. Council suggested some amendments and authorized the Clerk to send the letter to Judge Kilgore.

**Approval of Building Permits** – NONE

**Liquor Control Board** – Council approved the following liquor licenses on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

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

Asian Gourmet	276 North Main Street
Ladder 1 Grill (includes outside consumption permit)	8 South Main Street
Mister Z's	379 North Main Street
Quarry Grill and Tavern (includes outside consumption permit)	210 North Main Street
Ellie & Shirl's Simply Delicious (new 1 <sup>st</sup> class, renewing 2 <sup>nd</sup> class)	56 Depot Square

**2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS**

AJ's Sunoco	320 Washington Street
Beverage Baron	411 North Main Street
Champlain Farms	15 South Main Street
Champlain Farms	169 Washington Street
Cumberland Farms	132 South Main Street
Cumberland Farms	524 North Main Street
R. Dente Market	406 North Main Street

**New Business** –

**A) Coin Drop Request for Project Graduation.**

Project Graduation co-chair Marcia Biondolillo requested Council approval to hold a coin drop on

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to benefit Project Graduation. Ms. Biondolillo said this year's activities include bowling, miniature gold and a cruise on Lake Champlain. The budget is \$20,000 and they have raised \$120,000 to date. There was discussion about coordinating with the Police Department, borrowing safety vests and state statute limiting participation in coin drops to those who are at least 16 years old.

Council approved the coin drop request on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo.

**Motion carried.**

**B) Coin Drop Request for Relay for Life.**

Ruthie Adams and Annie Finnegan requested Council approval to hold a coin drop on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit Relay for Life. Council approved the request on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**City Manager's Report –**

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- There have been no parking complaint phone calls received by the Manager's office since the public parking meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The parking team has moved to bi-weekly meetings.
- Snow has been cleared from parts of Enterprise Aly to increase availability of permit parking areas, and green meters in the area have been changed out for black meters to accommodate customer parking. Yellow meters have been installed along Auditorium Hill.
- There is a meeting later this week with Agency of Natural Resources to discuss development of parking plans for 9 Enterprise Aly.
- Various City departments are monitoring the streams and storm drains to ensure against flooding.
- Copies of the 2013 audit were distributed to the Council. The auditor will present the audit to the Council at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Lauzon said he sent an email to the Agency of Natural Resources, the Manager, and Chief to discuss options for cleaning the streets of the dirt that has accumulated through winter sanding and salting. The Mayor said he is proposing that ANR allow the City to hose down streets following use of the street sweeper, followed by cleaning the accumulated sand and salt out of the catch basins by use of the Vactor, thereby mitigating the materials making their way to the waterways.

Manager Mackenzie said this winter has been a difficult one, and the sand expenses are over budget by approximately \$10,000 - \$20,000. The salt expenses are nearing their budgeted amount.

**Visitors & Communications – NONE**

**Old Business – NONE**

**New Business – continued**

**C) Meter Rate Adjustment – Long Term (Green) Meters.**

Manager Mackenzie said the recommendation of the parking team is to increase the rates on the green meters to match the rates at all other meters throughout the downtown. Council approved the recommendation on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

**D) Authorize Manager to Execute Trestle Project Construction Phase Engineering Agreement.**

Mayor Lauzon said this item is deferred until next week.

**Round Table –**

Councilor Poirier said Representative Taylor's seat has not been filled yet. The Barre City Democrats

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submitted three names to Governor Shumlin, and the Barre City Republicans submitted two names. The Governor is expected to make an appointment in the near future.

Councilor Herring said teachers at Spaulding High School are working on civics projects for their students. He said there will be a job fair at the Auditorium later this week, and there will be a meeting later this week to discuss options for providing WiFi throughout the downtown. He announced the Barre Heritage Festival is holding a volunteer meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Boutin said tomorrow is National Ferret Day.

Mayor Lauzon said the Governor will be in town on Thursday. The Mayor said he co-hosted a reception at the Statehouse in honor of National Service Recognition Day. He is issuing a mayoral proclamation tomorrow in honor of YouthBuild at ReSource. He said he is holding a meeting on creating a Makerspace in the City.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk