

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 9, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Michael Smith at 7:00 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; and from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith. 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 Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of June 3, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- The polls at the auditorium will be open tomorrow from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM for voting on the revised budgets.
- Water/sewer bills went in the mail the end of last month, and are due by June 30th.

Approval of Building Permits –

Council approved the following building permit on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Christopher Keene	11 Lague Lane
Christopher Alger	38 Newton Street

Liquor Control – NONE

City Manager's Report – NONE

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

B) Barre Partnership Update.

Partnership executive director Dan Jones reported on ongoing and upcoming programs, projects and events. There will be a kickoff for the Community Ambassadors volunteer program at the Elks Club on June 28th. Mr. Jones said there are four new board members coming on in the near future, there has been an increase in the number of business memberships, and National Life has come on as the first corporate member. The new website will be launched in the near future, along with an e-newsletter. The BP has applied for a grant to evaluate events and build a vibrant activities and events calendar. The Vermont Downtown Action Team (VDAT) will present its final packet of recommendations to the BP by the end of the month, and the BP will then make a presentation to the Council.

A) Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the City of Barre Municipal Plan – 7:15 PM.

Acting Mayor Smith opened the public hearing at 7:25 PM. Planning Commission chair David Sichel introduced the members of the Planning Commission and reviewed the draft municipal plan. Mr. Sichel said the overall theme of the plan is the health and wellbeing of the residents of Barre City. Former City

Planner Michael Miller reviewed the three year process to develop the draft plan, and the format of the different sections of the plan. Mr. Miller said this is the first of at least two public hearings on the plan; the second one is scheduled for next week's Council meeting. He reviewed the sections required by statute, and said the City is required to re-adopt the plan in 5 years. This draft plan is expected to have a 10-15 year life. The plan has been submitted to the Regional Planning Commission for approval.

Acting Mayor Smith asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Council or public. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:40 PM.

C) Approval of Annual Supplied Bids.

Manager Mackenzie said this item has been deferred.

F) Approval of WWTF Digester Evaluation Services agreement.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed his memo on the services agreement and requested Council authorize him to execute the DuBois & King agreement and a separate, underlying work order by the gas system manufacturer. There was discussion about similar problems in the past, the Agency of Natural Resources' expectations of the City's response, and adding staff members who have the expertise to provide these types of services in the future.

Council approved the authorization as requested on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

D) FY15 Revised Budget Proposal Review.

Citizen Budget Committee chair Justin Johnson gave a brief presentation on the revised budget and said the City and committee have taken people's concerns to heart. Manager Mackenzie reviewed the revisions.

E) Enterprise Alley Redevelopment Project – Status Update & Conceptual Plan Review.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the draft plan for the Enterprise Aly area from Depot Square to Granite Street. The Manager said the design for remediation of contamination in the area will begin as soon as the surface plans are completed. The City is soliciting feedback from abutters. The plan is expected to be completed by early September, and the remediation work will go out to bid in January for construction during summer 2015.

There was discussion about solar power for the remediation building, parking for Simply Delicious, flow of traffic from the bank drive-through, and pedestrian traffic between City Place and Metro Way during construction. Manager Mackenzie said the plan will be placed on the City website.

Round Table –

Councilor Poirier asked for an update on the schedules for filling the City Planner and Director of Public Works positions. Manager Mackenzie said he expects to make an offer on the planner position by the end of the week, with the person starting in July. The public works position is being advertised and will be filled in July.

Several Councilors voiced their support of the revised budget and encouraged people to come out and vote at tomorrow's election.

Council went into executive session at 8:15 PM to discuss property and personnel issues on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

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Council came out of executive session at 8:38 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

No action was taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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