

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held July 8, 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, Councilor Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and 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 July 1, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Food Vending License:
 - Ice Cream Man LLC/Mr. Ding-A-Ling ice cream van
 - Entertainment License
 - Faith Community Church, City Hall Park, Sunday, July 13th from 3:00 – 7:00 PM. Giving away bottled water, popcorn, performances by FCC Praise Team

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

- The Board of Civil Authority will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, July 24th at 6:00 PM for this year's property tax assessment appeal hearings.
- The Tax Year 2014 grand list has been finalized and the Clerk has received the documents necessary to set the municipal tax rate. Council will approve the rate at next week's meeting.

Clerk Dawes said she has received a Fireworks Permit application from the Barre Heritage Festival and an Entertainment License application from the Barre Partnership for the downtown WiFi kickoff event. The Clerk said Council's policy has been to not waive application fees for any applicant, and she asked if Council wanted to collect fees for these applications. Councilor Herring said he is involved in the WiFi kickoff, and they are prepared to pay the application fee. Councilor Boutin said he will cover the fee for the fireworks application. The Clerk said the applications will come to Council for approval at next week's meeting.

Approval of Building Permits –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Charles & Dannette Fuller	35 Nordic Lane
Kevin & Helena O'Riordan	10 Harrison Avenue
James & Debra Morris	44 Berkeley Street
Elvir & Zeljka Jandric	37 Fortney Place
Heather Henderson	78 Orange Street
Carolyn Hutchinson	1 Howard Street
Shawn Perkins & Erika Bailey-Perkins	40 Daniel Drive

Liquor Control – Council approved the following temporary outside consumption permits on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried with Mayor Lauzon and Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

- Quarry Grill & Tavern, July 24 – 26, 2014 from 11:00 AM – midnight. Expansion of current outside consumption permit
- Elks Club, July 26, 2014 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- The mold remediation work at the BOR has been rescheduled to August.
- Rock of Ages has made a \$2,500 donation to be used for monument cleaning in the City cemeteries. The Manager said the Barre Granite Association and Swenson Granite are also included among the donors, and representatives from all three will be at next week's Council meeting to receive public acknowledgement of their contributions.

Councilor Smith asked about a previous request for a barrier on Harrington Avenue. Manager Mackenzie said he will look into it.

There was a discussion about the City engineer's vehicle, and the pros and cons of maintaining the vehicle or offering mileage reimbursement. Mayor Lauzon said he will gather the comparative information and make a report to the Council for further discussion.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business –

A) Policy Discussion Regarding Teleconferencing – Follow Up.

Mayor Lauzon distributed a draft policy on electronic participation at meetings. There was discussion about limitations on voting electronically. The draft policy will be on next week's agenda for further discussion and possible approval.

New Business –

A) CVSWMD State Materials Management Plan/SWIP.

Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District executive director Leesa Stewart talked with the Council about Act 148, which requires CVSWMD to adopt a Materials Management Plan with goals around organics, hazardous waste and recycling. The plan will address leaf & yard waste, which is no longer allowed in landfills; mandatory recycling; food scraps and composting; reporting, education and outreach. Mayor Lauzon asked that CVSWMD assist City Facilities Director in bringing the City into compliance with the mandatory recycling requirements.

B) Vermont Community Development Planning Grant application on behalf of Granite City Grocery.

Barre Area Development Corporation executive director Joel Schwartz and Granite City Grocery president Chris Riddell said they are working on a grant application to assist GCG in the next phase of its planning. Mr. Riddell said there are close to 500 GCG owners, and they hope to reach 800 by fall, at which time they will be able to secure a site and move into the implementation phase. Mr. Schwartz said the deadline for the grant application is in October, and they will be back in September for Council approval of a resolution authorizing submission of the application. Council voiced its support of the project and the grant application.

C) Solar Presentation.

Louis & Alex Bravakis of Novus Energy Development LLC gave a presentation to the Council on the proposed siting of two 500 kw solar collection sites in Barre City, which would net meter enough electricity to meet 90% of the City's electrical needs. The estimated savings for the City is \$700,000 over 20 years. NED LLC has identified one site on the former Skyline Ski Center property, and is looking for a second.

There was discussion about the way the savings are calculated, Act 248 permit requirements, financing for the project, and opportunities for the City to purchase the project after seven years. NED LLC gave the City a draft copy of the solar service agreement, and requested that Council consider executing the agreement when NED LLC locates the second site, which they hope to have secured in the next 2-3 weeks. Mayor Lauzon asked Clerk Dawes to share the draft agreement with attorney Paul Giuliani for his legal opinion, and

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said the City will do site visits when both locations are identified, and will include abutting landowners and residents in the discussion. The Mayor said NED LLC has agreed to offer a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a Spaulding High School student entering a related field.

Round Table –

Councilor Dindo said the Bike Path Committee is scheduled to meet on July 16th.

Councilor Boutin said Susan Hayes from the Milk & Honey Farm, who presented information at last week's meeting about delivery of raw milk, will be delivering raw milk at the July 19th farmer's market to those who have ordered it.

Councilor Herring said the launch event for the downtown WiFi will be held on July 23rd in City Hall Park. He thanked the businesses that have donated electricity and bandwidth.

Mayor Lauzon recommended people visit the Heritage Festival website. The Mayor said the festival is looking for additional volunteers and donations.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:48 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