

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 2, 2015**

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 from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting of February 24, 2015
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Polls will be open tomorrow at the auditorium from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- Water bills were mailed last Friday and are due by March 31st.
- Dog licenses are available. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st.

Approval of Building Permits – NONE

Liquor Control – Clerk Dawes said there is a Request to Cater Permit application from Smith Catering Co. LLC, d/b/a Morse Block Deli, for an art reception at Studio Place Arts on Saturday, March 7th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Councilor Smith made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Dindo. Councilor Boutin stepped out of the room, leaving the board without a quorum. Mayor Lauzon called Councilor Herring and put him on speaker phone, thereby restoring the quorum. The Mayor reviewed the permit application and the motion and second. The Mayor called the question and all Councilors present in person and via phone voted in the affirmative. **Motion carried.**

Councilor Herring's phone call was ended, breaking the quorum. Councilor Boutin returned to the room. A quorum was once again present.

City Manager's Report – Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- The girls' high school basketball tournaments were held last week at the auditorium, and this week the aud is hosting the boys' tournaments.
- The City continues to recommend that people keep their water flowing at a trickle to avoid freezing pipes.
- The early stages of demolition have begun on the Hilltop Avenue properties damaged by flooding and heavy rains in May 2011. Demolition is expected to be completed in approximately 45 days.
- This is pothole season, and the City is working to address potholes as quickly as possible. The Manager asks drivers to be careful and alert.
- The Budget Committee survey will be available at the polls tomorrow, and on the City website.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Approval of Revised Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Members of the Cemetery Committee Connie Godin, Sylvia Malnati and Norena Zanleoni reviewed the draft cemetery rules. Mayor Lauzon said he would like the committee to establish a way to license or approve vendors for work in the cemetery, including sandblasting, cleaning and installing monuments. The Mayor said the rules should include an appeal process if someone is unhappy with a decision of the Cemetery Director.

Cemetery Committee chair Giuliano Cecchinelli arrived at this point in the meeting.

There was further discussion on the rule limiting duplication of artwork, regulation of conduct in cemeteries, use of cemeteries, the possible establishment of rules regarding photos taken of the cemeteries, allowed monument finishes, enforcing the artificial flower rule, designating areas for lounging and picnicking, and the possible imposing of fines for placing unapproved monuments.

Council approved the revised cemetery rules and regulations on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

B) Resolution #2015-02 Downtown Transportation Fund Application for Enterprise Aly.

Barre Area Development Director Joel Schwartz said the City is applying for \$62,000 to be added to the \$38,000 awarded last year, bringing the total to \$100,000. Council approved the resolution on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

C) FY 2016 Proposed Budget Presentation.

Manager Mackenzie gave a PowerPoint presentation on the FY16 proposed budget. The Councilors and Mayor encouraged people to come out and vote tomorrow in support of the budget, and thanked the Budget Committee for its hard work developing the budget.

Round Table – NONE

Executive Session: NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, 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