

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held November 29, 2011**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Paul Poirier (arrived at 7:04 PM); from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance was City Manager Steven Mackenzie.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Council approved the following consent agenda items as presented on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 22, 2011.
- City Warrants.
- Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office - NONE

**The City Clerk and Treasurer Report** – Clerk Dawes was away on vacation. Assistant Treasurer Debbie Seaver introduced herself and said she was filling in for the Clerk. There was no report.

**Approval of Building Permits –**

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michael & Sandra Barton	25 Park Street

**Liquor Control Board – NONE**

**Visitors and Communications –**

Barre Partnership Design Committee member Jeanne Danielli publicly thanked those involved in dressing up the City and City Hall Park for the holidays.

Mayor Lauzon said Council received a card from Pastor Terry Dorsett from the Faith Community Church, which made a donation of \$500 to the City in recognition of the City plowing their driveway. The Mayor suggested Council acknowledge the gift and pass it along to the Christmas for Kids program, which the City is doing in conjunction with the Salvation Army this year. Council approved the suggestion on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon reminded Council of this coming Saturday's coin drop around City Hall Park, where donations for the Christmas for Kids program will be collected.

**City Manager's Report –**

- Manager Mackenzie reported on meetings attended during the past week.
- Executed grant/loan documents for the first phase of the work at CVCAC/Gable Place campus.
- Pre-proposal briefing and site walk for the City Place RFP this coming Thursday at 1:00 PM.
- Discussed some roadside and lawn damage from plowing following first significant snowfall last week.
- Meter space parking is free through the New Year's holiday. There is a ticket amnesty program – if you get a ticket and go to the police station with a present for a child, the ticket will be forgiven. All tickets are eligible except those for parking in a handicap parking spot.

There was discussion about the Community Justice Center's recent application for funds. Council requested copies of any applications and information about any expansion of services.

**Old Business –**

**A) Regional Public Safety Committee.**

Mayor Lauzon said there will be an item on next week's agenda so that the RPSC can make a \$15,000 funding request and a non-binding referendum vote on the March Annual Meeting ballot.

**New Business**

**A) Public Hearing for CVCLT Revolving Loan Fund – Warned for 7:15 PM.**

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:20 PM. Central Vermont Community Land Trust executive director Eileen Peltier gave a brief outline of the services CVCLT provides in the Barre area. Ms. Peltier requested that the City serve as the municipal partner for the revolving loan fund application. She reviewed the City staff time requirements and said the City will receive \$5,000 per year over two years to cover staff time. The total amount of the loan funds is \$740,000. There was discussion about the availability of and accessibility to the loan funds.

Council approved Resolution #2011-17 accepting the position of municipal partner for the 2012-2014 CVCLT Revolving Loan Fund on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon closed the public hearing at 7:30 PM.

**B) Public Hearing for VCDP Enterprise Alley Planning Grant – Warned for 7:30 PM.**

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:30 PM. City Planning Director Michael Miller gave a brief overview of the grant application, which will provide planning assistance for construction documents for the Enterprise Alley area. There was discussion about planning and construction timelines, and land acquisition. Ms. Danielli asked about the amount of the grant application. Mr. Miller said the amount of the grant is \$30,000, with a \$7,500 match, which can be in-kind.

Council approved Resolution #2011-18 authorizing the City to apply for the VCDP planning grant on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon closed the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

**Roundtable –**

Mayor Lauzon reminded everyone of the Christmas for Kids program and the coin drop on Saturday.

Council went into executive session to discuss contracts at 7:40 PM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:25 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 8:25 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

An audio transcript of this meeting is available through the Clerk's Office. Audio transcripts are kept on file for two years, as per state statute.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk