

To be approved at 02-07-12 Barre City Council Meeting

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held February 4, 2012**

A Special meeting of the City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 8:17 AM. In attendance were, from Ward I, Councilor Dominic Etli; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Council reviewed Manager Mackenzie's budget draft #5. There was discussion on a number of topics, including:

- Use of drug forfeiture money.
- Cemetery Department budget.

Council discussed the draft warning as distributed by Clerk Dawes.

Mayor Lauzon turned the gavel over to Acting Mayor Smith at 10:29 AM.

As a private citizen, Mr. Lauzon reviewed the history of the joint petitions submitted to the Clerk on behalf of ballot item funding requests submitted by Good Beginnings of Central Vermont, Home Share Now and OUR House. Mr. Lauzon said the petitions were 9 signatures short of the required 323 signatures. He requested that Council place the requests on the warning and ballot in the following amounts:

- Good Beginnings of Central Vermont: \$500
- Home Share Now: \$1,000
- OUR House: \$500

Council approved the request on motion of Councilor Etli, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Acting Mayor Smith turned the meeting back over to Mayor Lauzon at 10:35 AM.

Council confirmed the budget expense amount and the amount to be raised by taxes, as these amounts were to be entered on the warning.

Council approved the 2012 Annual (Town) Meeting Warning as amended on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed the final draft of the ballot language as adjusted by the amended warning.

Council approved the 2012 Annual (Town) Meeting ballot language on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 10:41 AM on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk