

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 12, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Dominic Etli 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 Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of June 4, 2012
- City Warrants as presented.
- 2012 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Single event Entertainment License, The Salvation Army for a wedding in Currier Park on Saturday, June 23, 2012 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

We Dig Barre Treasure Dig Drawing. Barre Partnership director Dan Jones and mascot Digger invited Councilor Etli to draw this week's Treasure Dig winner, and announced this week's clue.

The City Clerk and Treasurer Report – Clerk Dawes made the following announcements:

- Results from the June 5, 2012 Special Meeting election are included in the Council packets. 796 voters participated.
- The new Assistant Treasurer, Jessica Worn, started last week.
- Dog licenses continue to be issued. Letters were sent out in late May, alerting dog owners that they have 30 days to get their dog licenses renewed before the list is turned over to the First Constable for enforcement.

Approval of Building Permits –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michael Baker	44 John Street

Liquor Control Board –NONE

Visitors and Communications – Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta announced the start of the summer lunch program on Monday, June 18th. Free lunch is available to Barre City residents who are 18 years or younger at the following locations: municipal pool, Aldrich Public Library, Green Acres Housing, Highgate Apartments, Barre City Elementary & Middle School.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

A) Police Officers Performance Recognition.

Mayor Lauzon said this item has been rescheduled to next week.

B) Playground 2000 Renaming Consideration.

Ms. Quaranta and members of the Playground 2000 committee addressed the Council. The committee is made up of students from Barre City Elementary & Middle School, who have been working with Ms.

Quaranta on plans for the renovations to Playground 2000, and ideas for re-naming the playground. The committee presented a thank you card to the Semprebob Committee for funding the renovations. The committee members conducted a survey among their fellow students to select a new name for the playground, and recommended Council change the name to “Charlie’s Playground 2012” in honor of Charles Semprebob.

Council approved the name change as recommended by the committee on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Etli. **Motion carried.**

Mayor Lauzon said there will be a formal resolution regarding the name change at next week’s meeting.

C) SHS Civics Class Proposal Presentation.

Members of the Spaulding High School Civics Class gave a presentation to the Council regarding their survey of fellow students’ and area residents’ impressions of downtown Barre. The students made recommendations for possible solutions and alternatives, along with draft ordinance language. Mayor Lauzon scheduled a meeting for Monday, June 18th at 11:00 AM to discuss the proposals in more depth. Manager Mackenzie said he will invite City Attorney Oliver Twombly to attend the meeting.

D) Ratify DPW Grievance Decision.

Councilor Herring made the motion to ratify the following Council decisions from the recent DPW grievance hearing, seconded by Councilor Smith:

- Found in favor of the Union with regards to the issue of the timeliness of the grievance, and
- Found in favor of the City with regards to no “most favored nations” clause in the contract.

Before voting on the motion, Councilor Poirier said he wanted the record to reflect that he had not supported the decision and will be writing a dissenting opinion to accompany the decision. Councilor Poirier said he will vote in favor of the motion because it accurately reflects the decision made by the Council.

Motion carried with all voting yes.

City Manager Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Pike will be starting to pave in the City next week.
- The Police Department “Bees” bike patrol will start next week.
- Now that school is out, Patrolman John Mott will be on foot patrol downtown for the summer.
- The municipal pool opens on Monday, June 18th.
- Restoration work continues on the Youth Triumphant memorial, and should be completed by the beginning of next month.
- The Act 250 hearing for Northeast Materials is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19th at 5:00 AM. The Manager is working on a recommendation for conditions to be placed on the permit. Mayor Lauzon scheduled a Special Council Meeting for Saturday, June 16th at 8:00 AM to discuss the City’s response, which must be submitted to the hearing board by Monday in advance of the hearing. The Mayor said the Barre Town Selectboard will be invited to attend the Special Meeting.

Councilor Poirier said he has concerns about a proposed project that would have trucks carrying sand and gravel traveling through the residential neighborhood that includes Hale, Division, Circle and Ayers Streets. He requested that Council visit the area on its next Council trip day.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring reminded everyone that schools will be closing over the next few days, and graduations will be held.

Councilor Smith thanked those who came out and voted at last Tuesday's Special Meeting election. He also reminded people of the Wednesday evening activities which start this evening and run through the summer, including the Farmer's Market, Authors at the Aldrich and Concerts in the Park.

Councilor Chadderton said she is concerned about an article in today's newspaper which said a homeless sex offender is living in Barre. Mayor Lauzon said he is getting frequent updates on the situation from the Police Department and Department of Corrections, and will keep the Council informed.

Mayor Lauzon thanked the voters for supporting the municipal budget at last Tuesday's Special Meeting election. The Mayor thanked his wife for 25 years of marriage and said they will be celebrating their anniversary tomorrow.

Nancy Wolfe, the city representative to the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District, gave a brief update on CVSWMD projects and programs, and said Free Fridays start this week, whereby City residents can drop off a variety of items for recycling at ReSource on Granite Street.

Mayor Lauzon was called out of the room during Mr. Wolfe's presentation. Acting Mayor Smith assumed the chair.

Acting Mayor Smith recessed the meeting at 7:26 PM to allow Councilors to tour several different locations in the City, including the Matthewson Playground, Merchant Street neighborhood and Short/Bugbee Streets neighborhood. The tour finished up around 9:00 PM.

An audio transcript of the meeting up to the point where the Council departed on its tour 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