

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 4, 2013**

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 Charles Dindo; Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the following meeting:
 - Regular Meeting of February 26, 2013
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Food Establishment Licenses
 - Doenges Enterprises Inc. DBA Soup N' Greens, 325 N. Main Street
 - Bag Ladies Express Café, 56 Depot Square
 - Asian Gourmet, 276 N. Main Street
 - Simply Subs Inc., 70 N. Main Street
 - American Legion Post #10, 320 N. Main Street
 - Food Vending Licenses
 - Dell's Dogs, one vehicle
 - Video Machines/Pool Tables
 - Jerry's Sports Tavern, 30 Summer Street, 1 pool table
 - American Legion Post #10, 320 N. Main Street, 1 pool table

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

- Polls for tomorrow's Annual (Town) Meeting elections will be open at the auditorium from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. City Hall will be closed for the day.
- Dog licenses are now available in the Clerk's office.
- Four properties were sold at tax sale on Thursday, February 28th.

Clerk Dawes asked Council to approve the annual Authorization to Conduct Tax Sales. Council approved the authorization on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Building Permits –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Gloucester Associates Inc.	67 Boynton Street
Timothy & Pamela Hull	5 Corti Street

Liquor Control Board – NONE

City Manager's Report – NONE

Old Business –

A) Proposed FY14 Budget Municipal Budget Presentation.

Manager Mackenzie gave his PowerPoint presentation of the FY14 municipal budget.

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Visitors and Communications –

Councilor Dindo read a statement in support of the two additional police officers included in the proposed FY14 municipal budget.

Mayor Lauzon held up a copy of the New England Real Estate Journal, which featured the Barre City Place groundbreaking on its cover.

Councilor Boutin said the Community Justice Center is looking for new board members.

**New Business –
Other)**

Mayor Lauzon said an issue has been raised regarding asbestos at the Houle Brothers granite plant, where there was a fire back in December. The Mayor said firefighter gear and equipment that was part of the response to the fire was contaminated by the asbestos. Chief Bombardier described the fire and how the City fire department and neighboring mutual aid departments responded, and how they were exposed to the asbestos. Once the department realized there had been exposure, they went through a cleaning process with the gear and public safety building. They performed testing at the building, and it has been declared a safe environment. The City fire department is sharing all information with the mutual aid responders. The Chief explained how asbestos contaminates textiles, including turnout gear, hoses and breathing apparatus. The department is exploring cleaning options and replacement of the turnout gear. The Chief said the current risk of cross contamination from firefighter response is low. Mayor Lauzon said there are some aspects of the ongoing discussions with certain organizations and individuals that are privileged, and on advice of counsel, they will be discussed in executive session.

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

Manager Mackenzie, Chief Bombardier and Deputy Chief Aldsworth were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 8:09 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

Round Table –

Councilors Chadderton, Dindo and Smith encouraged people to get out and vote tomorrow.

Councilor Boutin reminded people that the Community Justice Center is looking for new board members.

Council adjourned at 8:12 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

An audio transcript of the meeting is available through the Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk