

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 23, 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, Alderman Michael Boutin and Councilor Michael Smith; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. 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 Herring, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meeting:
 - Special and Regular Meetings of April 16, 2013
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2013 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office:
 - Animal License, Elena & Keith Griffith, 88 Westwood Parkway, for 7 chickens

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

- Early/absentee voting for the May 14, 2013 budget revote is available. The last day to register to vote for participation in the May 14th special meeting election is May 8th.
- Dog and wolf-hybrids were due to be licensed by April 1st. They must still be licensed, but there will be a late fee.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15, 2013.
- The VT House approved the charter changes approved by the voters in May 2012. They will now go to the Senate for approval.

Approval of Building Permits –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Mark T. Fraser	20 Snow Ave.
Robert Walbridge & Barbara McAllister	52 Woodland Dr.

Liquor Control Board –

Clerk Dawes said tonight's renewals represent the last of Barre City's licenses. Council approved the following liquor and tobacco license renewals on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Alderman Boutin abstaining.**

1st CLASS

Espresso Bueno 136 N. Main St.

2nd CLASS

Mapleside Market & Deli 39 Maple Avenue

TOBACCO

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City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Attended the following:
 - Kick-off meeting on City Hall renovations. The work is expected to be completed by mid-June.

- Meeting on funding for the Enterprise Aly corrective action plan.
- Planning meeting for the May 6th joint public forum on the revote of the municipal and school budgets.
- Meeting on finalizing Big Dig work. Summer and Elm Streets are scheduled to be cold planed during a 24 hour period beginning May 6th, with paving tentatively scheduled to begin the following week. Mayor Lauzon asked if the one way streets between North Main and Summer streets could be adjusted to allow two way traffic while the paving is going on, so as to allow easier access for residents and businesses in the area. The Mayor also suggested allowing temporary parking in permitted areas for residents and businesses, as on street parking will not be allowed during the paving.
- City Engineer Reg Abare will give a paving and sidewalk replacement program report to Council at the May 7th meeting.
- RFPs for IT work will be released on Monday, April 29th.
- There are new, individual microphones for the Council table, speaker table and audience. This will hopefully provide better audio for those watching the meetings at home.
- Green Up Day green bags are available in the Clerk's office. They will be picked up by the City on Monday, May 6th, if placed alongside the streets. The City will not be picking up lawn debris. There was a question about whether the City would pick up tires left by the roadside. Mayor Lauzon said Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's location on Williams Lane accepts tires on Mondays and Fridays for a small fee.

Visitors & Communications – NONE

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Request to Hold Boot Coin Drop to Benefit MDA by Barre City Fire Department Local #881
Jeff Cochran, Barre City Firefighter and president of the firefighter's union, requested permission for a coin drop on Saturday, May 11th to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. FF Cochran said this will be the third year the firefighters have held the coin drop to benefit MDA. FF Cochran asked to move the location from the City Hall Park area to North Main Street in front of Lenny's. Mayor Lauzon said that was fine as long as the details are worked out with Chief Bombardier and Manager Mackenzie. Council approved the request on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Chadderton.
Motion carried.

B) Barre Partnership Update

Dan Jones, Barre Partnership executive director, made the following announcements:

- The Partnership board is looking for new members, especially downtown stakeholder representatives.
- They will soon be conducting a survey to gauge feelings about the downtown. The results of the survey will help shape their work plans.
- The Summer Wednesdays are starting on May 15th, with the first Farmers' Market. The Authors at the Aldrich and Concerts in Currier Park will start on June 12th.

Mayor Lauzon noted that the Thunder Road car show is this coming Saturday, April 27th.

C) Downtown Revitalization Plan Project and 2013 Vermont Downtown Program/Preservation Trust of Vermont Annual Conference

Leanne Tingay from the Vermont Agency of Commerce & Community Development announced that the City of Barre will be hosting the 2013 Vermont Downtown Program/Preservation Trust Annual

Conference on June 7th. They are expecting over 200 attendees, with the main sessions being held in the Opera House and breakout sessions held around the downtown. More information is available on the Agency website at accd.gov.

Ms. Tingay also said Community Development Block Grant funds from the HUD funds received by the state as a result of the spring 2011 flooding and Tropical Storm Irene have been designated to create downtown revitalization master plans, which will look at physical issues & design guidelines, promotion & marketing potential, and implementation strategies. Seven communities have been selected to participate, including Barre City. Ms. Tangay will administer the grant on behalf of the City, and a firm from South Carolina has been selected to create the plans for the seven communities. Ms. Tingay estimated she will be back before Council in February to present the completed plan. She said she will then work with the Barre Partnership, Barre Area Development Corporation and the City on implementation.

F) Appointment of Trustee for Brusa Trust for the Benefit of Poor Children of City of Barre.

Clerk Dawes reviewed the Brusa Trust, established by Louis Brusa in 1937 to benefit the poor children of Barre City. The current trustee is resigning and the Washington County Probate Court has invited the Council to nominate a successor trustee. The Clerk recommended the Council nominate the City of Barre as the successor trustee. Council approved the Clerk's recommendation and nominated the City of Barre as the successor trustee on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes suggested the clerk/treasurer serve as the City's agent with regards to the Trust, which is a similar arrangement as exists with the Keith Fund. Mayor Lauzon asked the Clerk to forward a copy of the Brusa Trust documents to the Council, and make a recommendation for investments at next week's meeting.

E) Presentation of Barre City Revised FY 14 Budget

Justin Johnson, chair of the Citizens Budget Committee, presented the revised FY 14 budget, which will be put before the voters at the May 14th special meeting election. Mr. Johnson said the combined municipal/school budget increase is projected to be 2.2%. Mayor Lauzon said he looks forward to publicly introducing the members of the committee at the May 6th public forum.

D) Presentation of Barre City Elementary & Middle School FY 14 Budget

Councilor Herring, in his capacity as chair of the BCEMS school board, presented the school's revised FY14 budget, which will be put before the voters at the May 14th special meeting election. He said there were savings related to a new bussing contract and scaling back the Early Education Enrichment program.

Round Table –

Councilor Herring reminded everyone that Green Up Day is Saturday, May 4th, and suggested people treat it as Green Up Week. Green bags are available in the Clerk's office.

Councilor Chadderton reminded people to come out for the May 6th public forum on the budget revotes.

Councilor Dindo said the Bike Committee is meeting tomorrow. He urged people to come out and vote at the May 14th special meeting elections.

Alderman Boutin said he will be late for the May 6th forum.

Mayor Lauzon announced that Spaulding Union High School principal Tom Sedore has been honored as Vermont Principal of the Year. The Mayor said the SHS JROTC students who attended last week's Council meeting and announced their participation in the national drill competitions, will be presenting

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the colors at tomorrow's Red Sox game at Fenway Park in Boston. The Mayor said he is proud of these accomplishments, and they are examples of the great things happening in Barre.

Council went into executive session at 8:20 PM to discuss a legal issue on motion of Alderman Boutin, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie was invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 9:03 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Council adjourned at 9:03 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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