

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 1, 2012**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 6:25 PM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon in the Spaulding Union High School library, while attending the SUHS school board meeting. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were Clerk Carolyn Dawes, members of the SUHS school board and members of the public.

During Visitors & Communications on the SUHS board agenda, Board Chair Norma Malone recognized Mayor Lauzon. The Mayor said this is a duly warned meeting of the Barre City Council and a quorum is present.

The Mayor reviewed the history of the Council's support of the project through a conditional appropriation from the Semprebon Fund. He said he is looking for an indication from the board whether its intention is to move the project forward. The Mayor said he will request that the Council hold the \$90,000 appropriation until July 2013, allowing time for matching funds to be raised. Councilor Poirier said he is prepared to request that an item be placed on the October 9, 2012 Council agenda to discuss the appropriation and place a hold on the \$90,000 to allow for other fundraising, with no limitation as to the source of the matching funds. He said the status of the fundraising will be reviewed in the spring.

There was discussion about the condition of the high school roof, involving SHS alumni and the booster club in raising funds for the lighting project, the newly-formed SHS foundation where donations can be made, permit requirements for the project, collecting pledges for donations, replacement of the roof ventilators, past investments in athletics, and planned improvements for the athletic fields.

Mayor Lauzon said he would like to meet with Ms. Malone on a monthly basis to measure fundraising progress.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the Barre City Council special meeting at 7:10 PM and Councilors left the SUHS school board meeting, which continued.

No audio transcript of the Council meeting was recorded by the City.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk