

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held October 27, 2012**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order at 8:05 AM by Mayor Thomas Lauzon. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Charles Dindo; and from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith; and from Ward III. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie, Deputy Fire Chief Joe Aldsworth, Deputy Police Chief Andy Marceau, Facilities Director Jeff Bergeron, City Engineer Reg Abare and Clerk Carolyn Dawes.

Mayor Lauzon said this special meeting is to discuss City preparations for Tropical Storm Sandy, which is tentatively scheduled to impact our area over the next week. The Mayor reviewed yesterday's conference call with Vermont Emergency Management, and the latest information on the storm's path and intensity.

Others in attendance gave updates on the storm and the City's preparations, including discussion on the following:

- Lowering of the water in the Dix Reservoir to provide storage capacity.
- Excavators and bulldozers lined up to be deployed to choke points as needed.
- Chainsaws and other equipment ready to go.
- Empty bags and sand ready and available to the public and neighboring municipalities.
- Bales of hay available to address erosion issues as necessary.
- Trees have been removed from the rivers, and the rivers have been surveyed for debris. A watch system for the rivers will be activated as the storm hits.
- Public Safety has cell numbers for state agencies and utilities.
- VEM requirement that all communication go through the City's Emergency Management Officer, which is Chief Bombardier, and Deputy Chief Aldsworth in Chief Bombardier's absence.
- Public Safety will begin issuing daily briefings on Monday. They will be posted on the website, Front Porch Forum and FaceBook.
- All public safety trailers have been staged at the auditorium. The Red Cross is prepared to open a shelter as needed.
- PSAs are running on local radio stations.
- Needs for electricians to pull meters if/as basements flood.
- Need for clearance before pumping flooded basements.
- Businesses in the north end have been contacted to discuss their contingency plans.

Mayor Lauzon said there will be a special Council meeting on Monday, October 29th at 6:00 PM so that Councilors can receive and update on the storm and preparations.

Mayor Lauzon adjourned the meeting at 9:10 AM.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk