

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held June 3, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 7:00 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Charles Dindo; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Michael Smith (arrived 7:25 PM); and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Meeting of May 27, 2014
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented, including a community development warrant payable out of a municipal planning grant.
- 2014 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

The City Clerk/Treasurer Report – Clerk/Treasurer Dawes reported on the following:

- Early/absentee ballots are available for the June 10th vote on the revised budget. The polls at the auditorium will be open that day from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. The last day to register to vote to participate in the June 10th election is Wednesday, June 4th by 5:00 PM.
- Due to the election, next week's Council meeting will be held on Monday, June 9th.
- The Board of Civil Authority will hold its pre-election meeting on Thursday, June 5th at 5:30 PM.
- Water/sewer bills went in the mail the end of last week, and are due by June 30th.
- Nominating petitions for the August primary and for independent Justice of the Peace candidates are due to the Clerk by June 12th.

Approval of Building Permits –

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Address</u>
Rheannon & David Sicely	185 Fairview Street

Liquor Control – NONE

City Manager's Report –

Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- The Nelson Street hydro generator commissioning ceremony will be Thursday, June 5th.
- The semi-annual inspection of the bike path has been completed, and there are a few repairs needed.
- Paving at Mathewson Playground will be completed by the end of next week.
- The repairs to the mold remediation at the BOR will be completed between June 16th and 28th.
- Phase I archeological surveys must be completed before the City can finalize the storm sewer projects in the North End. RFPs for the surveys have been sent out. The survey requirement will likely push construction into next year.
- The City received official notice of the \$600,000 EPA grant for the Enterprise Aly project.

Visitors & Communications –

Mayor Lauzon said the installation of two electric vehicle charging stations on private property is complete, and he has asked Green Mountain Power to partner with the City on the installation of the two grant-funded charging stations.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Warning Public Hearing 7:15 PM – JAG Grant for Police.

Mayor Lauzon opened the public hearing at 7:15 PM. Chief Tim Bombardier reviewed the grant program, the City's history of grants received and what the funds have been used for in the past. The Chief said he needs Council approval to allocate the funds received for speed enforcement and alcohol sensor equipment, and 200 hours of directed patrols conducted in conjunction with Montpelier Police.

Mayor Lauzon asked for additional comments from the Council and public. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:18 PM.

Council approved the expenditure of the grant funds as recommended by Chief Bombardier on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

E) FY15 Budget Presentation.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed the summary sheet of adjustments to the proposed FY15 and the amount to be raised by taxes.

Councilor Smith arrived at this time.

Several Councilors expressed their support for the proposed budget, and encouraged the public to come out and vote at the June 10th special meeting.

B) Review of Summer Recreation Programs.

Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta reviewed the programs scheduled for this summer. Ms. Quaranta talked about partnerships with Barre Town, First in Fitness, New England Red Cross, the Barre Youth Partnership, and downtown merchants. She said she is working with Clerk Dawes to develop a scholarship program to be funded through an allocation from the Brusa Trust.

There was discussion about hiring lifeguards; welcoming all children for swimming lessons, regardless of financial circumstances; and exploring the possibility of showing movies at the pool in the evenings. Mayor Lauzon asked Ms. Quaranta to continue reporting on recreation activities over the next several weeks. Ms. Quaranta invited the Councilors to attend a program or visit the pool.

C) Approval to Submit Joint Barre City and Barre Town Bike and Pedestrian Program Grant.

Manager Mackenzie reviewed a memo from Special Projects Manager Pat McDonald, and said Ms. McDonald is requesting Council approval to submit a grant application for bike path development in the Vermont Granite Museum area. The Manager said the City Bike Path Committee is working closely with the Barre Town Bike Path Committee and the Vermont Granite Museum, and the Barre Town Selectboard is expected to make a decision this evening about participating in this grant application. The Manager said Ms. McDonald is looking for Council authorization to submit the application either as a solo application or joint application, based on the decision made by Barre Town.

Council approved the authorization as requested on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

D) Approval of WWTF Digester Evaluation Consulting.

This item has been deferred.

Round Table –

Councilors encouraged the public to come out and vote at next week's June 10th special meeting election.

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Chadderton. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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