

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 24, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Michael Smith at 7:00 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Charles Dindo; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin (arrived 7:02 PM); and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: Mayor Thomas Lauzon; and Councilor Paul Poirier, Ward I.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Acting Mayor Smith said the Ormsby parking lot agenda item has been deferred to a future meeting, and there will be no executive session this evening.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

- Minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting of March 14, 2015
- Approval of the City Warrants as presented.
- 2015 Licenses & Permits issued through the clerk's office: NONE

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

- Water bills are due by March 31st.
- Dog licenses are available. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st.

Approval of Building Permits – Council approved the following building permits on motion of Councilor Chadderton, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

| <u>Applicant</u> | <u>Address</u> |
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| David Jenkins & Sedillia Ota | 36 Berlin Street |
| City of Barre (2 permits) | 15 Hilltop & 21 Hilltop Avenue |
| Chad Perkins | 26 Berlin Street |
| Barre Historical Society | 36 Granite Street |
| Bailey Spring & Glass | 196 Merchant Street |
| David Smedy | 7 Palmisano Plaza |
| Capital Candy Co. | 36 Burnham Street |
| CVCLT | 22 Keith Avenue |

Liquor Control – Council approved the following liquor license renewals on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

| <u>Establishment</u> | <u>Address</u> | <u>License</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| AJ's Sunoco | 320 Washington Street | 2 nd class |
| Asian Gourmet | 276 N. Main Street | 1 st class |
| Basil's Pizzeria LLC | 20 S. Main Street | 1 st class |
| Beverage Baron | 411 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Champlain Farms | 169 Washington Street | 2 nd class |
| Champlain Farms | 15 S. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Cumberland Farms | 524 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Cumberland Farms | 132 S. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Dente's Market | 406 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| DJ's Maple Avenue Deli LLC | 39 Maple Avenue | 2 nd class |

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| Ellie & Shirl's Simply Delicious | 14 N. Main Street | 1 st class w/ outside consumption permit/2 nd class |
| Fastop | 377 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Jerry's Sports Tavern | 30 Summer Street | 1 st class |
| Jiffy Mart | 360 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Morse Block Delicatessen | 260 N. Main Street | 1 st class |
| Mr. Z's Inc. | 379 N. Main Street | 1 st class |
| Mulligan's | 9 Maple Avenue | 1 st class w/ outside consumption permit |
| North End Deli Mart | 475 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |
| Quality Market | 155 Washington Street | 2 nd class |
| Rite Aid | 355 N. Main Street | 2 nd class |

City Manager's Report – Manager Mackenzie reported on the following:

- Three responses were received to the Civic Center promoter position. They are being reviewed by the Civic Center Committee.
- Attended the Leahy Center climate resiliency workshop, focusing on Gunner Brook mitigation review that was recently completed. The final report will be presented at a public meeting on April 16th at 6:00 PM at Alumni Hall.
- Gave a presentation to the downtown transportation grant review board in support of \$62,000 grant application for Enterprise Aly project. Received word that the City was approved for the grant. This is in addition to the \$38,000 grant received earlier in support of the same project.
- Installation of the new City Hall phone system will begin next week.
- Christine Smith, history teacher at Spaulding High School, has been working with her students on preparing virtual tours of historic Barre buildings. Presentation of the final project will be March 27th at 2:00 PM.
- The City will start spring street and sidewalk sweeping tomorrow night.
- The budget committee survey is still available through April 3rd in the Manager's office or on the City website.
- Announced committee vacancies.

Visitors & Communications –

Barre Partnership executive director Josh Jerome gave an update of recent and upcoming activities:

- Researching the creation of a downtown development district.
- Working with Barre Area Development Corporation on business recruitment.
- Ten performances have been booked for the summer Currier Park concert series.
- Developing a dining and shopping guide.
- Creating a networking series that will meet quarterly.
- Planning a running event for Veterans Day weekend.
- Working with businesses for later hours in the summer.
- Membership campaign kicking off shortly.

Old Business – NONE

New Business –

A) Briefing re. Union Co-Operative Store Bakery Revitalization.

Karen Lane and Carolyn Shapiro from the Barre Historical Society presented information about the revitalization efforts for the bakery located behind the Labor Hall on Granite Street. Ms. Shapiro said the plan is to create an educational center, and they are partnering with local bakers, culinary programs and education providers. The estimated cost of the complete project is \$250,000, and the current goal for

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phase one is \$25,000 to stabilize the building. They have created a Kick Starter campaign to receive donations. The project is tentatively scheduled for completion by 2017.

B) Briefing on 2015 Cemetery Operations and BCS Transition.

Buildings and Community Services Director Jeff Bergeron updated the Council on cemetery operations, changes in procedures and staffing for the summer. Clerk Dawes reported on financial management of the cemetery accounts.

C) Authorization to Accept HMGP Grant Awards for North-End Storm Sewer Projects.

Councilor Herring made the motion to authorize acceptance of two HMGP project and admin grants for each of two flood mitigation projects as follows:

- The Granite Street Storm Sewer Project, and
- The North Main at Fourth Street Storm Sewer Project

The motion was seconded by Councilor Dindo.

There was discussion about the projects and the source of the local share, which has not yet been identified.

Council voted on the motion as presented. **Motion carried.**

D) Ormsby Parking Lot Agreement.

Deferred.

Round Table – NONE

Councilor Dindo asked the public to have patience about pot holes, and said the City crews are filling them as quickly as they can.

Acting Mayor Smith thanked the voters for supporting the municipal budget at the polls on Town Meeting Day. He encouraged people to fill out the budget survey, and he reviewed the committee vacancies.

Executive Session: NONE

The Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk