

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council  
Held January 28, 2016**

The Special 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; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

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

**A) First Public Hearing for Proposed Charter Changes.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed the language on the proposed charter change that would reduce the number of BCEMS school commissioners from nine to seven. Council approved the language as corrected and authorized it be placed on the March 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (Town) Meeting ballot on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed the language on the proposed charter change that would create the position of Deputy Mayor. Council approved the language as presented and authorized it be placed on the March 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (Town) Meeting ballot on motion of Councilor Dindo, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed the language on the proposed charter change that would allow the City to impose local options taxes on sales, rooms, meals or alcohol. There was discussion on the language, process for any future rescission, and use of the funds collected. Council approved the language as presented and authorized it be placed on the March 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (Town) Meeting ballot on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried with Councilor Chadderton voting against.**

**B) Approval of 2016 Annual (Town) Meeting Warning.**

Acting Mayor Smith said this item is deferred to this weekend's special Council meeting on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.

**Round Table –**

Councilors indicated they will be in attendance at Saturday's special meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

An audio recording of this meeting is available from the City Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk