

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held September 16, 2015**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Acting Mayor Michael Smith at 5:30 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Charles Dindo and Paul Poirier; and from Ward III, Councilors Anita Chadderton and Lucas Herring (arrived at 5:38 PM). Also in attendance were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: Mayor Thomas Lauzon; and from Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin.

New Business –

A) Approval of Funding for Moving of Railroad Engine.

Manager Mackenzie said the ownership of the locomotive is unclear. The Vermont Granite Museum has made arrangements to have the engine relocated to the VGM grounds this Friday. The cost of the crane necessary to place the locomotive on the tracks and remove it from the tracks once it reaches the museum is \$5,800. The City and VGM are looking to split the cost, and Mayor Lauzon has pledged \$1,000 towards the City's share. The balance being considered by the Council is \$1,900. Clerk Dawes said there is approximately \$9,000 in undesignated funds in the Semprebon Bequest Fund. VGM board members Jeff Martel and Bob Pope spoke of the preparations made to transport, receive and display the locomotive.

Councilor Herring arrived at 5:38 PM during the preceding discussion.

Councilor Dindo made the motion to appropriate \$1,900 from the Semprebon Bequest Fund towards the cost of moving the locomotive to the Granite Museum property, seconded by Councilor Chadderton.

Councilor Poirier said he is voting against the motion because the locomotive is privately owned and VGM is a private organization. He said he is still unsatisfied with the information about the relationship between the private owner and this project. Councilor Herring disclosed that he is a member of the VGM board, and that there may be a conflict of interest.

Council voted on the motion as presented. **Motion did not carry with Acting Mayor Smith and Councilors Dindo and Chadderton voting for, Councilor Poirier voting against and Councilor Herring abstaining due to conflict of interest.**

Mr. Pope spoke of the history of the locomotive and the City's past actions related to it.

Councilor Dindo stated that he wished to change his vote so as to allow for reconsideration at the next meeting. Clerk Dawes recorded the change of vote. **Motion did not carry with Acting Mayor Smith and Councilor Chadderton voting for, Councilors Poirier and Dindo voting against and Councilor Herring abstaining due to conflict of interest.**

The Council meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM on motion of Councilor Herring, seconded by Councilor Dindo. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk