

**Special Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held August 10, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 5:340 PM at Barre City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Paul Poirier and Jeffrey Tuper-Giles; from Ward II, Councilor Michael Smith (arrived 5:36 PM); and from Ward III, Councilor Lucas Herring. Also present were City Manager Steven Mackenzie and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Dawes.

Absent: From Ward II, Councilor Michael Boutin; and from Ward III, Councilor Anita Chadderton.

Others in attendance: Planning Commission chair Jackie Calder, Planning Commission member Alex Pastor, Development Review Board chair Pete Fournier, Planning Director Janet Shatney, President & CEO of Champlain Oil Tony Cairns.

Adjustments to the Agenda: NONE

Mayor Lauzon reviewed the history of the City's appeal of the DRB Champlain Oil decision to the Environmental Court, and the Court's recent ruling denying the appeal. The City retains the right to appeal the Court's decision through the end of the month. The Mayor said this meeting is to allow the parties to discuss differences related to the Champlain Oil project. As there is still pending litigation, the discussion is appropriate for executive session.

Executive Session –

Councilor Herring made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of legal issues associated with the Champlain Oil environmental court appeal would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussion be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 5:36 PM to discuss the legal issue under the provisions of 1 VSA sec. 313 on motion of Councilor Tuper-Giles, seconded by Councilor Herring. **Motion carried.**

Manager Mackenzie, Ms. Calder, Ms. Pastor, Ms. Shatney, Mr. Fournier and Mr. Cairns were invited into the executive session.

Council came out of executive session at 6:54 PM on motion of Councilor Poirier, seconded by Councilor Smith. **Motion carried.**

There was brief discussion on bike path and sidewalk entrance options. No action taken.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM on motion of Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Tuper-Giles. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk