

CITY OF BARRE
WARNING FOR ANNUAL MAY MEETING

The legal Voters of the Wards of the City of Barre are hereby Warned to meet at the respective polling places of said wards at the central polling place in the municipal auditorium on Auditorium Hill on the 14th day of May, 2024 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

At the same time and place and during the same voting hours, the voters of the City of Barre will meet for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot the following:

- One Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
- One Clerk and Treasurer to serve for a term of two (2) years.

At the same time and place and during the same voting hours, the voters of the Wards will meet for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot one Councilor for each of the Wards as follows:

- Ward 1: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
- Ward 2: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
- Ward 3: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.

At the same time and place and during the same hours, the legal voters are Warned to meet for the purpose of acting, by Australian Ballot, on the following articles. The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE I

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of \$14,873,780 of which an amount not to exceed \$10,187,152 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

ARTICLE II

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$450,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

ARTICLE III

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to change the date of the annual meeting elections from March to May (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 202. Time of elections and meetings.

(a) The annual city meeting of the city for the election of officers, the voting of budgets, and any other business included in the warnings for said meeting, shall be held on the [~~first~~] **second** Tuesday in [~~March~~] **May**, unless otherwise legally warned by the council.

ARTICLE IV

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to separate the positions of Clerk and Treasurer, and change the Treasurer position to appointed (bold/underlined is added; bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.

Sec. 111. Bonding of city officials

The Mayor, councilors, members of the Police Department, City Manager, Finance Director, Superintendent of Public Works, Tax Collector, [~~and~~] **Clerk**, and Treasurer shall annually be bonded to the City for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, as provided by state statute and the expense of said bonds to be paid by the City.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

(a)(1) The legal voters shall elect biennially a Mayor [~~, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer~~] **and a Clerk**.

Chapter III. City Council.

Sec. 301. {Governing body.}

(b) Appoint and remove a Treasurer and such Assistant Treasurers as shall be deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the performance of all duties as required of a municipal treasurer in Vermont Statutes Annotated, Titles 24 and 32, and all other enactments related to the duties of a municipal treasurer.

~~[(b)]~~ **(c)** Assign additional duties to offices, commissions or departments established by this charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, commission or department duties assigned to a particular office, commission or department established by this charter.

~~[(e)]~~ **(d)** Make, amend, and repeal ordinances.

~~[(d)]~~ **(e)** Adopt an official seal of the City.

ARTICLE V

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to remove references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District (bold/underlined is added; bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.

Sec. 110. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the City ~~[and the City School District]~~ shall begin the first day of July and end on the last day of June of each calendar year. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget and accounting year as used in this charter.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.

Sec. 203. Special city ~~[and school district]~~ meetings.

Special city meetings ~~[and special school district meetings,]~~ shall be called in the manner provided by the laws of the state and the voting on all questions shall be by the Australian ballot system~~[, except for budget votes as provided in section 207(d)].~~

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

~~[(3) Annually, the legal voters shall elect three school commissioners to serve for a term of three years, as follows: (A) at the 2019 annual City meeting, and each successive three year cycle after that, three school commissioners; (B) at the 2020 annual City meeting, and each successive three year cycle after that, two school commissioners; (C) at the 2021 annual City meeting, and each successive three year cycle after that, two school commissioners]~~

~~[(b) — The legal voters shall elect annually Spaulding Union High School District School Board members in the manner, number, and term limit as is specified in the Barre City/Barre Town Union High School Agreement, dated November 30, 1986, or any such successor document.]~~

Sec. 206. Vacancies.

~~[(a)]~~ In case of vacancy of any elected municipal city officer, except a councilor ~~[-or school commissioner]~~, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member for the Council.

~~[(e) In case of a vacancy of any school commissioner, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation, or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the School Board until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member of the School Board.]~~

Chapter III, City Council.

Sec. 315. {Compensation of City officials.}

Compensation of Mayor, councilors and other appointees and City officers:

(c) When the legal voters have authorized an annual City [~~and school~~] budget, the City Council[~~, School Board,~~] and/or the City Manager shall not authorize appropriations, expenditures or payment in excess of the amount voted. Deficit spending shall be prohibited by the City of Barre[~~and the City of Barre Schools~~].

Chapter IV, City Officials.

[~~Sec. 413. School District.~~

~~The City treasurer shall be treasurer of the City of Barre School District and shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities of a treasurer of a town school district, except as otherwise provided.]~~

Chapter V, Departments and Boards.

[~~ARTICLE IX. BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS~~

~~Sec. 516. Powers and duties.~~

~~(a) Except as otherwise provided, the school commissioners, elected as herein before provided, shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities prescribed for school directors of town school districts. They shall compose the board of school commissioners of the City of Barre School District, with the same duties, powers and liabilities of the board of school directors of a town school district. The board of school commissioners shall consist of seven members; each serving a term of three years.~~

~~(b) The board of school commissioners shall have the care and custody of all the property belonging to, or used for, the public schools located in the city. Payments due or to become due on bonds and interest thereon, used by the city of Barre for school purposes, shall be paid by the City of Barre School District.~~

~~(c) No later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting date each year, the board of school commissioners shall present to the city council its budget requests for the next fiscal year.~~

~~(d) The board shall appoint from among its members, a clerk who shall have the same duties and responsibilities as prescribed by statute.~~

~~Sec. 517. Appointment of superintendent and principal; compensation; term.~~

~~The school commissioners shall annually appoint a superintendent of schools and a principal of high schools and shall fix their compensation which shall be paid by the school commissioners in the same manner as other expense for the support of schools; and for cause of incapacity, negligence or misconduct, they may remove such officers and shall by appointment fill any vacancy in such office arising from any cause. The superintendent shall perform all such duties in connection with the public schools of the city as shall be assigned him by the board of school commissioners and as may be prescribed by law. He shall annually report to the city council such statistics as are required by law and such other information as the school commissioners shall direct.]~~

ARTICLE VI

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to allow youth voter participation in local municipal elections (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

(a)(1) The legal voters **and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old** shall elect biennially a Mayor, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer. (Amend. of March 2, 2021)

(2) Annually, the legal voters **and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old** of each ward shall elect from among the legal voters of their respective wards one councilor for a term of two years.

ARTICLE VII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$111,200 to be allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?

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| Barre Area Senior Center | \$7,500 |
| Barre Heritage Festival | \$5,000 |
| Capstone Community Action, Inc. | \$3,000 |

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| Central Vermont Adult Education (Barre Learning Center) | \$7,700 |
| Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP | \$18,000 |
| Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice | \$28,000 |
| Circle (formerly Battered Women’s Shelter and Services) | \$2,000 |
| Community Harvest of Central Vermont | \$1,500 |
| Downstreet Housing and Community Development | \$5,000 |
| Elevate Youth Services (formerly WashCo. Youth Serv. Bureau) | \$5,000 |
| Family Center of Washington County | \$3,500 |
| Good Beginnings of Central VT | \$1,000 |
| Good Samaritan Haven | \$1,500 |
| Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team) | \$2,500 |
| OUR House of Central VT | \$500 |
| People’s Health & Wellness Clinic | \$3,000 |
| Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired | \$1,000 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | \$3,000 |
| Washington County Diversion Program | \$2,500 |
| Washington County Mental Health | \$10,000 |

ARTICLE VIII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for Rainbow Bridge Community Center?

Adopted and approved by the Barre City Council on April 11, 2024.

Jake Hemmerick, Mayor /S/
Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk /S/
Michael Boutin, Ward 2 Councilor /S/
Emel Cambel, Ward 1 Councilor

Michael Deering II, Ward 3 Councilor /S/
Thomas J. Lauzon, Ward 1 Councilor /S/
Samn Stockwell, Ward 3 Councilor /S/
Edward Waszazak, Ward 2 Councilor /S/

NOTICE TO VOTERS

VOTING IN BARRE CITY: All voting in Barre City is by Australian ballot, and voting takes place at the Municipal Auditorium on Auditorium Hill. Polls are open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

REGISTER TO VOTE: You may register at the City Clerk’s office, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the Secretary of State’s website, a voter registration agency (Department of Social Welfare, Department of Health (WIC), Department of Aging & Disabilities (home health, adult day care, etc.).

To register on-line through the Secretary of State’s website, visit <https://olvr.vermont.gov/>.

You may also register at the polls on Election Day.

EARLY/ABSENTEE BALLOTS: The latest you can request ballots is 4:00 PM in the Clerk’s office the day before an election. The voter or family member may request an early or absentee ballot in person, in writing, by telephone, email or on-line through the Secretary of State’s website: <https://mvp.vermont.gov/>. Other authorized persons may apply for the voter in person, in writing or by telephone. If you are sick or have a disability, contact the Clerk’s office (802) 476-0242 to find out about other opportunities to cast a ballot.

INFORMATION ABOUT BALLOT ITEMS: Visit the elections section of the Barre City website at www.barrecity.org for additional information.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BARRE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: You may reach the Clerk’s office by calling (802) 476-0242, or by email to cdawes@barrecity.org.