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# OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING **BARRE CITY, VERMONT MAY 14, 2024**

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.

- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
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- official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

<ul> <li>If you make a mistake, tear, or defact</li> </ul>		
MAYOR (2 YEARS) Vote for not more than ONE	ARTICLE III Shall the Barre City Charter amended to change the date of meeting elections (bold/underline)	
THOMAS LAUZON	bracketed/struck out is deleted):	
SAMN STOCKWELL	(4) 4	
(Write-in)	election of officers, the voting of and any other business include	
CLERK/TREASURER (2 YEARS) Vote for not more than ONE	warnings for said meeting, shall be the [first] second Tuesday in [Maunless otherwise legally warned council.	
(Write-in)		
COUNCILOR (2 YEARS) Vote for not more than ONE	YE	
MICHAEL BOUTIN	ARTICLE IV Shall the Barre City Charter b	
AMANDA GUSTIN	amended as follows to sepa positions of Clerk and Treas	
(Write-in)	change the Treasurer position to	
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER  a. TO VOTE FOR the article, fill in the oval the right of the word "YES".	(bold/underlined is added; bracked out is deleted): Chapter I, Incorporation and Provisions.	

- b. TO VOTE AGAINST the article, fill in the oval to the right of the word "NO"
- c. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

### **ARTICLE I**

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

# YES NO

### ARTICLE II

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

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Sec. 111. Bonding of city officials
The Mayor, counsilors, 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 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[<del>, and one person to serve as Clerk</del> and Treasurer and a Clerk.

Chapter III. City Council. Sec. 301. (Governing body.)

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

[(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 commission department established by this charter.

[(c)] (d) Make, amend, and repeal

f(d) (e) Adopt an official seal of the City.

YES	$\bigcirc$
NO	$\bigcirc$

### **ARTICLE V**

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

General Chapter I, Incorporation and 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 executive the constitute the pudget and executive the state of executive the constitute the con constitute the budget and accounting year as used in this charter.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.

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[<del>, except for</del> 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 t<del>erm limit as is specified in the Barre</del> <del>Town</del> Union High School Citv/Barre 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.

(c) - In case of a vacancy of any school commissioner, occasioned <del>by</del> 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.]

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Chapter III, City Council.

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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
- (e) 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 members, a clerk who shall have the same duties and responsibilities as prescribed by statute.

Sec. 517. Appointment of superintendent and principal; compensation ferm.

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.

YES	
NO	

### **ARTICLE VI**

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

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

- (a)(1) The legal voters <u>and Barre City</u> <u>youth ages 16 and 17 years old</u> shall elect biennially a Mayor, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer.
- (2) Annually, the legal voters <u>and Barre City</u> 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.

### 2024 BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

### **ARTICLE 1**

Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$58,160,337, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,415 per Long Weighted Average Daily Term (LTWADM) Membership per pupil spending.

YES  $\bigcirc$ 

NO

# NO

**YES** 

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### **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?

Barre Area Senior Center	\$7,500
Barre Heritage Festival	\$5,000
Capstone Community Action, Inc.	\$3,000
Central Vermont Adult Education	
(Barre Learning Center)	\$7,700
Central Vermont Council on	
Aging/RSVP	\$18, <b>00</b> 0
Central Vermont Home Health and	
Hospice	\$28,000
Circle (formerly Battered Women's	
Shelter and Services)	\$2,000
Community Harvest of Central	

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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 \$10.000
Washington County Mental Health	\$10.000

YES O

NO  $\bigcirc$ 

### ARTICLE VIII

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

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