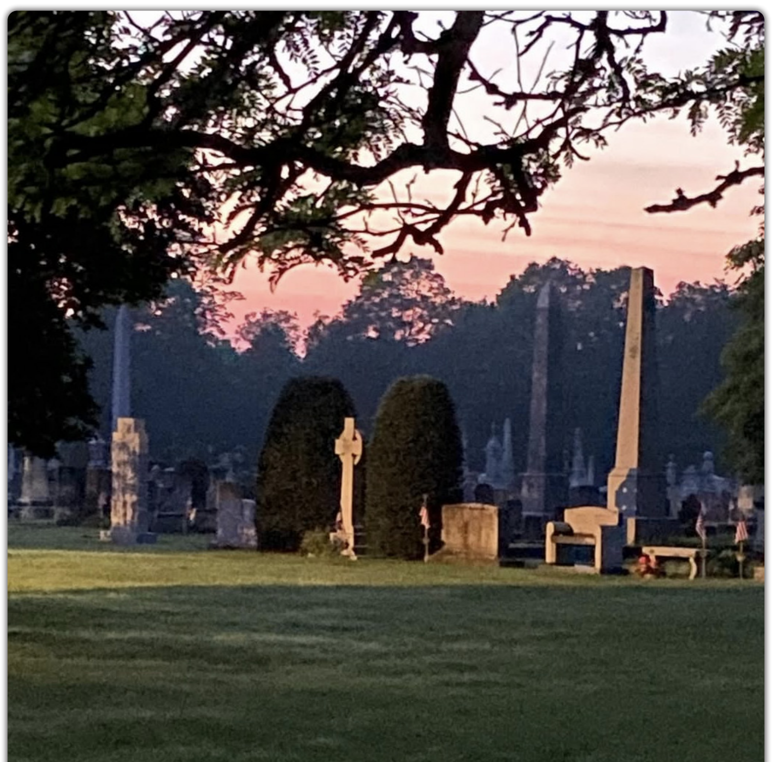

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CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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## CITY OF BARRE
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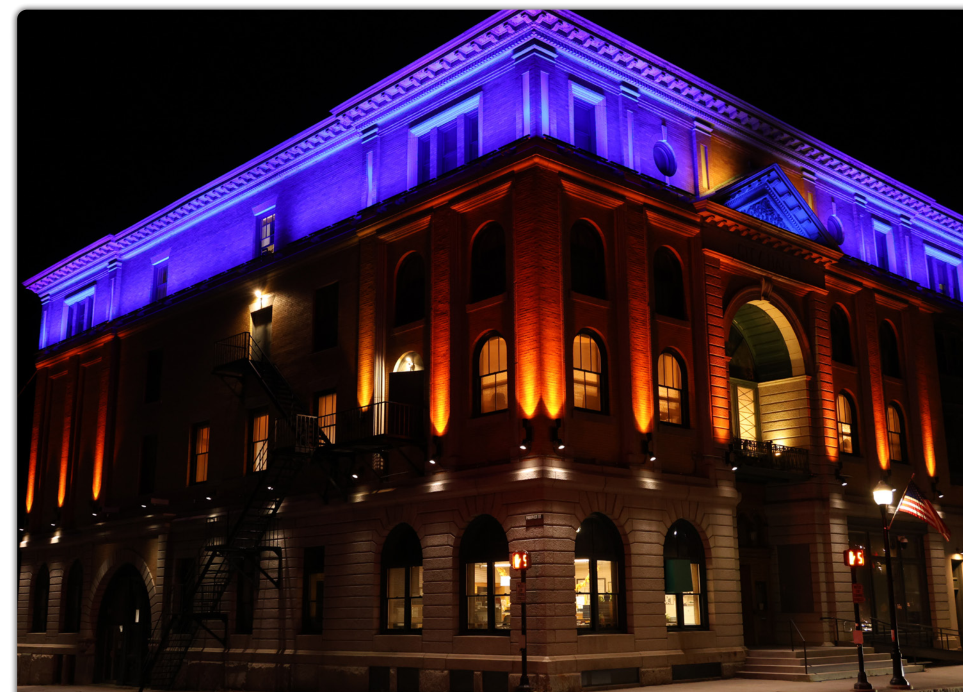

**Fiscal Year**
**July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH REPORT**

OF THE

CITY OF BARRE

VERMONT

For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2025

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| Ambulance (Emergency Medical Services) | 911 |
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| | |
|---|---|
| Ambulance Billing | 476-0254 |
| Code Enforcement | 476-0253 |
| Emergency Management | 476-0255 |
| Fire | 476-0254 |
| Health Officer | 476-5545 |
| Police | 476-6613 |

**Other City Departments**

| | |
|---|---|
| Accounting & Payroll | 476-0252 |
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| Facilities & Grounds | 476-0256 |
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# CITY HALL HOURS

Regular meetings of the City Council are held Tuesday evenings, typically at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 6 North Main Street, Barre. Times and dates are subject to change. These meetings are open to the public, except for executive sessions held in accordance with State law.

City Hall is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All offices are closed from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., except for the City Clerk's office and the Water & Sewer Collection Office.

**Dates to Remember**

**P**roperty Tax Due (Installments)
Due Dates are subject to change by the City Council
August 17, 2026
November 16, 2026
~~~~
February 15, 2027
May 17, 2027
August 16, 2027
November 15, 2027

I*f a property tax due date falls on a weekend or holiday, taxes are due on the next business day.*

Water & Sewer Bills Due*

March 31, 2026
June 30, 2026
~~~~
September 30, 2026
December 31, 2026
March 31, 2027
June 30, 2027

*Unless otherwise specified **on the bill.**

# CITY OF BARRE TAX BILL CHART

**Dear Barre City Taxpayer: This chart demonstrates how your tax dollars are used. Previous years are provided for comparison purposes.**

**Call the Clerk's office with any questions: (802) 476-0242**

| | 2020-2021 | | 2021-2022 | | 2022-2023 | | 2023-2024 | | 2024-2025 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Taxes Raised** | **Tax Rate** | **Taxes Raised** | **Tax Rate** | **Taxes Raised** | **Tax Rate** | **Taxes Raised** | **Tax Rate** | **Taxes Raised** | **Tax Rate** |
| CITY-GENERAL TAX | 9,007,442 | 1.785 | 9,273,768 | 1.844 | 9,538,855 | 1.899 | 10,023,107 | 1.987 | 10,187,152 | 2.004 |
| Highway | included above | | included above | | included above | | included above | | included above | |
| Paving/Streets/Capital Improv. | 368,866 | 0.075 | 380,000 | 0.076 | 391,500 | 0.078 | 403,245 | 0.080 | 450,000 | 0.089 |
| Sidewalk Improvements | included above | | included above | | included above | | included above | | included above | |
| CV Public Safety Authority## | 26,500 | 0.007 | - | | 15,900 | 0.003 | - | | - | |
| Barre Area Dev. Corp. | 40,000 | 0.010 | - | | - | | 20,482 | 0.004 | - | |
| County Tax | 41,703 | 0.010 | 42,305 | 0.009 | 40,419 | 0.008 | 43,569 | 0.009 | included above | |
| Voter Approved Assistance | 134,601 | 0.028 | 149,601 | 0.030 | 149,601 | 0.030 | 149,601 | 0.030 | 114,200 | 0.023 |
| **MUNICIPAL TOTAL** | **9,619,112** | **1.914** | **9,845,674** | **1.958** | **10,136,275** | **2.018** | **10,640,004** | **2.109** | **10,751,352** | **2.115** |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| BARRE UNIFIED UNION SU | 7,916,956 | 1.419 | 7,915,584 | 1.427 | 7,353,915 | 1.319 | 7,731,037 | 1.407 | 8,304,830 | 1.417 |
| Local Agreement Rate | 118,010 | 0.023 | 96,371 | 0.019 | 69,992 | 0.014 | 25,950 | 0.005 | 29,778 | 0.006 |
| **SCHOOL TAX TOTAL** | **8,034,966** | **1.442** | **8,011,955** | **1.446** | **7,423,907** | **1.333** | **7,756,987** | **1.412** | **8,334,608** | **1.423** |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| **TOTAL PROPERTY TAX** | **17,654,078** | **3.357** | **17,857,629** | **3.404** | **17,560,182** | **3.351** | **18,396,991** | **3.521** | **19,085,960** | **3.537** |

## voters disbanded CV Public Safety Authority beginning FY24

School tax amount determined by combining homestead & non-homestead rates as set by the VT Department of Taxes. Homestead rate: $1.4167. Non-homestead rate: $1.8155.

# JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

**Effective February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2027**

| Name | Party | Address |
|---|---|---|
| Peter Anthony | Democrat | 162 N Main Street #408 |
| Rosemary Averill | Republican | 89 Tremont Street |
| Patti Bisson | Democrat | 8 School Street |
| Michael Boutin | Republican | 5 Hillside Avenue |
| Carol Dawes | Independent | 122 Batchelder Street #25 |
| Amanda Gustin | Democrat | 35 Long Street |
| Sarah Helman | Republican | 43 Fortney Place |
| Thomas Kelly | Republican | 35 Warren Street |
| E. John LePage | Democrat | 16 Willey Street |
| Chrysta Murray | Republican | 13 Pouliot Avenue |
| Sonya Spaulding | Democrat | 88 Delmont Avenue |
| Tabitha Tant | Republican | 16 Spring Street |
| Tess Taylor | Democrat | 45 Granite Street |
| Sharon Toborg | Republican | 5 Hilltop Avenue |
| Teddy Waszazak | Democrat | 37 Jefferson Street #7 |

# CITY OFFICERS

## CITY GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BARRE

## ELECTED OFFICERS

### – MAYOR –

Thom Lauzon
Term expires 2026

### – COUNCILORS –

WARD I

Sonya Spaulding .......................................................... 2026
Beth Hilgartner............................................................ 2027

WARD II

Amanda Gustin ........................................................... 2026
Jeff Bergeron................................................................ 2027

WARD III

Michael Deering II ...................................................... 2026
Don Routhier................................................................ 2027

### – CLERK –

Cheryl Metivier
Term expires 2026

### – CITY MANAGER –

Appointed by the City Council
R. Nicolas Storellicastro

# APPOINTMENTS

## City Council Staff and Liaison Appointments

Appointments in this section are
not subject to the Council's Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy.

| Position | Appointee | Term Expires* |
|---|---|---|
| City Manager | Nicolas Storellicastro | 2026 |
| City Attorney | David Rugh, Stitzel Page & Fletcher, PC | 2026 |
| Labor Attorney | J. Scott Cameron, Esq. | 2026 |
| Director of Emergency Mgmt | Keith Cushman | 2026 |
| Energy Coordinator | Vacant | 2026 |
| Health Officer | Nicholas Copping* | 2026 |
| Deputy Health Officer | Arthur Young | 2026 |
| Tax Collector | Cheryl Metivier | 2026 |
| Admin Officer for Zoning | Janet Shatney | 2026 |

* *Terms July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 unless otherwise provided by an employment agreement or contract.*

***Appointed by the Vermont Department of Health at the City Council's recommendation.*

## City Manager Appointments

Appointments in this section are
not subject to the Council's Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy.

| Position | Appointee | Term Expires* |
|---|---|---|
| Assistant City Manager | Vacant | 2026 |
| Police Chief | Braedon Vail | 2026 |
| Fire Chief | Keith Cushman | 2026 |
| Chief Inspector – Minimum Housing | Keith Cushman | 2026 |
| Dir. of Planning, Permit & Assess Srvcs | Janet Shatney | 2026 |
| Director of Public Works | Brian Baker | 2026 |
| Director of Facilities & Grounds | Tom Baker | 2026 |
| Supt. of Water/Wastewater Treatment | Jacob Drown | 2026 |
| Tree Warden | Tom Baker | 2026 |
| Grants Administrator | Janet Shatney | 2026 |
| Building Official | Janet Shatney | 2026 |
| Assessor | Larry Martin, Martin Appraisal Services, Inc | 2026 |
| ADA Coordinator | Nicolas Storellicastro | 2026 |
| City Social Networking Moderator | Vacant | 2026 |

## City Council Non-Committee Appointments

Appointments in this section are
subject to the Council's Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy.

### Board of Health

| Appointee | Term Expires* *Terms expire 10/9/2028* |
|---|---|
| Peter Anthony | 2028 |
| Nicolas Storellicastro | 2028 |
| Carolyn Dawes | 2028 |

### CV Regional Planning Commission

| Position | Appointee | Term Expires* |
|---|---|---|
| CV Regional Planning Commission | Janet Shatney | 2026 |
| CV Regional Planning Commission (alternate) | Vacant | 2026 |
| CV Regional Planning Commission TAC | Vacant | 2026 |
| CV Solid Waste Management District Board | Amy Galford | 2026 |
| CV Solid Waste Management District Board (alternate) | Peter Anthony | 2026 |
| CV Fiber | Sean Warner | 2026 |
| CV Fiber (alternate) | Vacant | 2026 |

## Statutory Bodies Appointments

Appointments in this section are subject to the Council's Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy. Development Review Board members are elected to 4-year terms and Planning Commission members are elected to 3-year terms.

### Development Review Board

| Appointee | Seat | Term Expires* *Members are elected to 4-year terms* |
|---|---|---|
| Michelle Farnham | Ward I | 2029 |
| Chrysta Murray | Ward I | 2027 |
| Jayme Bauer | Ward II | 2027 |
| Sarah Helman | Ward II | 2026 |
| Katrina Pelkey | Ward III | 2027 |
| Colin Doolittle | Ward III | 2026 |
| Phillip Back | At-Large | 2029 |
| Elizabeth Turner | At-Large | 2029 |
| Vacant | At-Large | 2026 |

### Planning Commission

| Appointee | Term Expires* <br> **Members are elected to 3-year terms* |
|---|---|
| David Sichel | 2028 |
| Wendy Ducey | 2026 |
| Rosemary Averill | 2026 |
| Caitlin Corkins | 2026 |
| Joe Reil | 2026 |
| Vacant | 2028 |
| Raylene Meunier | 2026 |

## Committee/Task Force Appointments

Appointments in this section are subject to the Council's Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy. Unless otherwise noted, all terms are for 2-years.

### Buildings & Facilities Committee

| Appointee | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Charlie Atwood | 2026 |
| Sue Higby | 2027 |
| Arthur Dessureau | 2026 |
| Richard Dente | 2027 |
| Brent Gagne | 2027 |
| Jon Valsangiacomo | 2027 |
| Paula Dolan | 2026 |
| Burnie Allen | 2026 |
| Matthew Flaherty | 2026 |

### Cemeteries Committee

| Appointee | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Giuliano Cecchinelli | 2027 |
| Ilene Gillander | 2027 |
| Norena Zanleoni | 2027 |
| Starr LeCompte | 2026 |
| BGA Liaison | 2026 |
| Helen Long | 2026 |
| Heather Ritchie | 2027 |
| Donna Drayman-Pulice | 2026 |
| Vacant | 2026 |

**Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee**

| Appointee | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Chris Russo-Fraysier | 2026 |
| Janette Shaffer | 2027 |
| Emily Hoffman | 2026 |
| Jim Deshler | 2027 |
| Susan McDowell | 2027 |
| Ryan Horvath | 2026 |
| Greg Rouleau | 2026 |

**Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee**

| Appointee | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Aurora Flynn | 2027 |
| Sean Warner | 2027 |
| William Toborg | 2026 |
| Christopher Roberts | 2025 |
| Gregory Quetel | 2026 |
| Carlos Pereira | 2026 |
| Matt Mulligan | 2026 |
| Vacant (Student) | 2026 |
| Vacant (Student) | 2026 |

**Neighborly Barre Committee**

| Appointee | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Tracie Lewis | 2027 |
| Joanne Reynolds | 2027 |
| Ernie Drown | 2026 |
| Marjorie Strong | 2027 |
| Ginger Cloud | 2026 |

**Parks & Rec Committee**

| Appointee | Term Expires |
|---|---|
| Rhodelene Premont | 2027 |
| Bernadette Guyette | 2027 |
| Joshua Piascik | 2026 |
| Vacant | 2026 |
| Vacant | 2026 |

## Police Advisory Committee

| Appointee | Term Expires |
| --- | --- |
| Alex Pastor | 2027 |
| Steve England | 2026 |
| Abby Blum | 2027 |
| Sandy Rousse | 2027 |
| Poa (Eli) Mutino | 2026 |

## Transportation & Public Works

| Appointee | Term Expires |
| --- | --- |
| Kenneth Bauer | 2026 |
| Steve Mackenzie | 2027 |
| Arthur Bombardier | 2027 |
| Jayme Bauer | 2027 |
| Vacant | 2026 |

## Unhoused Community Committee

| Appointee | Term Expires |
| --- | --- |
| Kathi Partlow | 2026 |
| Dan Barlow | 2026 |
| Beth Mueller | 2026 |
| Anne Merrill | 2027 |
| Osa Busch | 2027 |

# VERMONT STATE SENATORS-WASHINGTON COUNTY AND REPRESENTATIVES- DISTRICT W-3

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District W 3

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAYOR

t.lauzon@barrecity.org

April 7, 2025

Dear Friends;

In my report to you last year, I outlined a number of challenges and initiatives on which I hoped to make meaningful progress in 2025. As I write this year, I'm pleased to report that in virtually all of the initiatives that I outlined last year, we've done exactly that.

In this report, I'll outline the progress we've made, the areas where we fell short and the new challenges that have emerged.

**The 2026-2027 Budget.** As expected and appreciated, Manager Storellicastro has presented a draft budget that is sound and defensible. I appreciate his collaborative style and his willingness to engage stakeholders in the process. As I write this report, the budget remains a work in progress. My priorities are affordability, increased road and infrastructure funding (more on that later) and building capacity into the budget that will give us the human resources to implement current projects and pursue future projects. The simple truth is that we'll always have more challenges than we have resources. It has been that way before I took office, during my time in office and will remain that way long after I leave office. That's why it's so important that we prioritize thoughtfully and with appropriate balance for both the present and future. As we debate priorities prior to setting the final budget, I understand that others may have priorities that differ from mine and that there will be disagreement. I promise to listen and compromise where appropriate. That said, I will not compromise on certain core principles.

**Roads and Infrastructure.** This is one of my core principles and priorities. Not everyone visits city hall. Not everyone utilizes the BOR or the auditorium. Not everyone enjoys our parks and recreation areas.

But everyone – everyone – uses our streets and sidewalks. Maintaining them and providing for adequate replacement resources must be one of our highest priorities. In recent years, it has not been. In the 2019-2020 budget, we allocated $425,000.00 to maintain and replace our streets and sidewalks. In the 2020-2021 budget, we actually reduced that amount to $368,866. In the budgets that followed, we provided for only modest increases, even though we could see our streets and sidewalks deteriorating faster than we were providing resources to repair them.

Last year, while finalizing the 2025-2026 budget, I proposed a 33% increase in streets and sidewalks funding, bringing the appropriation to $600,000.00. I am grateful that the manager, council and voters supported my request. In this years' budget, I will again propose a 33% increase, to bring the total to $800,000.00. I am hopeful that the response will be the same. In next year's budget, I will propose an additional $200,000.00 to bring the total appropriation to $1,000,000.00. Assuming passage, we will have doubled our financial commitment to ours streets and sidewalks in just three short years. Our cars will thank us.

Our road challenges are exacerbated by the challenges within the Vermont Transportation Fund. For years, the legislature has followed the same pattern as the city did in funding the repair and replacement of Vermont's travel ways. In short, funds have been consistently siphoned from our state transportation fund and diverted to other unrelated programs. In addition to this challenge, the state transportation fund is faced with a declining revenue stream, a paving backlog that is growing and increasing construction costs. Thankfully, our Governor and some in the legislature are committed to rebuilding our transportation fund, but doing that will take time. The effects of these challenges are particularly felt in our city. Some of our most deteriorated and prominent stretches of roads – VT Route 14 from the Post Office to Quarry Hill and from Maple and Summer to Hope Cemetery, as well as VT Route 302 from the Youth Triumphant Memorial to the North End – are at the mercy of an underfunded transportation budget. These roads are currently scheduled for replacement in 2029. 2028 at the earliest. That is simply not acceptable. We need progress now.

Manager Storellicastro and I have been lobbying Transportation Secretary Joe Flynn for an accelerated paving schedule for literally months. Secretary Flynn is an honest and hard-working partner. He has his own challenges to manage, just as we have ours. That said, it is our position that these stretches of roads have moved beyond maintenance (which is the city's responsibility) to replacement (which is the state's responsibility). While there would be no objection from the Agency if we were to pave these stretches, that would mean burning through millions of dollars of local transportation funds that are intended to replace our neighborhood side streets and sidewalks. The Manager and I will continue to present our case at every level and to present creative solutions to our infrastructure partners.

**Public Safety and Accountability.** Providing a safe and welcoming environment for our citizens and visitors is also one of my priorities. Last year, I reported that a majority of the council had failed to support a ordinance presented by the Manager and Police Chief entitled "Conduct In Parks and Public Spaces" and vowed to revisit the issue. I did and this time, a majority of the council supported the ordinance. In addition, the council approved the deployment of cameras (monitored by our Department of Public Safety) in certain conspicuous areas throughout the city. Further, our proposed budget funds a downtown bike patrol program that was eliminated years ago. This program will provide a heightened Public Safety presence in our core downtown and neighborhoods. I look forward to welcoming them back.

**Public safety requires accountability.** Those who violate our laws must be held accountable. Those with a sincere desire to rehabilitate and accept responsibility should be treated with patience and compassion. That said, we cannot sit idly by while our justice system becomes a revolving door for repeat offenders who refuse assistance, refuse treatment and refuse to alter their behavior. Recently, our Governor introduced a Community Accountability Court, which has been established in Chittenden County. The Court will be moving next to Rutland County. The purpose of the Court is to address a backlog of pending cases and cases involving repeat offenders. The Court is next scheduled to deploy in Rutland County. I have expressed to the Administration my interest in hosting the Community Accountability Court in Washington County.

**143 North Main Street.** Thanks to the hard work and vision of Steve Mackenzie and Barre Area Development Corporation, the city took ownership of this prominent and blighted building earlier this year. For those of you who have lived in Barre for an extended period of time, you know that for years, the city and our downtown was held hostage by owners who didn't reflect the same pride of ownership and responsibility to our downtown that the majority of our citizens do. Ownership puts the city firmly in control of the future of this site. My vision is a multi-story, multi-family building that will provide a home to scores of new neighbors. In the coming year, we will pursue funds to remove the blighted and failed building and solicit proposals from potential developers. We implemented this same strategy successfully when we developed the City Place location. Today, that project generates $300,000.00 in additional property tax revenue and brings hundreds of employees to our downtown every day. 143 North Main Street could be just as (or more) successful.

**Flood Mitigation.** The city continues to make meaningful progress in this area. I'm grateful that we have not allowed the risk or effects of flooding to fade from our memories (or priorities) as time passes. Thanks to Councilor Gustin, we update and revisit our Flood Resiliency Plan at least monthly. Last year, we concluded a historic number of buyouts that removed homes from harm's way and expanded our flood water storage capacity. We lobbied for the successful removal of a railroad trestle that consistently trapped debris and prevent water from flowing during past flooding events. We continue to engage with river scientists in order to employ best practices. This year, we will continue to inventory both the locations and condition of our storm water system and prioritize maintenance and repairs. Lastly, I will continue to lobby and advocate for the removal of sediment (left behind from past flooding events) in order to reclaim river bed capacity. Dredging based on science is an appropriate and useful strategy to increase flood water storage capacity.

**The North End.** Last year, we convened a meeting and listened to our North End residents. Thank you again to all of you who engaged and offered your thoughts and vision. I think I speak for the Council when I say we all came away from that meeting with a sense of appreciation of how much the neighborhood values the scale and feel of the North End. In summary, the residents recognize that some things in the North End have to change, but they would strongly prefer to retain the feel and walkability of their neighborhoods. We heard you and moved forward accordingly.

In 2025, the city applied for a first round Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant which would have established green spaces and water storage capacity, provided for the elevation of certain existing homes and developed new housing within the North End. This grant program was incredibly competitive and while the city was successful in securing over $6,500,000 in project funding, our North End application was not selected for funding.

Approximately one month ago, the city revised its North End request and submitted a second round CDBG-DR application. This round of grants is the final round and remains extremely competitive. If we are not successful in our request, we will have to essentially start over and seek a yet unidentified funding source for the North End.

Candidly, I am frustrated and disappointed that we have been unable to identify and secure a funding source to help our North End neighbors. Shortly after the 2023 flooding event, the city identified the recovery and rebuilding of the North End as one of our highest priorities. It remains a priority today. In spite of this, we have been unable to secure meaningful funding.

It's difficult to ask our city staff, the Manager and our partners – all of whom have worked incredibly hard and with so much dedication - to work harder, but that's what we have to do (Council and Mayor, included). We have advanced virtually every flood related initiative on some level, with the exception of the North End. This is unacceptable to me. To our neighbors in the North End, I assure you that we value you and understand how much you've been through.

**Prospect Heights.** I'm pleased to report that the Prospect Heights Project, which will create streets, sidewalks and utilities to support approximately 100 units of market rate, workforce and affordable housing and grow the grand list by over ten million dollars, is fully funded. Over the past two years, we've have been successful in securing funding through a number of sources, including the Governor's Budget, Northern Borders Regional Commission, Agency of Commerce and Community Development and a Congressional Earmark submitted by U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders. We are grateful to our funding partners for their faith and support. This is the largest housing project the city has seen in decades. We're excited to move this project towards property acquisition and ground breaking. Over the coming months, we'll have more to share.

**In closing, there are a number of people I'd like to thank.** I'd like to thank my own family, as well as the families of our Councilors, Manager and city staff. Those of us who serve sign up recognizing the demands of public service. Our families don't make that choice. But time and time again, they support us, our late meetings and time away from them. We couldn't do it without them. As always, I extend my gratitude to our employees in city hall, at the public safety building, at our parks and cemeteries, our recreation areas, our treatment plants and on the streets. Every day, with less than you need, you find a way to get it done. We value you and appreciate you. Thank you to our partners in the Administration, our legislative delegation, the Barre Partnership and Barre Area Development Corporation. Barre has benefited greatly from your advocacy and hard work. Thank you to our City Manager and city council. It's an honor to serve with you. The good work we're doing today will benefit our city for decades.

Last and most importantly, thank you to everyone who volunteers and engages in our city. The depth of your devotion is noticed and appreciated.

In closing, this last year has been one of promise and progress. That progress would have been impossible without the support of our voters, residents and supporters. On behalf of the city council, we look forward to continuing that work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Lauzon, Mayor

## FY2025 CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the FY25 Annual Report to the residents of Barre. This Annual Report covers the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

The City Manager is appointed by and reports directly to the City Council and is responsible for overseeing all municipal functions and operations of the City, including but not limited to development and management of the municipal budget, personnel administration, Department operations, and public relations with residents, businesses, and organizations within the City.

It is my privilege to lead our dedicated and committed employees. Together, we are pleased to deliver municipal services to the residents of Barre. Looking back on the reporting period, there are many accomplishments for all of us to be proud of, including:

- Executed a purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of a new public works garage;
- Received approval of a $7.6 million bond to upgrade the headworks at the Wastewater Treatment Facility;
- Funded a state-of-the-art hydrology study to better understand our infrastructure and create the knowledge base to inform our ongoing flood recovery efforts;
- Approved a TIF development agreement related to the Stevens Branch Apartments project, which will bring 31 new units to downtown Barre;
- Secured an agreement with the State to remove the trestle bridge which had contributed to flooding in the North End;
- Created the Flood Resiliency Plan to set measurable and achievable goals for our ongoing flood recovery;
- Created an ARPA-funded $250,000 housing revolving loan fund to be administered by Downstreet;
- Completed initial due diligence study on Prospect Heights development project;
- Updated the Minimum Housing Ordinance;
- Adopted new overnight winter parking ban to allow for forecast-dependent bans;
- Rolled out Regroup, a brand-new in-app emergency alert system specific to the City of Barre;
- Negotiated a new collective bargaining agreement with the union representing employees of the Police Department; and

- Installed security cameras in high-incidence areas around the City to assist with Police Department responses.

While a lot of good happened during this reporting period, we also suffered a second consecutive flood on July 10, 2024. While the 2024 flood was nowhere near as devastating as the 2023 event, that is no solace to our neighbors who were impacted. We have unfortunately become quite accustomed to responding to floods. While our recovery was swifter, it was nonetheless challenging and resource-intensive.

Many dedicated employees provide services to the residents of Barre every day. Our employees provide a remarkable range of services, and often do so under challenging conditions and with fewer resources than their peers in other communities. I am incredibly proud to be a part of this team.

Barre is lucky to have a talented group of Department Heads. Together, this group of leaders bring a wealth of experience, creativity, education, and dedication to our operations. I am thankful everyday for Director of Planning, Permitting & Assessing Services Janet Shatney, Police Chief Brad Vail, Deputy Police Chief Larry Eastman, Chief of Fire & Emergency Medical Services Keith Cushman, and Deputy Chief of Fire & Emergency Medical Services Joe Aldsworth, Director of Public Works Brian Baker, Director of Facilities & Grounds Tom Baker, and Human Resources Administrator Jeanne Galiano. Christina Kimball (Director of Finance) and Michelle La Barge-Burke (Recreation Coordinator) joined our team in 2025 and they have already become valued members of our leadership core. Retired Clerk Carol Dawes returned to the City on a part-time basis as the newly appointed Treasurer. It's great to have her back in City Hall a few days a week.

In 2025, Assistant City Manager and Director of Finance Dawn Monahan left her position to move closer to family in the Midwest. Behind the scenes, Dawn was responsible for our City's stable finances and financial recovery from the 2023 and 2024 floods. Due to her stewardship of our resources, Barre did not have to borrow one dime to get through the financial pain of the floods, and we have received millions of dollars in reimbursements from FEMA. We miss her greatly, but wish her continued happiness in her new role and home.

The team in the City Manager's office is rounded out by Kris Kirby (IT Support Specialist) and Tess Taylor (grant-funded Housing and Homelessness Liaison). Roxanne Pike, my executive assistant, is the friendly and welcoming voice you hear when you call or come to the Manager's office. Roxanne will retire in April 2026. Roxanne was the first person I hired when I started as Manager. I wish her the very best in her very well-earned retirement.

Many thanks are in order for the City Council and Mayor. Barre residents are fortunate to have such dedicated representatives, and I appreciate the privilege Council has provided me to serve the people of this City.

I am also grateful to the many volunteers who serve on City boards, committees, and commissions for the hours, expertise, and feedback they provide. Active civic participation is part of the fabric of this community, and I appreciate the many residents who step up every year to make this City a better place.

My initial employment contract with the City expired in July 2025. I was excited to negotiate and sign a new 5-year contract with the City Council that will keep me in Barre until July 2030.

Finally, I would not be able to serve the people of Barre without the support of my loving family. While there are many challenges in the profession I have chosen, I have been blessed with a family that has brought me only joy and happiness. I love you Allison, Maximo, and Sonny.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolas Storellicastro, *City Manager*

## REPORT OF THE BARRE CITY CLERK

### Fiscal Year 2024-25

The Barre City Clerk's office is the first point of contact for most residents of the City of Barre, the office with the most face-to-face interaction. Our office fields an average of 50+ incoming calls daily, hundreds of emails and walk-in customers. Most are addressed within the office due to our knowledgeable, helpful staff members, however, occasionally we forward calls or inquiries to other departments for results or answers.

The Clerk's office is the source for many services including, but not limited to, record guardianship and documentation, property tax collections, official polling place, vital records requests and creation, dog license renewals, marriage license issuance, car registration renewals and Green Mountain Passport for Senior citizens or Veterans. We are the hub of City Hall for information. If we cannot answer it or explain it, we know someone who can!

Some of the statistics for the year are, as follows;

- 80 registered births within the city
- 151 deaths within the city
- 329 dog licenses and tags were issued
- 1864 documents, consisting of 5338 pages of land records were recorded
- 47 marriage licenses were issued

The Clerk is the Officer of all local and State Elections. There are approximately 6294 registered voters in the City of Barre. During FY24-25, the Clerk presided over seven (8) elections.

| **Election** | **Voter Participation** |
|---|---|
| BUUSD Budget revote - 6/18/2024 | 949 |
| August Primary – State – 8/13/24 | 882 |
| BUUSD Budget revote – 9/17/24 | 1121 |
| Headwater Bond vote – 11/5/24 | 2627 |
| General Election – State – 11/5/24 | 3523 |
| Ward II Caucus – 2/13/25 | 87 |
| BUUSD/CVCC Budgets – 3/4/25 | 803 |
| Annual Town Meeting – 5/13/25 | 827 |

The Delinquent Collections Office oversees collection of delinquent property taxes, water & sewer and other bills for services provided by the City.

During the 24-25FY the Staff included Clerk/Treasurer – Cheryl Metivier, Clerk/Treasurer -, Sherry Chase – Assistant Treasurer (through 9/2024), Cara Rea – Assistant Treasurer (present), Brenda Martineau – Assistant Clerk, Sylvie Rivard – Delinquent Tax Collector. The office is shared with the knowledgeable staff of the Water & Sewer Department, which is staffed by the Water Department Clerk – Clint Smith and Meter Specialist Michael Smith.

If you need assistance, please contact the Clerk's office at 802-476-0242. Thank you.

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
## Schedule of Delinquencies
## June 30, 2025

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DELINQUENT TAXES: | | |
| Balance of delinquent taxes June 30, 2024 | $ | 302,715.99 |
| 2024 August Quarter delinquent | $ | 264,889.46 |
| 2024 November Quarter delinquent | $ | 333,572.79 |
| 2025 February Quarter delinquent | $ | 217,255.65 |
| 2025 May Quarter delinquent | $ | 286,463.11 |
| Total Delinquent Taxes | $ | 1,404,897.00 |
| Total Amount Collected from July 2024 to June 2025 | $ | ( 1,006,260.20) |
| Balance | $ | 398,636.80 |
| Abated and Voids | $ | ( 1,883.42) |
| Assessor Changes | $ | - |
| BOA Abatements | $ | ( 2,740.21) |
| Tax Sale - City Bid Pmt | $ | - |
| Balance June 30, 2025 | $ | 394,013.17 |
| DELINQUENT WATER: | | |
| Balance of Delinquent Water on June 30, 2024 | | 161,609.48 |
| 2024 September Quarter delinquent | $ | 139,819.18 |
| 2024 December Quarter delinquent | $ | 130,367.73 |
| 2025 March Quarter delinquent | $ | 117,070.71 |
| 2025 June Quarter delinquent | $ | 142,744.49 |
| Total Delinquent Water | $ | 691,611.59 |
| Total Amount Collected from July 2024 to June 2025 | $ | ( 500,855.41) |
| | $ | - |
| Balance | $ | 190,756.18 |
| Abated and Voids | $ | ( 37.23) |
| City Bid - Tax Sales | $ | - |
| Balance June 30, 2025 | $ | - 190,718.95 |

DELINQUENT SEWER:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance of Delinquent Sewer on June 30, 2024 | $ | 124,940.09 |
| 2024 September Quarter delinque | $ | 111,195.43 |
| 2024 December Quarter delinquent | $ | 103,969.21 |
| 2025 March Quarter delinquent | $ | 88,480.18 |
| 2025 June Quarter delinquent | $ | 93,371.78 |
| | | |
| Total Delinquent Sewer | $ | 521,956.69 |
| T/Barre Delinquent Sewer | $ | - |
| Total Amount Collected from July 2024 to June 2025 | $ | ( 367,683.10) |
| | $ | - |
| Balance | $ | 154,273.59 |
| Abated and Voids | $ | ( 54.82) |
| City Bid - Tax Sales | $ | - |
| | $ | - |
| Balance June 30, 2025 | $ | 154,218.77 |

DELINQUENT DEBT SERVICE:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance of Delinquent Debt Service on June 30, 2023 | $ | 431.63 |
| 2023 September Quarter delinquent | $ | 295.56 |
| 2023 December Quarter delinquent | $ | 443.34 |
| 2024 March Quarter delinquent | $ | 285.55 |
| 2024 June Quarter delinquent | $ | 665.01 |
| | $ | - |
| Total Delinquent Debt Service | $ | 2,121.09 |
| Total Amount Collected from July 2023 to June 2024 | $ | (1,456.08) |
| | $ | - |
| Balance | $ | 665.01 |
| Abated and Voids | $ | - |
| | | |
| Balance June 30, 2024 | $ | 665.01 |

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvie Rivard
Assistant Tax Collector

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The Finance Department ensures Barre City's financial resources are managed and accounted for in an effective and efficient manner. The department is responsible for daily accounting records, payroll and payable services for the city's governmental and business activities as well as preparing for the year-end audit.

In May 2024, Barre City voters approved the General Fund Budget of $14,873,780 for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. FY25 revenues came in ahead of budget by $1,286,262. Ambulance revenue came in ahead of budget by $541,181. In addition, interest income generated more revenue than anticipated. However, property taxes were under collected for the fiscal year by $110,941. That revenue will be recognized in the period it is collected. The City recognized vacancy savings being unable to fill several Police Department positions. Total FY25 General Fund expenditures were $15,097,664, which were over budget by $223,883. The City is thankful for the allocation from the State of Vermont for their FY24 Budget Adjustment Act that was received in FY24. Those funds were assigned to reduce the property taxes in FY25. General Fund ended with a fund balance net change of $1,062,379, due to the timing of receiving the State of Vermont funds. This resulted in a cumulative fund balance totaling $2,163,986. A budget to actual financial update is provided bi-weekly to the Department Heads and City Manager, or as requested; the Mayor, City Council, and Barre City residents receive financial information on a quarterly basis, or as requested.

The Finance Department consisted of a team of four: Payroll Clerk Gretchen Stigall, Sr. Accounting Clerk Marcella Faucher, Human Resource Administrator Jeanne Galiano, and myself. Our office is located in Alumni Hall and is open M-F 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Finance Department highlights include:

Sarah Arnold vacated her position as Senior Accounting Clerk in September and was succeeded by Marcella Faucher. Dawn Monahan vacated her role as Finance Director and was subsequently replaced by me, Christina Kimball. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to both Sarah and Dawn for their dedication and years of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Kimball, Director of Finance

# CITY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
## Fiscal Year 2025
## Employee Earnings Over $300.00

| | BASE | OT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assessor's Office** | | | |
| Bramman, Kathryn H. | 66,506.86 | | 66,506.86 |
| **Dept Total** | **66,506.86** | **-** | **66,506.86** |
| Cemetery | | | |
| Bullard, Don A. | 71,056.19 | 49.96 | 71,106.15 |
| Gillander, Ilene R | 650.00 | | 650.00 |
| Isabelle, Jeffrey D | 5,809.50 | | 5,809.50 |
| Isabelle, Pierre D | 15,795.00 | 120.00 | 15,915.00 |
| Mahoney, Brandyn A. | 18,670.00 | 652.50 | 19,322.50 |
| Manning, Jeffrey C. | 3,810.00 | | 3,810.00 |
| Markham, Clifton C | 9,280.00 | 15.00 | 9,295.00 |
| McTigue, Peter J. | 11,305.00 | | 11,305.00 |
| O'Grady, Peter L. | 7,975.00 | | 7,975.00 |
| **Dept Total** | **144,350.69** | **837.46** | **145,188.15** |
| **City Manager's Office** | | | |
| Galiano, Jeanne M | 66,498.23 | | 66,498.23 |
| Taft, Francis R. | 27,380.70 | | 27,380.70 |
| Kirby, Kristopher J | 57,500.02 | | 57,500.02 |
| Lynch, Nancy T | 49,853.34 | | 49,853.34 |
| Pike, Roxanne L | 47,427.27 | | 47,427.27 |
| Storellicastro, Nicolas R | 131,220.36 | | 131,220.36 |
| Taylor, Therese M | 63,216.00 | | 63,216.00 |
| **Dept Total** | **443,095.92** | **-** | **443,095.92** |
| **Engineer's Office** | | | |
| Baker, Brian L | 110,210.89 | | 110,210.89 |
| Seaver, Debbie L. | 62,752.39 | | 62,752.39 |
| **Dept Total** | **172,963.28** | **-** | **172,963.28** |
| **Buildings & Community Services** | | | |
| Baker, Tom M | 67,307.63 | | 67,307.63 |
| Carminati Jr., Joel F. | 62,418.84 | 2,253.38 | 64,672.22 |
| Madison, Michael M | 6,475.60 | | 6,475.60 |
| Murphy, Carson | 27,361.52 | 935.27 | 28,296.79 |
| Sabens, Christopher S | 28,414.66 | 1,424.02 | 29,838.68 |
| Hastings III, Clark H. | 55,746.61 | 2,840.79 | 58,587.40 |
| Pullman, David L. | 55,135.95 | 476.02 | 55,611.97 |
| Collins, April M. | 50,461.27 | 1,466.12 | 51,927.39 |
| **Dept Total** | **353,322.08** | **9,395.60** | **362,717.68** |

| | BASE | OT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Clerk's Office** | | | |
| Chase, Sherry L. | 13,168.19 | | 13,168.19 |
| Dawes, Carolyn S. | 26,713.38 | | 26,713.38 |
| Martineau, Brenda J | 54,614.88 | 1,846.80 | 56,461.68 |
| Metivier, Cheryl A. | 64,337.15 | | 64,337.15 |
| Rea, Cara L | 33,166.95 | 34.73 | 33,201.68 |
| Rivard, Sylvie R | 57,799.01 | 1,616.32 | 59,415.33 |
| **Dept Total** | **249,799.56** | **3,497.85** | **253,297.41** |
| **Finance Dept** | | | |
| Arnold, Sarah | 25,967.02 | | 25,967.02 |
| Monahan, Dawn M. | 120,944.01 | | 120,944.01 |
| Stigall, Gretchen | 56,758.27 | 401.43 | 57,159.70 |
| **Dept Total** | **203,669.30** | **401.43** | **204,070.73** |
| **Fire Dept** | | | |
| Aldsworth, Joseph G. | 100,944.75 | 5,310.64 | 106,255.39 |
| Bennington, William A. | 71,151.36 | 11,491.11 | 82,642.47 |
| Benson, Nicholas J. | 78,442.30 | 9,292.99 | 87,735.29 |
| Blackshaw, Brook W. | 72,729.60 | 22,830.70 | 95,560.30 |
| Brault, Marcel T | 67,738.55 | 6,846.82 | 74,585.37 |
| Brown, Anderson C. | 76,197.05 | 38,013.01 | 114,210.06 |
| Cetin, Matthew J. | 90,015.89 | 27,672.83 | 117,688.72 |
| Charbonneau, Michael J. | 90,712.95 | 12,873.19 | 103,586.14 |
| Copping, Nicholas R. | 95,591.48 | 6,477.12 | 102,068.60 |
| Cruger, Eric J. | 80,593.66 | 15,187.77 | 95,781.43 |
| Cushman, Brian K. | 113,285.76 | | 113,285.76 |
| Farnham, Brian D. | 87,207.74 | 8,804.34 | 96,012.08 |
| Forsell, Christopher A | 67,136.37 | 12,267.72 | 79,404.09 |
| Hayden, Gregory William | 68,939.18 | 1,586.90 | 70,526.08 |
| Maurice, Jonathan G | 120.62 | | 120.62 |
| Morrison, Camden A. | 76,585.19 | 7,263.33 | 83,848.52 |
| Poirier, Holden R. | 82,287.71 | 10,683.19 | 92,970.90 |
| Rubalcaba, David T. | 87,167.23 | 19,018.84 | 106,186.07 |
| Strassberger, Kirk E. | 76,872.65 | 5,629.60 | 82,502.25 |
| Tillinghast, Zachary M. | 87,124.57 | 9,292.24 | 96,416.81 |
| Ward, James O. | 432.00 | | 432.00 |
| Young, Arthur D | 70,512.00 | | 70,512.00 |
| **Dept Total** | **1,641,788.61** | **230,542.34** | **1,872,330.95** |
| **Planning/Zoning Dept** | | | |
| Shatney, Janet E. | 90,098.00 | | 90,098.00 |
| La Barge-Burke, Michelle J | 57,613.12 | 1,023.19 | 58,636.31 |
| **Dept Total** | **147,711.12** | **1,023.19** | **148,734.31** |

| | BASE | OT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Police Dept** | | | |
| Clark, Kailyn C. | 63,865.05 | 267.47 | 64,132.52 |
| Degreenia, Catherine I | 94,521.63 | 4,853.16 | 99,374.79 |
| Hedin, Laura T. | 76,304.82 | 325.30 | 76,630.12 |
| Lowe, Robert L. | 114,076.38 | 530.03 | 114,606.41 |
| Morse, Bradley P. | 8,818.79 | - | 8,818.79 |
| Pretty, Alyssa A. | 69,628.05 | 148.42 | 69,776.47 |
| Ryan, Patty L. | 90,914.58 | 2,652.43 | 93,567.01 |
| Amaral, Anthony C. | 3,608.91 | 17.93 | 3,626.84 |
| Baril, James A. | 114,596.12 | 8,864.02 | 123,460.14 |
| Bombardier, Timothy | 16,999.92 | | 16,999.92 |
| Durgin, Steven J. | 93,154.77 | 4,195.36 | 97,350.13 |
| Eastman Jr., Larry E. | 108,362.72 | | 108,362.72 |
| Elrick, Christopher | 32,459.53 | 1,073.80 | 33,533.33 |
| Fecher, Jesse T. | 86,065.19 | 6,847.30 | 92,912.49 |
| Fleury, Jason R. | 97,939.66 | 15,970.91 | 113,910.57 |
| Frey, Jacob D. | 119,790.67 | 10,118.10 | 129,908.77 |
| Frey, Matthew J | 48,362.51 | 3,190.60 | 51,553.11 |
| Gaylord, Amos R. | 88,678.91 | 19,629.37 | 108,308.28 |
| Guyette, Gabriel D | 15,532.09 | 604.23 | 16,136.32 |
| Hoar, Brian W. | 112,252.22 | 10,114.19 | 122,366.41 |
| Houle, Jonathan S. | 105,834.94 | 6,809.23 | 112,644.17 |
| Kuras, Sarah V | 74,720.92 | 4,097.68 | 78,818.60 |
| Lewis, Brittany L. | 8,474.76 | 736.04 | 9,210.80 |
| McGowan, James R. | 96,565.83 | 2,817.45 | 99,383.28 |
| Pouliot, Brooke L. | 62,418.40 | | 62,418.40 |
| Protzman, Logan A | 5,319.04 | 40.16 | 5,359.20 |
| Protzman, Todd A. | 24,351.25 | | 24,351.25 |
| Reale, Michael R. | 86,690.07 | 4,557.43 | 91,247.50 |
| Russell, Paula L. | 53,079.20 | | 53,079.20 |
| Ryan, Robert E | 1,368.28 | | 1,368.28 |
| Sheltra, Kimberly A | 43,383.12 | | 43,383.12 |
| Stacey, Chad A. | 902.23 | | 902.23 |
| Tucker, Randall L. | 105,750.54 | 7,309.03 | 113,059.57 |
| Vail, Braedon S. | 120,185.20 | | 120,185.20 |
| Machia, Delphia L. | 57,703.39 | | 57,703.39 |
| Mott, John C. | 15,872.14 | | 15,872.14 |
| **Dept Total** | **2,318,551.83** | **115,769.64** | **2,434,321.47** |
| **Recreation Dept** | | | |
| Aldrich, Brady A | 5,024.00 | | 5,024.00 |
| Bishop, Braedyn | 3,561.50 | | 3,561.50 |
| Cetin, Mattie | 6,037.25 | 691.14 | 6,728.39 |
| Folland, Natalie A | 4,306.50 | 189.00 | 4,495.50 |
| Greaves, Sydney | 3,068.50 | | 3,068.50 |

| | | BASE | OT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Groff, Nathan | | 2,537.25 | | 2,537.25 |
| Kreis, Bradley J | | 929.52 | | 929.52 |
| Mundo, Jalona | | 3,914.25 | | 3,914.25 |
| Putney, Peyton C | | 888.00 | | 888.00 |
| Quaranta, Stephanie L. | | 2,646.84 | | 2,646.84 |
| Roya, Briony | | 3,990.75 | | 3,990.75 |
| Trader, Noah | | 4,275.50 | 76.50 | 4,352.00 |
| Wasmer, Kylie J | | 2,983.50 | | 2,983.50 |
| **Dept Total** | | **44,163.36** | **956.64** | **45,120.00** |
| **Street Dept** | | | | |
| Abare, Lance R. | | 63,506.92 | 735.82 | 64,242.74 |
| Benjamin, Kenneth S. | | 70,512.29 | 1,361.61 | 71,873.90 |
| Dexter, Donnel A. | | 82,073.58 | 4,162.06 | 86,235.64 |
| Dodge, Shawn M. | | 62,483.71 | 2,716.52 | 65,200.23 |
| Herring, Jamie L. | | 69,701.40 | 9,222.51 | 78,923.91 |
| Hood, James R | | 72,012.57 | 2,615.23 | 74,627.80 |
| Larrabee, David M | | 57,640.12 | 1,968.28 | 59,608.40 |
| Morris, Scott D. | | 71,591.38 | 5,142.46 | 76,733.84 |
| Murphy, Michael | T | 56,671.97 | 897.44 | 57,569.41 |
| Noack, Rodney | | 57,642.72 | 608.90 | 58,251.62 |
| Rawson, Joseph A | | 51,815.67 | 2,932.28 | 54,747.95 |
| Tucker, Russell W. | | 75,766.37 | 7,777.60 | 83,543.97 |
| Webster, James P | | 57,965.21 | 571.71 | 58,536.92 |
| Welch, Joshuah M | | 5,937.76 | 516.83 | 6,454.59 |
| **Dept Total** | | **855,321.67** | **41,229.25** | **896,550.92** |
| **Sewer Dept** | | | | |
| Cassani II, Mario E | | 50,525.76 | 958.66 | 51,484.42 |
| Gilbert, David P. | | 65,665.92 | 637.93 | 66,303.85 |
| Hoyt, Everett J. | | 24,533.90 | | 24,533.90 |
| LePage, Jesse C | | 21,714.32 | 2,744.86 | 24,459.18 |
| Stanley, Gavin P | | 61,807.75 | 4,302.85 | 66,110.60 |
| **Dept Total** | | **224,247.65** | **8,644.30** | **232,891.95** |
| **Water Dept** | | | | |
| Avery, Carroll A. | | 24,361.36 | 240.24 | 24,601.60 |
| DeRose, TJ T | | 76,480.94 | | 76,480.94 |
| Hebert, Liam A | | 904.80 | 67.86 | 972.66 |
| Kelly Jr, Joseph E. | | 66,242.86 | 8,884.91 | 75,127.77 |
| Placey-Noyes, Tyler C | | 60,980.45 | 6,895.56 | 67,876.01 |
| Smith, Clint P. | | 67,313.28 | 447.85 | 67,761.13 |
| Smith, Michael P | | 56,355.85 | 158.25 | 56,514.10 |
| Dept Total | | 352,639.54 | 16,694.67 | 369,334.21 |

| | BASE | OT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Water Plant** | | | |
| Demell, William M. | 59,986.70 | 2,011.71 | 61,998.41 |
| Drown, Jacob D. | 97,725.00 | | 97,725.00 |
| Kosakowski, Joshua D. | 78,217.80 | 6,191.26 | 84,409.06 |
| Lane, Zebulyn M. | 72,506.24 | 8,862.99 | 81,369.23 |
| Martel, Joell J. | 85,203.11 | 7,969.43 | 93,172.54 |
| **Dept Total** | **393,638.85** | **25,035.39** | **418,674.24** |
| **Wastewater Plant** | | | |
| Blouin, Trevor J | 45,568.59 | 1,556.78 | 47,125.37 |
| French, Richard B | 9,530.50 | 825.14 | 10,355.64 |
| Guyette, Brandon L. | 81,845.82 | 14,540.08 | 96,385.90 |
| Knudsen, Alexander M | 43,955.73 | 687.03 | 44,642.76 |
| Maloney, Jason F. | 74,122.65 | 2,201.31 | 76,323.96 |
| **Dept Total** | **255,023.29** | **19,810.34** | **274,833.63** |
| **Elected Officials** | | | |
| Bergeron, Jeffrey | 1,512.40 | | 1,512.40 |
| Cambel, Ayse E. | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Deering, Michael B. | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Gustin, Amanda | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Hemmerick, Jacob M. | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| Stockwell, Samn | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 |
| Waszazak III, Edward C. | 750.00 | | 750.00 |
| **Dept Total** | **5,762.40** | **-** | **5,762.40** |
| **Grand Total** | **7,611,770.32** | **454,027.76** | **8,065,798.08** |

# FY25 OVERTIME SUMMARY NARRATIVE

Overtime labor expenses are almost exclusively driven by emergency or seasonal conditions, outside requests for (reimbursed) services, city council authorized special events requiring staff support beyond the normal work-week and/or the terms of the collective bargaining agreements negotiated with each of the four (4) labor unions representing non-management Barre City employees. When overtime is required, the provisions of existing negotiated labor contracts determine the payroll requirements within each department that has a master labor agreement. These provisions include minimum (safe) staffing levels for emergency services personnel. Except in limited circumstances, overtime is not discretionary on the part of any individual employee. The city manager and department heads are proactive in monitoring and managing overtime, and are continually looking for ways to control or reduce overtime through improved operating practices, protocols and/or through labor contract negotiations. Overtime is also induced periodically due to the fact that city staffing is on the "lean" side, and most departments do not have large staffs that can fill the voids during scheduled or unplanned employee absences or seasonal workloads.

The city manager and all department heads are all salaried positions, and as such, do not receive overtime compensation. Most department heads routinely work beyond the normal workweek and/or provide uncompensated, on-call support after hours and on weekends.

As noted in the preceding overtime summary, total general fund overtime expenses in FY25 were $657,216, a decrease of $115,633 from $772,849 in FY24. Enterprise fund overtime expenses in FY25 were $91,237, a decrease of $252.00 from $91,490 in FY24.

The following summary explains what the overtime drivers are in Barre City municipal operations by department:

**Police Department Overtime** is incurred to meet minimum shift staffing for Police and Dispatch operations to meet safety requirements and/or service demands caused, in part, by shift shortages during vacations, and/or sick, injury, and holiday leave. In addition, overtime coverage is often required for some emergency responses or special (reimbursed) details including the following types of coverage:

> Extended Emergency Responses and/or related shift continuation: (accidents, floods, fires, HazMat incidents, domestic violence calls, burglaries, drug investigations, etc.)

Council approved events: Parades (Memorial Day, Veterans Days, St. Patrick's Day, SHS Homecoming, Halloween, and Christmas), Main Street Closures (Bike Race, Heritage Festival)

Courtroom and Legal Proceedings (depositions, testimony, etc.)

Special Details: Traffic control required by contractors, safety coverage at Auditorium and BOR events (basketball, hockey, events such as the annual gun show and MMA, dances, private parties, etc.). All special details are reimbursed by the party requiring the police coverage.

**Fire/Ambulance Department Overtime** The basic drivers of fire department overtime are similar to the police department, including minimum shift staffing for fire and ambulance operations to meet safety requirements and/or service demands caused, in part, by shift shortages during vacations, and/or sick, injury, and holiday leave, special training sessions, and special activities such as arson investigations. However, the most notable difference between the two departments is that the preponderance of fire department overtime is triggered by calls for ambulance service including emergency responses, lift assists and/or scheduled transports. Cost recovery for ambulance calls is highly regulated by Federal CMS and State of Vermont (Medicare and/or Medicaid) reimbursement rates. Due to the changing demographics of our city approximately 70% of our ambulance calls are patients insured through government programs which reimburse us at significantly discounted reimbursement rates. The remaining 30% of our calls are either reimbursed by private insurers or self-paid. Because cost recovery is tied directly to the transportation of the patient, "no-transport" ambulance runs, in which no one is transported to the hospital, while actively trying, are difficult to collect on and therefore go largely unreimbursed.

**Street Department Overtime** is required for extended workday/after-hours snowplowing, sanding, salting and snow removal operations; storm related events including high water/flooding conditions, downed trees and/or road obstructions/debris; weekend special events support (Heritage Festival, etc.), weekly nighttime street and/or non-routine highway situations needing barricades or other emergency support as may be required by the police or fire departments.

**Facilities Department Overtime** is required to support special projects (reimbursed scheduled events), as well as scheduled or unplanned employee absences.

**Cemetery Department OT** is required to support after-hours and/or weekend entombments and interments, some of which is reimbursed.

**Finance Department Overtime** is periodically required on a seasonal basis to prepare for and assist in the annual audit, as well as calendar and fiscal year-end accounting and payroll reporting.

**Engineering Department OT** is periodically required to support extended workday schedules during summer paving operations to provide paving control and inspection. Administrative overtime is also periodically required to support the significant job-costing documentation required above and beyond the normal office administrative support.

**Planning/Zoning Department OT** is periodically required for the permits administrator to support after-hours meetings of the development review board.

**Assessor's Office Overtime** is required on a limited basis assessing work, usually once a year as needed prior to the lodging of the grand list or at grievance time.

**City Manager's Office** is periodically required to extend workday schedules to assemble council packets and/or assist the manager with special projects.

*While the earnings of the employees of the following departments are summarized in the overtime summary table, their wages, benefits and overtime* ***are not paid from the general fund budget****. They are paid from the enterprise funds (water and wastewater) for their respective departments.*

**Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities:** Weekend overtime is necessary at each of these facilities on both weekend days to check on the facilities operations and perform mandatory daily permit testing as required by the State of Vermont operating permits. In addition, both facilities have automated alarms and dialer systems that call an operator in when there is trouble at the facility for such things as power failures or equipment malfunctions.

**Water Department:** During the construction season, there are times when piping repairs or new installations require additional time at the end of the day to allow for recharging of the distribution system. Sub-contracted work may require extended inspection coverage if the contractor(s) work an extended day(s). Catastrophic water breaks can require a tremendous amount of emergency response overtime. Water system flushing is conducted at least once per year and is done on both a regular and overtime basis.

**Sewer Department:** Overtime can be required for after-hours sewer plugs on mainline sewers. Overtime may also be required to respond to homeowners' after-hours service calls for malfunctioning service lines to check the mainline before a plumber or home-owner pulls the cap on their plumbing in their basement to avoid wastewater surges into the structure. Occasionally, sewer repair or new construction work may require overtime to make a reconnection to return a (new) sewer to service at the end of the day.

## 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 Alumni Hall on Auditorium Hill on the 12111 day of May, 2026 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 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 I: 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 $15,795,770 of which an amount not to exceed

$11,300,881 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July I, 2026 through June 30, 2027?

ARTICLE II
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of $800,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

ARTICLE III
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of $131,200 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 | $18,000 |
| 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 Wash Co. Youth Serv. Bureau) | $5,000 |
| Family Center of Washington County | $3,500 |
| Good Beginnings | $1,000 |
| Good Samaritan Haven | $1,500 |
| Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team) | $2,500 |
| OUR House of Central VT | $500 |
| Peoples Health & Wellness Clinic | $3,000 |
| Rainbow Bridge Community Center | $3,000 |
| Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired | $1,000 |
| Vermont Center for Independent Living | $3,000 |
| Vermont Granite Museum | $15,000 |
| Washington County Diversion Program | $2,500 |
| Washington County Mental Health | $10,000 |
| Youth Mentoring First | $2,000 |

ARTICLE IV
Shall the voters authorize payment of property tax installments, water and sewer invoices, and accounts receivable by delivery to the City Clerk's Office or in the dr o p box at City Hall, by direct debit, or through the on line payment portal on the Barre City website, so they are received by 4:30 p.m. on the due date without regard to any postmark?

Adopted and approved by the Barre City Council on April 7th, 2026.

Thomas J. Lauzon, Mayor

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk

City Councilors

Beth Hilgartner

Sonya Spaulding

Amanda Gustin

Jeff Bergeron

Michael Deering II

Don Routhier

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March 30, 2026

City Council
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We are in the process of auditing the financial statements of the City of Barre, Vermont as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The financial statements and our report thereon will be available for public inspection at the City Treasurer's Office when it is complete.

*Sullivan, Powers & Co.*

# FY24 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FOR ANNUAL REPORT

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Revenues** | | | |
| **General Tax Revenue** | 10,143,583 | 8,988,885 | (1,154,698) |
| Delinquent Taxes | | 1,087,326 | 1,087,326 |
| Washington County Tax | 43,569 | - | (43,569) |
| Voter Approved Assistance | 111,200 | - | (111,200) |
| **Total General Tax Revenue** | 10,298,352 | 10,076,211 | (222,141) |
| | | | |
| **Business Revenue** | | | |
| Liquor Licenses | 3,000 | 3,260 | 260 |
| Miscellaneous Licenses | 800 | 143 | (657) |
| Vehicle for Hire Licenses | 200 | 189 | (11) |
| Trucking, Rubbish and Waste | 6,000 | 6,634 | 634 |
| Entertainment Licenses | 3,000 | 3,041 | 41 |
| Cannabis Licenses | 400 | 100 | (300) |
| **Total Business Revenue** | 13,400 | 13,367 | (33) |
| | | | |
| **PILOTS (Payments in Lieu of Taxes)** | | | |
| Capstone - PILOT | 26,137 | 19,889 | (6,248) |
| Barre Housing - PILOT | 58,000 | 40,000 | (18,000) |
| State of Vermont - PILOT | 304,252 | 296,624 | (7,628) |
| **Total PILOTS** | 388,389 | 356,513 | (31,876) |
| | | | |
| **Fees** | | | |
| Animal Control Licenses | 5,800 | 4,990 | (810) |
| Tax Equalization | - | 3,333 | 3,333 |
| Hold Harmless | - | 8,511 | 8,511 |
| Act 68 Administrative Revenue | 15,500 | 16,400 | 900 |
| Building & Zoning Permits | 45,000 | 56,871 | 11,871 |
| Vehicle Registration | 200 | 125 | (75) |
| Delinquent Tax Collector Fees | 42,000 | 57,956 | 15,956 |
| Meters | 85,000 | 97,651 | 12,651 |
| Green Mountain Passports | 50 | 62 | 12 |
| Parking Permits | 80,000 | 65,894 | (14,106) |
| Marriage Licenses | 850 | 660 | (190) |
| Miscellaneous Income | 800 | 30,355 | 29,555 |
| Police Dept. - Public Reports Fees | 5,000 | 4,335 | (665) |
| Recording Fees | 90,000 | 81,050 | (8,950) |
| Recreation/Camp Fees | 4,100 | 3,168 | (932) |
| Swimming Pool Admissions | 19,000 | 21,107 | 2,107 |
| Vault Fees | 1,000 | 1,341 | 341 |
| Fire Alarm Maint Fees | 14,525 | 14,350 | (175) |
| Rental Property Registration | 113,390 | 117,660 | 4,270 |
| Rental Permits - Delinquent Fees | 500 | 64 | (436) |
| Tax Stabilization App Fees | - | - | - |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burn Permits | 4,000 | 3,680 | (320) |
| Credit Card Processing Fees | 13,000 | 18,015 | 5,015 |
| FD Public Report Fee | 100 | 100 | - |
| Time of Sale Inspection Fee | 3,500 | 740 | (2,760) |
| Vacant Building Registration | 5,000 | 3,300 | (1,700) |
| Excavation Permits | 5,000 | 10,409 | 5,409 |
| Stormwater Connection Fee | - | - | - |
| Overweight permit | 600 | 235 | (365) |
| Passport Processing Fees | | | - |
| **Total Fees** | 553,915 | 622,360 | 68,445 |
| | | | |
| **Fines and Penalties** | | | |
| City Ord. Violations | 4,000 | 11,800 | 7,800 |
| Del MAR Interest Penalty | 2,000 | 1,294 | (706) |
| Delinquent Tax Interest | 29,000 | 50,318 | 21,318 |
| Traffic Tickets | 10,000 | 9,077 | (923) |
| Parking Tickets | 25,000 | 22,339 | (2,661) |
| **Total Fines and Penalties** | 70,000 | 94,829 | 24,829 |
| | | | |
| **Federal and State Assistance** | | | |
| Opioid Settlement Transfer | 8,000 | 8,000 | - |
| State Budget Adj Act | 1,000,000 | - | (1,000,000) |
| Federal Flood Reimbursement | - | 599,304 | 599,304 |
| State Highway Aid | 146,278 | 155,157 | 8,879 |
| Police Grant | 3,000 | - | (3,000) |
| Police - State- (SIU Washington Cty) | 60,000 | 31,528 | (28,472) |
| **Total Federal and State Assistance** | 1,217,278 | 793,989 | (423,289) |
| | | | |
| **Rents and Leases** | | | |
| BOR Turf Rental | 25,025 | 10,725 | (14,300) |
| Auditorium Rental | 60,000 | 64,819 | 4,819 |
| Alumni Hall | 9,750 | 8,545 | (1,205) |
| BOR Rental | 125,143 | 129,286 | 4,143 |
| Custodial Fees | 9,500 | 13,340 | 3,840 |
| Misc. Rents/Leases | - | 370 | 370 |
| **Total Rents and Leases** | 229,418 | 227,085 | (2,333) |
| | | | |
| **Service Revenue** | | | |
| Ambulance Income / Lift Assist | 550,000 | 1,091,181 | 541,181 |
| Enterprise Fund | 1,079,289 | 1,079,289 | - |
| Dispatch Service Contracts | 77,778 | 77,778 | - |
| School Resource Officer | 89,396 | 95,666 | 6,270 |
| Police Dept. - Special Details | 20,000 | 16,239 | (3,761) |
| Fire Dept. - Special Details | 8,500 | 9,965 | 1,465 |
| **Total Service Revenue** | 1,824,963 | 2,370,118 | 545,155 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cemetery Revenue** | | | |
| Rents | 5,907 | 5,910 | 3 |
| Cemetery - Flower Fund Interest | 500 | 500 | - |
| Cemetery - Trust Fund Interest | 25,000 | 25,000 | - |
| Cemetery - Mausoleum Fund | 1,500 | 1,500 | - |
| Entombments | 1,000 | 16,660 | 15,660 |
| Foundations | 10,545 | 10,822 | 277 |
| Interments | 83,525 | 72,205 | (11,321) |
| Markers/posts | 2,500 | 2,280 | (220) |
| Tent Setups | 300 | - | (300) |
| Lot sales | 25,000 | 19,733 | (5,267) |
| Tours | 1,500 | 525 | (975) |
| **Total Cemetery Revenue** | 157,277 | 155,134 | (2,143) |
| | | | |
| **Miscellaneous Revenue** | | | |
| Interest Income | 10,000 | 76,056 | 66,056 |
| Transfer fr Streets Ballot Item | 48,389 | 48,389 | - |
| Transfer from Other Fund | - | 1,266,079 | 1,266,079 |
| Insurance Reimbursement | | 610 | 610 |
| Semprebon VCF Trust Acct - Income | 62,400 | 59,304 | (3,096) |
| **Total Miscellaneous Revenue** | 120,789 | 1,450,438 | 1,329,649 |
| | | | |
| **Total Revenues** | **14,873,781** | **16,160,043** | **1,286,262** |
| | | | |
| **Expenditures** | | | |
| **General Administration** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (8,000) | (4,625) | 3,375 |
| FICA | (612) | (712) | (100) |
| Consulting Services | - | (4,710) | (4,710) |
| City Council Expenses | (17,000) | (9,214) | 7,786 |
| Secure Shred | (625) | - | 625 |
| Telephone & Internet Fees | (52,222) | (92,868) | (40,646) |
| Office Machine Maintenance | (12,470) | (11,539) | 931 |
| Single Audit Fee Allowance | (10,000) | - | 10,000 |
| Annual Audit | (29,200) | (34,400) | (5,200) |
| City Report | (5,550) | (5,380) | 170 |
| Dues and Membership Fees | (26,471) | (26,471) | 0 |
| Holiday Observance | (2,000) | (5,775) | (3,775) |
| Postage Meter Contract | (1,887) | (2,783) | (896) |
| Advertising and Printing | (20,000) | (21,412) | (1,412) |
| Office Supplies | (12,277) | (11,867) | 410 |
| Postage for Meter | (17,500) | (19,807) | (2,307) |
| Email Licenses | (9,046) | (10,004) | (958) |
| City Hall Software | (41,870) | (37,146) | 4,724 |
| City Hall Printer Expenses | (6,025) | (7,498) | (1,473) |
| Interpretive Services Allowance | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Communications Program | (5,120) | (5,000) | 120 |
| Computer Replacement Program | (14,100) | (7,505) | 6,595 |
| **Total General Administration** | (292,975) | (318,716) | (25,741) |
| | | | |
| **Assessor** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (64,157) | (65,011) | (854) |
| FICA | (4,908) | (5,249) | (341) |
| Training/Development | (750) | - | 750 |
| SW License fees | (11,000) | (11,827) | (827) |
| Vision | (200) | (274) | (74) |
| Contracted Assessor | (100,000) | - | 100,000 |
| Contracted Services | - | (61,550) | (61,550) |
| **Total Assessor** | (181,015) | (143,910) | 37,104 |
| | | | |
| **Legal** | | | |
| General City Attorney | (50,000) | (25,984) | 24,016 |
| Labor/Grievance Assistance | (2,500) | (13,333) | (10,833) |
| Contract Negotiations | (15,000) | (12,365) | 2,635 |
| **Total Legal** | (67,500) | (51,681) | 15,819 |
| | | | |
| **City Manager** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (227,324) | (232,343) | (5,019) |
| FICA | (21,279) | (17,788) | 3,491 |
| IT Support Contract | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Web Site Maintenance | (2,100) | (2,000) | 100 |
| Network HW/SW Expenses | (200) | (1,558) | (1,358) |
| IT Expenses | (6,916) | (4,072) | 2,844 |
| Consultant Fees/ Contracted Services | - | (1,538) | (1,538) |
| Manager Expenses | (1,000) | (1,164) | (164) |
| Secure Shred | (250) | (1,046) | (796) |
| Dues/Memberships | (550) | - | 550 |
| Vehicle Stipend | (2,760) | (2,760) | 0 |
| Vision | (570) | (143) | 427 |
| **Total City Manager** | (263,949) | (264,412) | (463) |
| | | | |
| **Finance** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (327,022) | (299,670) | 27,352 |
| Overtime | - | (465) | (465) |
| FICA | (25,017) | (22,493) | 2,524 |
| Consultant Fees | - | (10,413) | (10,413) |
| Training and Development | (1,000) | (178) | 822 |
| Travel and Meals | (200) | - | 200 |
| Equipment Contracts | (5,630) | (5,670) | (40) |
| Vision | (565) | (730) | (165) |
| Computer Forms | (500) | (465) | 35 |
| Disaster Recovery Fee | (590) | (674) | (84) |
| **Total Finance** | (360,524) | (340,758) | 19,766 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Elections** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (7,000) | (7,362) | (362) |
| Program Materials | (5,000) | (15,796) | (10,796) |
| Board of Civil Authority | (500) | - | 500 |
| **Total Elections** | (12,500) | (23,158) | (10,658) |
| | | | |
| **City Clerk** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (200,622) | (213,258) | (12,636) |
| Overtime | - | (3,077) | (3,077) |
| FICA | (15,348) | (15,933) | (586) |
| Training & Development | (1,500) | (235) | 1,265 |
| Travel & Meals | (500) | (84) | 416 |
| Office Machines Maintenance | (200) | (1,760) | (1,560) |
| Recording of Records | (13,000) | (14,423) | (1,423) |
| Credit Card Service Charges | (13,000) | (24,400) | (11,400) |
| Contracted Services | (10,000) | (41) | 9,959 |
| Glasses | (753) | (181) | 572 |
| Program Materials | (3,800) | (8,100) | (4,300) |
| **Total City Clerk** | (258,723) | (281,493) | (22,770) |
| | | | |
| **Animal Control** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (1,500) | (2,526) | (1,026) |
| Humane Society/Contract ACO Fees | (5,000) | - | 5,000 |
| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | (Unfavorable) |
| **Total Animal Control** | (6,500) | (2,526) | 3,974 |
| | | | |
| **Fire Department** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (1,561,656) | (1,566,086) | (4,430) |
| Comp Time OT | (46,090) | (30,127) | 15,963 |
| Overtime (Embedded) | (66,762) | (69,652) | (2,890) |
| Overtime - Amb Coverage | (100,000) | (128,076) | (28,076) |
| Overtime - Fire Coverage | (24,730) | (46,243) | (21,513) |
| Fire Train'g & Development | (27,960) | (23,438) | 4,522 |
| Training (Call Force) | (1,200) | (232) | 968 |
| Fire Coverage (Call Force) | (500) | (200) | 300 |
| FICA | (139,911) | (138,081) | 1,830 |
| Consultant/Intercept Fees | (3,750) | (5,700) | (1,950) |
| Ambulance Rev Tax | (18,150) | (17,943) | 207 |
| Training/Development | (5,250) | (5,645) | (395) |
| EMS Training | (5,300) | (783) | 4,517 |
| Travel & Meals | (700) | (556) | 144 |
| Paramedic Training | (15,000) | (10,444) | 4,556 |
| Dues & Membership Fees | (2,500) | (1,416) | 1,084 |
| Fire Radio System Upgrade | (6,256) | (6,256) | 0 |
| Physicals/Fitness for Duty Checks | (4,000) | (4,944) | (944) |
| Breathing Apparatus | (15,000) | (4,379) | 10,621 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fire Hose | (5,000) | (4,553) | 447 |
| Radios and Pagers | (5,000) | (2,396) | 2,604 |
| Fleet Maintenance | (33,000) | (33,935) | (935) |
| Vehicle Replacement Reserve | (5,000) | - | 5,000 |
| Truck Radio Maint | (3,000) | (2,718) | 282 |
| Fire Alarm Maintenance and Boxes | (4,000) | (3,655) | 345 |
| Gas | (200) | (124) | 76 |
| Vehicle Fuel | (24,180) | (17,733) | 6,447 |
| Clothing | (17,500) | (12,119) | 5,381 |
| Safety Equipment | (20,000) | (22,800) | (2,800) |
| Footwear | (4,000) | (3,332) | 668 |
| Vision | (1,615) | (1,338) | 277 |
| Building Appliances Updates | (750) | (775) | (25) |
| Ambulance Billing Mailers | (2,400) | (813) | 1,587 |
| Ambulance Contract Billing | (54,000) | (59,758) | (5,758) |
| Medical Supplies | (30,000) | (76,039) | (46,039) |
| Oxygen Supplies | (3,000) | (3,072) | (72) |
| Training Supplies | (1,200) | (567) | 633 |
| Defib - Batteries/Preventative Maint. | (18,331) | (3,123) | 15,208 |
| Fire Prevention Program Material | (250) | (290) | (40) |
| Computer Software | (25,500) | (24,426) | 1,074 |
| **Total Fire Department** | (2,302,641) | (2,333,765) | (31,124) |
| | | | |
| **City Hall Maintenance** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (63,077) | (10,130) | 52,947 |
| FICA | (3,592) | (804) | 2,788 |
| City Hall Electricity | (9,306) | (11,589) | (2,283) |
| City Hall Solar Project | (7,607) | (7,556) | 51 |
| Rubbish Removal | (3,300) | (3,361) | (61) |
| Water and Sewer | (2,500) | (3,240) | (740) |
| City Hall Improvements and Repairs | (30,000) | (52,319) | (22,319) |
| Fuel Oil | (42,500) | (43,913) | (1,413) |
| Clothing | (750) | - | 750 |
| Footwear | (100) | - | 100 |
| Vision | (100) | - | 100 |
| Custodial Supplies | (1,500) | (1,717) | (217) |
| Building and Grounds Supplies | (1,500) | (3,649) | (2,149) |
| **Total City Hall Maintenance** | (165,832) | (138,279) | 27,553 |
| | | | |
| **Meters Enforcement** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (79,676) | (73,831) | 5,845 |
| FICA | (6,095) | (5,829) | 266 |
| EVCS Electricity - Merchants Row | (2,000) | (1,890) | 110 |
| Towing Fees | (4,000) | (12,550) | (8,550) |
| Mifi | (1,500) | (1,084) | 416 |
| Meter Maintenance | (3,000) | (1,372) | 1,628 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clothing | (500) | - | 500 |
| Footwear | (350) | (250) | 100 |
| Vision | (185) | (230) | (45) |
| Meter Supplies | (3,500) | (4,497) | (997) |
| Meter Systems Software | (4,500) | (4,464) | 37 |
| Program Materials | (1,100) | (1,127) | (27) |
| Meter & Handhelds Replacements | (4,000) | - | 4,000 |
| **Total Meters Enforcement** | (110,406) | (107,123) | 3,283 |
| | | | |
| **Police Department** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (1,512,250) | (1,367,516) | 144,733 |
| Mental Health Clinician | (27,500) | (18,750) | 8,750 |
| Overtime Search Warrants & DOT | (18,440) | (5,258) | 13,183 |
| Overtime 1st Shift Embedded | (32,229) | (43,381) | (11,152) |
| Overtime 2nd Shift Embedded | (80,127) | (29,304) | 50,823 |
| Overtime 3rd Shift Embedded | (56,816) | (103,989) | (47,173) |
| Overtime | (93,181) | (92,813) | 368 |
| Training | (53,505) | (29,705) | 23,800 |
| Part-Time Police Officers | (6,485) | (5,587) | 898 |
| Community Outreach Advocate | (62,466) | (62,613) | (147) |
| FICA | (146,536) | (135,561) | 10,975 |
| Legal Costs | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Training, Recruiting & Development | (12,250) | (8,030) | 4,220 |
| Travel and Meals | (3,500) | (3,534) | (34) |
| Computer Access | (8,000) | (7,585) | 415 |
| Office Equipment | (13,615) | (5,154) | 8,461 |
| Physicals | (500) | (933) | (433) |
| Vehicle Maintenance | (25,500) | (15,214) | 10,286 |
| Body Cameras/Taser Bundle | (20,817) | (19,635) | 1,182 |
| Radio Maintenance | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Vehicle Fuel | (27,416) | (19,546) | 7,870 |
| Clothing | (12,500) | (12,914) | (414) |
| Safety Equipment | (13,000) | (35,058) | (22,058) |
| Ammunition | (10,000) | (9,956) | 44 |
| Footwear | (2,800) | (2,866) | (66) |
| Vision | (1,000) | (370) | 630 |
| PD Building Security Cam's | (1,000) | (1,924) | (924) |
| Office Supplies | (4,500) | (1,870) | 2,630 |
| Training Supplies | (2,000) | (581) | 1,419 |
| Juvenile Program | (500) | - | 500 |
| K-9 Program | (3,700) | (2,290) | 1,410 |
| Investigational Materials | (6,000) | (6,419) | (419) |
| **Total Poice Department** | (2,260,134) | (2,048,356) | 211,778 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Dispatch** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (442,427) | (425,673) | 16,754 |
| Overtime 1st shift Embedded | (23,103) | (11,803) | 11,300 |
| Overtime 2nd shift Embedded | (19,917) | (15,417) | 4,500 |
| Overtime 3rd shift Embedded | (36,271) | (41,935) | (5,664) |
| Dispatcher Overtime | (14,915) | (22,089) | (7,174) |
| Dispatcher Training | (1,500) | - | 1,500 |
| Dispatcher Part-Time | (35,514) | (24,214) | 11,300 |
| FICA | (43,884) | (41,456) | 2,428 |
| Training/Development | (2,000) | (2,821) | (821) |
| Travel/Meals | (1,000) | (102) | 898 |
| Computer Access | (21,000) | (17,917) | 3,083 |
| Office Machine Service Contract | (4,500) | (4,125) | 375 |
| Radio Maint | (3,000) | (3,738) | (738) |
| Tower Rental Fees | (2,087) | (2,087) | 0 |
| Vision | (700) | (727) | (27) |
| Office Supplies/Equipment | (2,000) | (1,205) | 795 |
| Dispatch Capital Transfer | (25,000) | (25,000) | - |
| **Total Dispatch** | (678,818) | (640,309) | 38,509 |
| | | | |
| **Street Lighting** | | | |
| City Street Lights | (156,745) | (175,669) | (18,924) |
| **Total Street Lighting** | (156,745) | (175,669) | (18,924) |
| | | | |
| **Traffic Signals** | | | |
| Traffic Light Electricity | (8,000) | (6,954) | 1,047 |
| Traffic Light Maintenance | (24,500) | (10,010) | 14,490 |
| **Total Traffic Signals** | (32,500) | (16,964) | 15,537 |
| | | | |
| **Aldrich Library** | | | |
| Aldrich Library | (280,872) | (280,872) | - |
| **Total Aldrich Library** | (280,872) | (280,872) | - |
| | | | |
| **Facilities** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (81,936) | (70,134) | 11,802 |
| FICA | (6,268) | (5,294) | 974 |
| Travel & Meals | - | (349) | (349) |
| Electricity | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Water & Sewer | (3,000) | (739) | 2,261 |
| Fleet Maintenance | (1,500) | (1,929) | (429) |
| Field Maintenance | (6,000) | (5,251) | 749 |
| Building Maintenance | (7,500) | (5,295) | 2,205 |
| Vehicle Fuel | (6,170) | (4,013) | 2,157 |
| Footwear | (200) | - | 200 |
| Vision | (190) | - | 190 |
| Machinery and Equipment | (1,500) | (19,213) | (17,713) |
| **Total Facilities** | (115,264) | (112,217) | 3,047 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Municipal Auditorium** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (105,646) | (145,530) | (39,884) |
| Overtime | (1,400) | (6,226) | (4,827) |
| FICA | (8,189) | (11,519) | (3,330) |
| Electricity | (9,500) | (13,107) | (3,607) |
| BM Solar Project | (16,187) | (13,724) | 2,463 |
| Rubbish Removal | (6,000) | (9,577) | (3,577) |
| Water and Sewer | (3,300) | (4,160) | (860) |
| Technology | (4,800) | (312) | 4,488 |
| Building and Grounds Maintenance | (17,000) | (34,436) | (17,436) |
| Alumni Hall Maintenance | (6,000) | (11,768) | (5,768) |
| Fuel Oil | (42,000) | (30,545) | 11,455 |
| Propane | (4,500) | (3,519) | 981 |
| Clothing | (1,500) | (3,557) | (2,057) |
| Footwear | (400) | (460) | (60) |
| Vision | (400) | - | 400 |
| Custodial Supplies | (4,000) | (2,644) | 1,356 |
| Machinery and Equipment | (2,000) | (329) | 1,671 |
| **Total Municipal Auditorium** | (232,822) | (291,414) | (58,593) |
| | | | |
| **Barre Outdoor Recreation** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (102,536) | (103,166) | (630) |
| Overtime | (1,000) | (7,267) | (6,267) |
| FICA | (7,921) | (8,584) | (663) |
| Electricity | (24,753) | (19,660) | 5,093 |
| Solar Project | (24,284) | (20,587) | 3,697 |
| Water and Sewer | (14,740) | (20,471) | (5,731) |
| Building and Grounds Maintenance | (22,000) | (66,421) | (44,421) |
| Propane | (13,000) | (13,046) | (46) |
| Clothing | (1,500) | (1,120) | 380 |
| Footwear | (400) | (532) | (132) |
| Vision | (400) | (1,402) | (1,002) |
| Custodial Supplies | (2,000) | (324) | 1,676 |
| Scheduling Software | (4,045) | (2,850) | 1,195 |
| Supplies and Equipment | (8,500) | (2,658) | 5,842 |
| **Total Barre Outdoor Recreation** | (227,079) | (268,087) | (41,008) |
| | | | |
| **Public Safety Building** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (48,048) | (34,618) | 13,430 |
| Overtime | - | (96) | (96) |
| FICA | (3,676) | (2,654) | 1,022 |
| Electricity | (16,492) | (20,202) | (3,710) |
| Solar Project | (17,496) | (18,506) | (1,010) |
| Rubbish Removal | (4,100) | (4,682) | (582) |
| Water and Sewer | (4,900) | (5,856) | (956) |
| Building and Grounds Maintenance | (30,000) | (35,010) | (5,010) |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fuel | (1,220) | - | 1,220 |
| Propane | (22,475) | (18,614) | 3,861 |
| Clothing | (750) | (530) | 220 |
| Footwear | (100) | (456) | (356) |
| Vision | (95) | - | 95 |
| Custodial Supplies | (3,000) | (1,796) | 1,204 |
| **Total Public Safety** | (152,352) | (143,020) | 9,332 |
| | | | |
| **Recreation Department** | | | |
| Skate Guards & Cashiers | (3,000) | (3,096) | (96) |
| Pool Personnel | (26,817) | (39,391) | (12,575) |
| FICA | (2,161) | (3,395) | (1,234) |
| Training and Development | (1,500) | - | 1,500 |
| Travel and Meals | (300) | (166) | 134 |
| Pool Electricity | (3,000) | (4,598) | (1,598) |
| Pool Water & Sewer | (5,500) | (9,883) | (4,383) |
| Dues and Membership Fees | (400) | - | 400 |
| Pool Equipment | (1,200) | (356) | 844 |
| Playground Maint. | - | (1,937) | (1,937) |
| Tennis Court Equip. | (300) | - | 300 |
| Pool Building Maintenance | (4,500) | (10,154) | (5,654) |
| Vision | (190) | - | 190 |
| Recreation Supplies | (2,250) | (2,556) | (306) |
| Recreation Programs | (4,100) | (1,370) | 2,730 |
| **Total Recreation Department** | (55,217) | (76,901) | (21,684) |
| | | | |
| **Sanitary Landfill** | | | |
| CVSWD Assessment | (8,457) | (8,430) | 27 |
| **Total Sanitary Landfill** | (8,457) | (8,430) | 27 |
| | | | |
| **Engineering** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (313,484) | (249,881) | 63,603 |
| FICA | (23,982) | (18,676) | 5,306 |
| Professional Services | - | (1,640) | (1,640) |
| Training/Development | - | (14,042) | (14,042) |
| Travel/Meals/Mileage | (100) | (103) | (3) |
| Office Machine Maintenance | (500) | (140) | 360 |
| Engineering Equipment/Licensing | (3,600) | (1,788) | 1,812 |
| Radio Maintenance | (250) | (106) | 144 |
| Clothing | (500) | - | 500 |
| Footwear | (500) | (432) | 69 |
| Vision | (740) | - | 740 |
| Office Supplies | - | (496) | (496) |
| **Total Engineering** | (343,656) | (287,304) | 56,352 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Planning, Permitting, & Zoning** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (144,070) | (148,992) | (4,922) |
| Jr. Planner | (87,275) | - | 87,275 |
| Overtime Allowance | (1,000) | (796) | 204 |
| Professional Services/Consultant | (14,061) | - | 14,061 |
| FICA | (15,314) | (11,206) | 4,108 |
| Grants Match | (20,000) | (1,181) | 18,820 |
| Training and Development | (500) | (420) | 80 |
| Travel and Meals | (150) | (46) | 104 |
| Dues and Membership Fees | (100) | - | 100 |
| Vision | (380) | (303) | 77 |
| Computer Software | (7,800) | (7,800) | - |
| **Total Planning, Permitting, & Zoning** | (290,650) | (170,743) | 119,908 |
| | | | |
| **Community Development** | | | |
| Barre Partnership | (70,000) | (70,000) | 0 |
| Community/Economic Development | (60,853) | (60,853) | - |
| Green Mountain Transit | (38,401) | (38,401) | - |
| Main Street Maintenance | (1,200) | (758) | 442 |
| **Total Community Development** | (170,454) | (170,012) | 442 |
| | | | |
| **Parks and Trees Maintenance** | | | |
| Electricity | (900) | (729) | 171 |
| Tree removal | - | (1,097) | (1,097) |
| **Total Parks and Trees Maintenance** | (900) | (1,825) | (925) |
| | | | |
| **Street Department** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (716,277) | (671,156) | 45,121 |
| Payroll Reimbursement | - | 7,976 | 7,976 |
| Overtime | (41,165) | (43,394) | (2,229) |
| FICA | (57,944) | (53,354) | 4,590 |
| Claims/Deductibles | (2,000) | (2,000) | - |
| Consulting Services | (3,000) | (7,354) | (4,354) |
| Storm Water Permits | (4,500) | (13,969) | (9,469) |
| Training and Development | (4,500) | (407) | 4,093 |
| Travel and Meals | | (278) | (278) |
| Electricity | (9,500) | (7,258) | 2,242 |
| Rubbish Removal | (4,000) | (5,122) | (1,122) |
| Equipment Rental | (8,000) | (15,919) | (7,919) |
| Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance | (140,500) | (128,001) | 12,499 |
| Plow Damage | (2,500) | (2,629) | (129) |
| Guardrails and Bridges | (9,000) | (2,845) | 6,155 |
| Building and Grounds | (27,000) | (36,058) | (9,058) |
| Street Painting | (9,000) | (9,420) | (420) |
| Yard Waste | (11,215) | (14,609) | (3,394) |
| Roadside Mowing | (6,000) | (5,600) | 400 |
| Bulk Waste Removal | (10,000) | (14,517) | (4,517) |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fuel Oil | (28,534) | (22,581) | 5,954 |
| Fuel Reimbursement | - | 63,362 | 63,362 |
| Vehicle Fuel | (75,164) | (131,838) | (56,674) |
| Small Tools | (3,000) | (3,491) | (491) |
| Clothing | (12,000) | (7,035) | 4,965 |
| Safety Equipment | (3,000) | (5,220) | (2,220) |
| Footwear | (2,720) | (2,935) | (215) |
| Vision | (800) | - | 800 |
| Sidewalk Maintenance | (23,500) | (3,334) | 20,166 |
| Stormline Maintenance | (35,084) | (23,169) | 11,915 |
| Signs | (17,500) | (41,598) | (24,098) |
| Asphalt | (2,000) | (424) | 1,576 |
| Patch Pavement and Potholes | (18,700) | (36,563) | (17,863) |
| Chloride | (250) | - | 250 |
| Gravel Crushing | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Salt - Sno | (170,000) | (179,975) | (9,975) |
| SNO Streets Sand | (13,000) | (4,812) | 8,188 |
| Salt Reimbursement | - | 1,975 | 1,975 |
| Street Light Maintenance | (250) | (26,405) | (26,155) |
| State AOT Projects | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Computer Software | (10,500) | (8,000) | 2,500 |
| **Total Street Department** | (1,484,103) | (1,457,957) | 26,146 |
| | | | |
| **Cemetery** | | | |
| Personnel Services | (159,982) | (144,032) | 15,950 |
| FICA | (12,239) | (11,514) | 725 |
| Electricity | (500) | (734) | (234) |
| Equipment Maintenance | (1,200) | (823) | 377 |
| Building Maintenance | (1,500) | (2,940) | (1,440) |
| Mausoleum Maintenance | (1,500) | (1,500) | - |
| Building & Grounds Maintenance | (4,000) | (660) | 3,340 |
| Contracted Services | - | (150) | (150) |
| Grounds Maintenance | (5,000) | (4,465) | 535 |
| Building & Grounds Maint | - | - | - |
| Dufresne Lot Expenses | (1,200) | (1,326) | (126) |
| Small Equipment Maint Exps | (2,000) | (1,512) | 488 |
| Fuel oil/Propane: Office | (1,147) | - | 1,147 |
| Fuel | (7,762) | (4,679) | 3,083 |
| Clothing | (1,000) | - | 1,000 |
| Equipment -Safety | (200) | - | 200 |
| Footwear | (200) | (230) | (30) |
| Vision | (190) | (498) | (308) |
| Small Tools | - | (3,514) | (3,514) |
| Cemetery Flowers | (5,000) | (6,093) | (1,093) |
| Foundations | (5,000) | (9,089) | (4,089) |
| **Total Cemetery** | (209,620) | (193,760) | 15,860 |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Transfers** | | | |
| **Transfer to Capital Improvement** | - | (50,000) | (50,000) |
| **Total Transfers** | | (50,000) | (50,000) |
| | | | |
| **Insurance** | | | |
| Health Insurance | (1,380,365) | (1,464,106) | (83,741) |
| Life Insurance | (52,273) | (45,268) | 7,005 |
| Dental Insurance | (36,854) | (31,405) | 5,449 |
| **Total Insurance** | (1,469,492) | (1,540,779) | (71,287) |
| | | | |
| **Pension** | | | |
| Pension Plan | (691,363) | (671,165) | 20,198 |
| Pension Plan Consultant | (3,000) | (1,263) | 1,738 |
| **Total Pension** | (694,363) | (672,428) | 21,935 |
| | | | |
| **Debt Service** | | | |
| Principal Payments | (585,864) | (585,862) | 2 |
| Interest Expense | (123,461) | (113,508) | 9,953 |
| **Total Debt Service** | (709,325) | (699,369) | 9,956 |
| | | | |
| **Genral Insurance** | | | |
| Workers Compensation | (524,020) | (492,788) | 31,232 |
| Property & Casualty | (339,050) | (359,789) | (20,738) |
| Unemployment | (15,700) | (14,336) | 1,364 |
| **Total General Insurance** | (878,770) | (866,912) | 11,858 |
| | | | |
| **Miscellaneous Expense** | | | |
| Washington County Tax | (43,569) | (37,973) | 5,596 |
| Voter Approved Assistance | (111,200) | (111,200) | - |
| **Total Miscellaneous Expense** | (154,769) | (149,173) | 5,596 |
| | | | |
| **Special Projects** | | | |
| Special Projects - FICA | (2,907) | (2,113) | 794 |
| Special Projects - Custodial | (9,500) | (6,278) | 3,222 |
| Special Projects - Fire | (8,500) | (7,070) | 1,430 |
| Special Projects - Police | (20,000) | (14,555) | 5,445 |
| **Total Special Projects** | (40,907) | (30,017) | 10,890 |
| | | | |
| **Miscellaneous Expense** | | | |
| VGM - South Parking Lot Lease | (18,300) | (13,363) | 4,937 |
| Non-Billable OSD Pers Svc | - | (8,332) | (8,332) |
| Non-Billable OSD Expenses | - | (282) | (282) |
| City Committee Funding | (1,500) | (73) | 1,428 |
| Front Porch Forum Support | (250) | (250) | - |
| Homelessness Support | (10,920) | (7,324) | 3,596 |
| Special Project-Prospect | | (47,771) | (47,771) |

| Account Description | FY25 Budget | FY25 Actual | Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Special Project- 277 Morrison | | (500,000) | (500,000) |
| Special Project Position | - | (64,920) | (64,920) |
| Bank Analysis Fees & Misc Expenses | (3,000) | (3,138) | (138) |
| BCJC Stipend | (7,577) | (7,577) | - |
| Semp VCF Trust Income Assignment | (62,400) | (59,304) | 3,096 |
| Wellness Initiatives | - | (265) | (265) |
| Non reimburseable Flood Exp | - | (26,727) | (26,727) |
| FEMA | (100,000) | - | 100,000 |
| **BUDGET SUBSIDY FROM FUND BALANCE** | | - | - |
| **Total Miscellaneous** | (203,947) | (739,325) | (535,378) |
| **EXPENSES TOTAL** | (14,873,781) | (15,097,664) | (223,883) |
| **Grand Total** | 0 | 1,062,379 | 1,062,379 |

# CITY OF BARRE

## 2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ELECTION OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

| VOTED ITEM | TOTAL VOTES |
|---|---|
| **Ward 1 Councilor: 2-Year Term** | |
| Eddie Rousse | 173 |
| Beth Hilgartner | 201 |
| Write-In | 2 |
| Overvotes | 1 |
| Undervotes | 1 |
| **Total** | **384** |

| VOTED ITEM | TOTAL VOTES |
|---|---|
| **Ward 2 Councilor: 2-Year Term** | |
| Jeff Bergeron | 162 |
| Write-In | 14 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 32 |
| **Total** | **208** |

| VOTED ITEM | TOTAL VOTES |
|---|---|
| **Ward 3 Councilor: 2-year Term** | |
| Samn Stockwell | 110 |
| Don Routhier | 124 |
| Write-In | 2 |
| Overvotes | 1 |
| Undervotes | 4 |
| **Total** | **241** |

**ARTICLE I**
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of $14,800,120 of which an amount not to exceed $10,762,686 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 514 |
| No | 311 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 8 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE II**
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of $600,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

| | |
|---|---|
| Yes | 747 |
| No | 82 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 4 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE III**

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to make the Clerk an appointee of the City Council (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

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

Sec. 301. {Governing body.}

(1) The City Council shall consist of the Mayor and two (2) councilors for each ward who shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

(2) Within the limitations of the foregoing, the [~~council~~] **Council** shall have the power to:

**(e) Appoint and remove at Council's pleasure the Clerk, who may or may not be the same individual as the Treasurer.**

(4)All **full- or part-time** City employees [~~, to include full-time and part-time,~~] are prohibited from holding the office of councilor or mayor.

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| Yes | 338 |
| No | 482 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 13 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE IV**

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to authorize the Manager and City Councilors so authorized by an action of the City Council to sign conveyances, grants or leases of any such real estate sale or leases (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 313. {Sale or lease of City property.}

The City Council may authorize the sale or lease of any real or personal estate belonging to the City, and all conveyances, grants or leases of such real estate shall be signed by the Mayor, **the City Manager, or any councilor duly authorized by an action of the City Council**.

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| Yes | 522 |
| No | 293 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 18 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE V**
Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to authorize the City to retain an amount equal to one month's worth of general fund expenses as an undesignated fund balance (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 601. Payment of taxes.

(b) At the close of the fiscal year **<u>audit</u>**, any unexpended funds remaining from the City budget may be retained, if approved by vote of the City Council, as an undesignated fund balance for future use. Any funds retained pursuant to this provision shall be limited to an amount not greater than [five] **<u>ten</u>** percent of the City **<u>general fund</u>** budget **<u>expenses for the most recent voter-approved fiscal year</u>**. Any amount remaining in excess of [~~five percent in the City budget~~] **<u>such</u>** amount must be used in the subsequent budget to [~~cut~~] **<u>reduce</u>** the tax rate.

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| Yes | 747 |
| No | 82 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 4 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE VI**
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of $105,200 to be allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?

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| Yes | 616 |
| No | 189 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 28 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE VII**
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of $15,000 for the Vermont Granite Museum?

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| Yes | 564 |
| No | 241 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 28 |
| **Total** | **833** |

**ARTICLE VIII**
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of $2,000 for Youth First Mentoring?

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| Yes | 622 |
| No | 185 |
| Overvotes | 0 |
| Undervotes | 26 |
| **Total** | **833** |

# BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2025

Certainly, the heart and soul of a community is the people that live there, but the foundation of that city is the buildings and infrastructure. Barre City is fortunate enough to have a strong foundation, and an important cluster of buildings that serves the community in many ways exists in the Barre City Civic Center Complex. The historical Barre Municipal Auditorium, Alumni Hall, and the BOR are an activity center, important safety and health resource, and municipal facility for Barre City and the surrounding communities.

Most people have fond memories of playing in or watching various sporting event up on the hill. This year, the facility hosted the Winter Solstice Basketball Tournament, the VPA State Wrestling Championship, the VPA State Basketball Tournament, the inaugural season of the VT Coyotes, and VPA State Hockey playoff games. The Spaulding Boys and Girls hockey teams made the BOR their home rink, as well as the Barre Figure Skating Club, the Vermont Black Bears, adult leagues, public skaters, and stick and puck enthusiasts. The recent addition of a turf field in the BOR provides a new opportunity for activity, with several lacrosse, baseball, softball, and soccer teams taking advantage of the opportunity.

In addition to the various sporting activities, the Civic Center Complex also hosted several Expos and community events, such as the Gun Show, Trappers Banquet, Merry Barre Craft Fair, VT 4H State Day, an Easter Egg Hunt, Town Meeting Elections, Career Center Graduation, CVCC Bond Vote, Red Cross Blood drive, and community food distribution.

Alumni Hall, with many separate meeting rooms, held training sessions, various camps, committee meeting, and provided convenient meeting space to many professional and social groups.

In its advisory role to the city, the Building and Facilities Committee is dedicated to the long-term health of the facilities. We look forward to being part of an important and needed renovation project for the AUD. Funds provided in a Senate Appropriations Bill will allow work to begin on heating & ventilation, electrical, ADA compliance, and other much-needed projects.

We are excited for all the good things that are happening at the Civic Center, and are fortunate to be part of a great team. Thanks to Nicolas Storellicastro, Jeff Bergeron, Jim McWilliam, Tom Baker, all of the great local sponsors, the Barre City Staff that help with the facilities, and the members of the Civic Center Committee.

Submitted by Charlie Atwood, Chair, Civic Center Committee

Members of the Civic Center Committee, 2025:

Charlie Atwood, Chair

Sue Higby, Vice Chair

Arthur Dessureau

Rick Dente

Brent Gagne

Jon Valsangiacomo

Paula Dolan

Burnie Allen

Matt Flaherty

## CEMETERIES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Barre City has three cemeteries: Elmwood (1798), Hope (1895) and St. Monica (1895). About 15,000 people are buried in these cemeteries and many are honored by monuments made by Central Vermont's granite workers. Our cemeteries are the final resting place and a memorial to the city's residents, as well as a living archive, preserving the history of individuals, families, Barre City, and Central Vermont's granite industry. The cemeteries reflect the cultural, social, and artistic traditions of our region.

2025 was a challenging year for the members of the Cemeteries Committee. The generous bequest given to Hope Cemetery by Eugene Cozzi has created many possibilities for improving our cemeteries.

At the top of the Committee's priorities was the discussion of the construction of a memorial fountain in honor of Mr. Cozzi. The Committee has selected a location for the fountain in the green space at the entrance to Hope Cemetery. A subcommittee was established to begin planning and organizing this undertaking. Everyone involved is dedicated to honoring the legacy of Eugene Cozzi.

Cemsites was hired by the City to develop an online digital database for Barre City's cemeteries. The Vermont Granite Museum was hired to collect, organize, and archive the city's cemetery records held in Barre's cemetery office, which has been located near Hope Cemetery since 1935. The museum staff and volunteers will preserve the historical records (physical and digital) that have long-term value for understanding who and where individuals are buried in the City's cemeteries as well as the historical development and operations of the cemeteries. The quantity of records consists of over 100 boxes of documents, photographs, maps, and drawings. By late spring, the museum, using these historical records, will create a spreadsheet containing information about every individual buried in the cemeteries. This spreadsheet will be provided to CemSites.

Barre Granite Association, Polycor and Granite Artisans(Buttura and Gherardi) again generously funded the cleaning of 150 stones in Hope Cemetery. Monies from the Cozzi bequest covered the cost of cleaning an additional 87 stones. The Italian Stonecutter's Monument, as well as the Zanleoni Bench were also cleaned. In 2026, it is the Committee's intention to accelerate the stone cleaning in Hope Cemetery, as well as establishing cleaning programs in Elmwood and St. Monica Cemeteries.

In the past few years, large tour buses have been getting stuck in Hope Cemetery. Signs have been made and will be installed in the spring to give clear directions for future tours. The tours continue to be very popular.

Hope Cemetery was the subject of a “Hometown Piece” on WCAX-TV which aired on September 22, 2025, to rave reviews.

The Cemeteries Committee would like to acknowledge the upcoming retirement of Cemetery Foreman Donny Bullard. His forty-year dedication in addition to his institutional knowledge of all the cemeteries will be missed.

The Committee recessed for the winter season, with plans to reconvene at the next meeting scheduled for April 6, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Starr Parnigoni LeCompte, Chairperson.

# BARRE CITY COW PASTURE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

580 Hours of Community Service

The Barre City Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee was established in 2013. The Management Plan for Barre City Cow Pasture (2017) has guided the Committee in the management of the 82-acre parcel of conserved land and its 2.7-mile trail network. The conserved acreage has increased by approximately 17% and trail miles by 18% over the past two years.

The Committee's primary focus in fiscal year 2024-2025 was oversight of the $50,600 no-match ERSA Grant received from Vermont State Forest Parks and Recreation in December 2023. Additionally, Committee members have advanced the Management Plans goals. The approximate number of volunteer hours listed in this report speaks to the Community's appreciation of the Barre City Cow Pasture.

**Committee Meetings:**

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| Meeting Attendance (7 members): | 84 Hours |
| Meeting Management (IT-Agenda-Minutes): | 18 Hours |

**ERSA Sub-Committee:**

The 3-member sub-committee has volunteered *hundreds* of hours applying for and assisting with the ERSA Grant requirements including: completing the ERSA Grant pre-application (2021) and application (2021-2022) and providing Grant oversight. The sub-committee has worked with the City Planning Office to provided needed information and update, solicited Committee opinions and approval of action items, communicated with a landowner selling a critical parcel of land that protected the parking area and an important trail corridor, drafted an RFP for trail work, and completed an application for a State of Vermont permit to construct a bridge. Projects the sub-committee oversaw that were completed by Apex TrailWorks LLC include: the design and construction of a new trail and a pedestrian bridge, the creation of new maps, installation of way-finding signs, trail maintenance, and completion of a Trail Assessment. The Sub-Committee has coordinated and communicated with Barre City Planning and Zoning and Public Works Department staff who have provided in-kind work.

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| ERSA Sub-Committee-Fiscal Year 2025 (3 members): | 160 Hours |

**Conservation & Access Task Group:**

The Group is comprised of a committee member and two community members with expertise in land conservation. The Group met 3 times and has identified incorrectly drawn boundary maps, encroachments on City land and a section of a Cow Pasture Trail that crosses onto private land. The task group has engaged with adjoining landowners to discuss property boundaries and has assisted the City with establishing a verbal agreement on an encroachment onto City land and established a formal easement to cross private property that will allow continued public access to the trail network. Signs were purchased and installed on an adjoining property to assist in educating trail users of conditions associated with continued access.

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| Committee (1 member): | 30 Hours |
| Community (2 volunteers): | 50 Hours |

**Invasive Species Control Task Group:**

The task group has engaged Committee members and community volunteers in the removal of invasive plant species from the Cow Pasture property. In the Fall of 2024 Committee Members and community volunteers targeted a section of the Pasture with extensive buckthorn presence and cut dozens of 6-18' tall bushes, removed and bagged fruit, and wrapped stumps. The brush piles were burned in January 2025. Committee Members also worked independently to remove numerous buckthorns, burning bush and honeysuckle shrubs.

The spring of 2025 was the 4th consecutive year the Central Vermont Career Center's Exploratory Class utilized the Cow Pasture as part of a teaching unit. Students studied the Management Plan, learned how to identify invasive plants and have physically removed numerous shrubs in priority areas, all while learning team building and communication skills.

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| Buckthorn Removal: | Committee (4 Members): | 18 Hours |
| | Community (4 Members): | 8 Hours |
| Central VT Career Center: | Committee (1 Member): | 4 Hours |
| | Community (2 Instructors): | 40 Hours |
| | Community (20 Students): | 100 Hours |
| Committee Pledges: | Committee (3 Members): | 15 Hours |

**Social Media:**

- The Committee's Facebook page now has 859 followers. This year:

- The Cow Pasture gained 24 new followers YTD and had 776 page visits and 9,727 page views.
- We had 222 content interactions this year, which is up 48% over last year.
- We had 85 link clicks this year, up 2000% over last year.

Posts include event announcements and informational posts on trial work and the properties flora and fauna.

Committee (1 Member): 6 Hours

**Trail and Property Maintenance:**
Committee members have cleaned up trash and maintained the parking area and trails. Downed trees and limbs have been cleared from trails with hand tools and a chainsaw certified community member has assisted in removing large downed and hung-up trees. A committee member coordinates with the SnoBee Club to oversee an agreement for maintaining the VAST corridor that passes through the property. A neighbor to the Cow Pasture mows the lawn at the entrance to the Pasture.

Committee (3 Members): 32 Hours

Community (2 Volunteers): 10 Hours

**Community Event:**
A Committee Member organized a public walk and discussion on the *Human History of the Cow Pasture*. Approximately 10 Community Members attended.

Committee (1 Member): 5 Hours

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Who We Are: Cat Allen, Haley Piro,Joshua Piascik,and City Council Liaison Michael Deering II Talking Points for Fiscal Year 2025:

The Parks and Recs Committee struggled with membership this year due to empty committee seats and current members leaving due to expiring terms. Due to lack of quorum,public meetings were unable to be held. A major goal for us was to recruit new members, and we are targeting the new year to be a productive one with new members and new ideas.Partnering with the Barre Town Parks and Rec Committee,we put on the Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year in the BOR. We moved it to an enclosed location this year for 2 reasons: To create an activity that could be enjoyed by the community longer due to an enclosed environment,and to promote our new beautiful indoor turf to help promote other events.

During this event, we were able to segregate 3 sections for ages 0-3,5-7,8-12 as in previous events,but we were able to add new activities including face painting,an egg race, disc golf, soccer, a coloring station, and a special guest appearance from the Easter Bunny. Community organizations were also able to attend including BYSA to answer questions about sports activities, and to sign up community members who were interested in joining. We also had an appearance from our brand-new Pro Basketball team The Vermont Coyotes to introduce themselves to the public. A food donation bin was added, and all donations were brought to Capstone Community Action after the event.

An estimated 300 people showed up to the event. Reviews from the community were generally positive, and we considered this event a success. Barre City and Barre Town are Looking forward to working together and bringing this event back to the BOR for 2026.

Due to lack of members,progress has felt slow,however,we were able to talk through creating a structure of what we want the Parks and Rec Committee to represent for Barre City in the future. Committee members were able to learn and grow into productive volunteers for Barre City, and we are lookingforward to what we can offer the City of Barre for the upcoming fiscalyear.

Parks and Recreation
Committee Chair Person

Joshua Piascik

# POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Barre City Police Advisory Committee has met 3 times in the 2025-2026 year to date. At the March 2025 meeting, the last meeting of the 2024-2025 year it was voted on to meet quarterly, as the review of all of the Policies and Procedures in place had been completed.

Since then our Committee, whose members are Steve England-Chair, Poa Mutino-Vice Chair, and Sandy Rousse-Secretary, and are joined by Police Chief Braedon Vail and City Councilor Amanda Gustin, have discussed updates of the City Civil Conduct Ordinances and Enforcement, as well as Public comments about the BCPD on social medias pages such as Barre VT Resident Chat and how we can appropriately respond is we choose.

We also discuss advertising for additional Committee members as we were at a minimum for a Quorum. We have now had a local resident step up and submit an application to join the Committee. We will still be looking for an additional applicant and will reach out on Front Porch Forum with information for public review.

Overall, our general consensus is that we have seen an improvement in our city with the changes approved by the City Council which has given the BCPD good tools to work with regarding enforcement of Civil Conduct Ordinances.

Since inception of this Committee we have had a great group of folks who have gotten along well, been engaged and asked well thought-out questions, and are truly dedicated to working well with the BCPD to create a good working relationship between the BCPD and the public.

We have certainly learned an incredible amount of what is involved in the training to be a Police Officer and gained a great appreciation for what that entails.

We would like to thank all the people who have been involved with this committee since it started a number of years ago, and welcome any new members going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve England
Chair Barre City Police Advisory Committee

# UNHOUSED COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

As Chairperson of the Unhoused Community Committee, it is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I share an update on a truly transformative initiative recently launched, embodying our unwavering dedication to fostering resilience and support for our unhoused neighbors across Barre City. Our core mission, solidified through extensive collaborative discussions within the committee, is to dismantle systemic barriers and empower every individual experiencing homelessness with the resources they need to thrive.

For too long, a critical challenge has been the effective dissemination of vital information. While the existing Washington County Survival Guide is an invaluable compendium of essential services, its reach has been limited by traditional distribution methods. We recognized that relying solely on physical copies or complex online searches often inadvertently excluded those most in need, creating significant and dangerous gaps in accessibility for our most vulnerable residents. This bottleneck meant that timely information about shelter availability, meal services, healthcare access, and support agencies was often out of reach, exacerbating an already precarious situation.

It is here that I must commend the exceptional ingenuity and dedication of Tess Taylor. Her profound technical acumen and tireless efforts were absolutely instrumental in pioneering a groundbreaking digital solution. Thanks to Tess, we have successfully developed and deployed a remarkably user-friendly QR code system. This innovative approach provides instant, discreet, and direct access to the entire, continuously updated Survival Guide. Now, with a simple scan using any mobile device, individuals can immediately retrieve crucial, often life-saving, information. This revolutionary method bypasses the need for physical copies, extensive internet literacy, or reliance on intermediaries, placing power and vital knowledge directly into the hands of those who require it most.

The successful development of this QR code was just the first step. Our committee swiftly mobilized a comprehensive and multi-faceted dissemination strategy to ensure its maximum impact. We are actively engaging in direct outreach, distributing these QR codes to unhoused individuals and families at various community hubs, outreach events, and service points across the county. Furthermore, we are cultivating robust, synergistic partnerships with a diverse network of local agencies, shelters, food banks, medical clinics, and community organizations. This collaborative ecosystem is meticulously designed to amplify the guide's visibility and utility, guaranteeing that critical support information is broadly, efficiently, and equitably accessible throughout Washington County.

Looking beyond this pivotal achievement, our committee remains deeply engaged in proactive strategic planning to address the complex and evolving needs of our unhoused community, particularly as we prepare for the challenging winter months. We've conducted extensive and fruitful discussions with Osa regarding the urgent procurement and distribution of essential cold-weather supplies, such as warm clothing, blankets, and temporary shelter provisions. We are also incredibly heartened by the outpouring of support from individuals and community partners, and we are diligently working to channel these generous contributions into effective programs and resource drives that maximize their positive impact.

# BARRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## 2025 Annual Report

## LABOR HALL ANNUAL REPORT

The Barre Historical Society owns and operates the Socialist Labor Party Hall at 46 Granite Street in Barre. The Hall is a National Historic Landmark built by volunteers. Here are a few of the highlights of the past year along with an invitation to city residents and visitors alike to attend the many events both public and private that are held in the Hall each year. Welcome!

**Bread and Puppet Theater**. In early spring each year, it is our pleasure and pride to welcome world-famous troupe Bread and Puppet Theater from Glover to the Labor Hall as they begin their spring tour. The past year's standing-room-only performance on March 28 was called "The Obligation to Live." Special thanks go to our event sponsors: Spruce Mountain Granite, Trow & Holden Company, and Valsangiacomo, Detora & McQuesten.

**Primo Maggio** is Italian for May First or May Day. In keeping with the annual celebration of the Labor Hall's founders as well as workers around the world, we have since 2004 hosted a traditional Italian dinner and a program to honor and celebrate the heritage of the Hall and the Italian graniteworkers who built it in 1900. This year our invited guest, Robert Linne from Adelphi University, spoke about the remarkable life of Francis Perkins, "the Woman Behind the New Deal," who witnessed and was inspired by the tragic Triangle Fire of 1911. Of interest to many of us is the fact that Perkins' childhood home in Maine has been designated an historic site where visitors can become acquainted with Perkins and the rural community that nurtured her.

**Rise Up Bakery.** Located right behind the Labor Hall stands the Rise Up Bakery, built in 1913 to supply bread for members of the Union Cooperative Store located in the Hall. The Union Cooperative Store is believed to have been the first Italian coop grocery store in New England, and it has resumed its role as a source of fresh local bread under the skilled hands of Jim and Larissa Haas. Their delicious loaves can be purchased at the window as well as at food coops and markets throughout Central Vermont. Be sure to sample their wonderful sourdough bread and sign up to learn new baking skills at one of their popular workshops. To sign up, visit www.riseupbakeryvt.org

**New School Visit Program.** We are pleased to offer a new program for students to expand their knowledge and understanding of the cultural contributions of ethnic communities – especially the Italians -- to Barre. We will highlight the role of labor unions in the growth of the granite industry and other local businesses, and show how Barre provided shelter for the children of Lawrence, MA in 1912 during the Bread and Roses strike. On their visit, students view a crankie about the strike, hear first-hand about life in Barre in the 1950's and '60's, learn about the role of unions, engage in a hands-on activity, tour the Rise Up Bakery and sample the bakery bread, and gather on the steps of the Hall for a photo. To schedule a school visit, send an email to carolyn@energybalance.us and indicate when you'd like to visit.

F**lood Recovery**. We have had very generous flood recovery support from many sources, which has enabled us to open the Hall for community events and for site visits from FEMA, SBA, and the Preservation Trust of Vermont. We are grateful for the monetary support we have received from numerous individuals and foundations. There is more to be done and we look forward to fully restoring all portions of the Labor Hall in the coming year!

**New Faces.** After ten years as President of the Barre Historical Society, Ruth Ruttenberg has stepped down from her role at the helm and passed the leadership torch to Jacob Hemmerick. Also stepping down is Mark Greenberg who has been the chief author of all press coverage about events at the Labor Hall for many years; he is fondly missed from our board. A number of new board members are contributing their wisdom to the Hall, including Cynthia Ambrosini, Ray Bettis, Anna Berrian Eno-Van Fleet, and Deorsha McDade. New to the team is the talented Maia Gilmour, who has taken on the task of running our exciting and diverse organization as our Labor Hall Manager. We welcome her warmly!

**Rent the Hall**. The Hall is available for use by members of the community and community groups. Join the hundreds of people who choose the historic Hall as the affordable place for their birthday party, baby shower, craft fair, anniversary, memorial service, dance party, meeting, or other gathering.You can reserve this National Historic Landmark for your event. Check the calendar on our website for availability. Charges vary depending on the length of the event and the number of attendees. Forms and policies are posted on our website at www.oldlaborhall.org

The Board of Directors

# THE BARRE PARTNERSHIP

## 2025 Annual Report

The Barre Partnership is a non-profit membership organization working across both the private and public sectors to develop and coordinate strategies that stimulate and sustain economic development in Barre's historic downtown. Our mission is to ensure a vibrant community that serves as the social, cultural, and economic hub of the greater Barre area.

As a Designated Downtown Organization through the Vermont Downtown Program, The Barre Partnership provides downtown Barre building owners, lessees, and the City of Barre with valuable resources and opportunities. These include eligibility for historic, façade improvement, and code improvement tax credits, as well as access to grant funding for projects within the downtown district. Since 2011, downtown property owners have leveraged more than $1.5 million in tax credits, resulting in over $9 million in private investment throughout the district.

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, marked a year of continued momentum, collaboration, and renewed focus on supporting Barre's business community. The Partnership remained deeply engaged with downtown businesses, providing consistent communication, one-on-one support, and advocacy. From assisting with business questions and challenges to celebrating milestones, expansions, and new ventures, the Partnership continued to serve as a trusted connector between local businesses, the City of Barre, and community partners.

Supporting economic vitality remained a top priority. The Partnership worked closely with business owners and property owners to share resources, promote local commerce, and encourage investment in downtown Barre. By fostering strong relationships and maintaining open lines of communication, the organization helped ensure businesses felt supported, heard, and positioned for long-term success.

Community-building events continued to play a vital role in drawing residents and visitors downtown while supporting local businesses. Signature events such as the Barre Heritage Festival, Barre Farmers Market, Concerts in Currier

Park, Food Trucks, Merry Barre Holidays, Halloween events, the Merry Barre Holiday Craft Fair, and more helped activate public spaces, create welcoming experiences, and reinforce Barre as a vibrant destination year-round.

The Barre Partnership continues to rely on the dedication of its volunteer Board of Directors, committee members, and event volunteers, along with one full-time and one part-time staff member to advance its mission within budget constraints. This collaborative structure allows the organization to remain nimble, responsive, and impactful.

Looking ahead, The Barre Partnership remains committed to working alongside the City of Barre, downtown stakeholders, and community partners to support businesses, strengthen the downtown district, and promote Barre as a thriving place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

Tracie A. Lewis
Executive Director

2024-2025 Board of Directors

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| Justin Pecor | Rebecca Smedy | Chandra Pollard |
| Lindsay Lozier | Brandon Fowler | |

# BARRE AREA SENIOR CENTER

The Barre Area Senior Center (BASC) continues to welcome new people to the center. In fact, BASC now has community members from over 20 surrounding towns participate in activities at the center. BASC has more than 300 registered participants.

Our mission is to provide access to programs and resources that help older adults live independently and remain active. Programs have ranged from arts & crafts, education, fitness, health & social services, technology, and nutrition. We continue to expand our reach throughout the community and have partnered with more than a dozen organizations throughout the year to offer programs and educational workshops. Thanks to funding awarded to the center, we launched a new participant sign-in and activity platform designed for senior centers which has allowed us to track participation with greater ease and efficiency. These funds were also used to create a small computer lab at the center to help break down the technology barrier for older adults by providing access and opportunities for education on the computers. Grant funding has also made it possible for us to expand our food distribution services at the center since food insecurity remains an essential need for many people and a great way to encourage a healthy diet. Community collaboration remains key to our mission as it expands our ability to offer opportunities and resources that benefit participants of BASC. Additional community partners include Central Vermont Council on Aging, AARP, Central VT Career Center, and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce.

BASC also offers a variety of ways for community members to share their expertise and passions through volunteer opportunities. The dedication of our volunteers and participants make these programs successful and we look forward to the next year with enthusiasm to grow our supporters and participants, increase our community connections, expand programming and activities. BASC relies on donations, fundraisers, voter-approved funding, and grants for its operating costs. BASC is open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9:00-12:00 on Fridays, with additional hours when needed to accommodate programs and events.

BASC wishes to thank Barre City voters for the generous support you have given us throughout the year. Without your support we would not be able to offer the programs and services to older members of the Barre community.

# CAPSTONE COMMUNITY ACTION

## 2025 Annual Report

Since 1965, Capstone Community Action has served low-income residents of Lamoille, Orange, and Washington Counties and nine communities in Windsor, Addison, and Rutland Counties. We empower individuals with the tools and resources to move beyond poverty. This year, Capstone Community Action served 10,117 people in 6,115 Vermont households through food and nutrition services, emergency heating and utility assistance, housing counseling and homelessness prevention, savings and credit coaching, business counseling, tax preparation, workforce development, weatherization and energy efficiency services, high school programming, and Early Head Start/ Head Start.

Programs and services accessed by 1,836 Barre City households representing 2,960 individuals this past year included:

- 81 households with 203 family members were able to keep heating their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 387 individuals worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe housing.
- 32 homeless individuals worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe housing.
- 63 children were in Head Start and Early Head Start programs serving at-risk families.
- 5 pregnant and parenting young adults and their children gained literacy skills through our Brook Street High
- School supporting 7 family members.
- 1,276 individuals accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents from the food shelf.
- 3 childcare providers received nutrition education and were reimbursed for the cost of serving nutritious meals and snacks to the 28 children in their care.
- 8 households received emergency furnace repairs, and 4 households' furnaces were replaced at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.

- 28 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for 48 residents, including 12 seniors and 5 residents with disabilities.
- 67 multi housing units were weatherized supporting 131 occupants.
- 53 individuals attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 30 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 341 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 38 households benefited from flood recovery support.
- 1 individual participated in the Mileage Smart program to purchase a used gas hybrid or electric vehicle from a local car dealer.

Capstone thanks the residents of Barre City for their generous support this year!

# CENTRAL VERMONT ADULT EDUCATION IN BARRE CITY

Central Vermont Adult Education, Inc. (CVAE), a community-based nonprofit organization has served the adult education and literacy needs of Barre City residents for sixty years.

CVAE serves as central Vermont's resource for free, individualized academic tutoring for individuals (ages 16-90+) in:

- Basic skills programs: reading, writing, math, computer and financial literacy
- English Language Learning and preparation for U.S. citizenship
- High school diploma and GED credential programs
- Academic skill readiness for work, career training and/or college

Barre City is served by our learning center in Barre. The site has welcoming learning rooms with computers, laptops and internet access to support instruction. CVAE staff and volunteers also teach students at the library or other local sites as needed.

**CVAE serviced 59 Barre City residents last year. Five (5) residents** volunteered with us. Teachers instruct students one-to-one and/or in small groups. Each student has a personalized education plan to address his/her learning goals. These goals might include: getting or improving a job, earning a high school credential, helping one's children with homework, budgeting and paying bills, reading important information, obtaining a driving license, preparing for college, gaining citizenship, and more.

***Children of parents with low literacy skills have a 72% chance of being at the lowest reading levels themselves, and 70% of adult welfare recipients have low literacy levels.***

**By helping to end the cycle of poverty, your support changes the lives of Belvidere residents for generations to come.**

CVAE provided free instruction to 415 people last year in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVAE $3,804 per student to provide a full year of instruction. Nearly all students are low income. Over 60 community volunteers work with CVAE's professional staff to meet the large need for these services while keeping overhead low.

We deeply appreciate Barre City's voter-approved *past* support. This year, your level support is again critical to CVAE's free, local education services. Only a portion of CVAE's budget is comprised of state and federal support. Funding is needed each year from the private sector and from the towns and cities we serve, to ensure we can help the neighbors who need education for a better life.

For more information regarding CVAE's adult education and literacy instruction for students, or volunteer opportunities, contact:

**Barre Learning Center**
46 Washington Street, Suite 100
Barre, Vermont 05641
**(802) 476-4588**
www.cvae.net

## CENTRAL VERMONT COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL

## RETIRED AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR CENTRAL VERMONT

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of supporting Central Vermonters to age with dignity and choice. For over 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters age 60 and up to remain independent and in their homes for as long as possible.

**Services include:**

- Information & Assistance staff counsels older Vermonters and families on the many available benefit programs and services, such as 3SquaresVT, seasonal fuel assistance, housing, mental health, legal assistance, support groups, healthy aging resources, and more through our Helpline, 1-800-642-5119 (toll free) or (802) 477-1364 (local).
- Case Managers work with clients in their homes to assess needs and develop, implement, and coordinate individualized long-term care plans.
- Nutrition Program provides program management support, including menu development, training, and technical assistance for home-delivered, grab and go, and congregate meals at 13 nutrition sites.[1] Free nutrition counseling services for people age 60+ to best support a healthy lifestyle.
- State Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides personalized Medicare counseling, New to Medicare workshops (in-person and on Zoom), and enrollment assistance for Medicare Part D plans.
- Family Caregiver Program Promotes the well-being of family members serving as caregivers to loved ones, including respite funding, training to help caregivers manage stress, and social activities Memorable Times Café / Memorable Times Online.
- Volunteer Programs provide direct service to community members through companionship, wellness classes, meal delivery, errands and grocery shopping, yardwork and garden help, creative guidance, technology training and more.

CVCOA served 5,254 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2025 and mobilized 288 volunteers who donated nearly 20,000 hours of their time, valued at over $695,000. **Our staff provided one or more services to 438 (unduplicated) Barre residents.**

All staff, board members, and volunteers at Central Vermont Council on Aging extend our gratitude to the residents of Barre for their ongoing commitment to the health, independence, and dignity of older adults in Central Vermont.

[1] CVCOA does not directly operate a nutrition site.

# CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

**Regional Commissioner**: Janet Shatney
**Transportation Advisory Committee**: Vacant

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is valued! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

**City of Barre Activities Through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)**

- Provided technical assistance to review energy audits of municipal buildings (FY24 MERP), scope projects from recommendations, and apply for $499,752 MERP Implementation Phase funding (awarded **$499,752** FY25) for improvements to the Barre Auditorium and City Hall building envelopes and HVAC systems.
- Supported the application for funding and the planting of four new shade trees in Mathewson Playground through the Community Tree Plant Grant.
- Identified 49 discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Enivronmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by goals identified in the municipal plan.
- Presented before City Council and met with municipal staff to determine priority flood hazard mitigation projects; drafted three Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applications on behalf of the City to fund identified priorities.
- Participated in Planning Commission meetings and planning the community charrette for transit-oriented development as part of the Barre Downtown Master Plan RAISE grant.

- Assisted City in completion and FEMA approval process for the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Engaged the City and Housing Task Force on a residential infill analysis. Delivered a final report from the housing infill analysis. Prepared an interactive web map to display the study results.
- Finalized engineering designs for stormwater mitigation at the Barre Auditorium complex.
- Provided template and planning support for extreme temperature preparedness addendum to the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP).

**Overview of CVRPC Programs and Services**

❖ Assistance for city plan and bylaw updates, focusing on predictable and effective local permitting

❖ Brownfields environmental site assessments to facilitate redevelopment and economic growth

❖ Transportation planning, studies, data collection, traffic counts, and coordination of local involvement through the regional Transportation Advisory Committee

❖ Emergency planning for natural disasters and coordination with local volunteers and the State

❖ Climate and energy planning to support projects to reduce energy burdens and build resilience

❖ Natural resource planning to protect water resources, preserve forest blocks, enhance recreational opportunities and support agricultural and forest industries

❖ Regional Planning to coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth

❖ Geographic Information System Services to support to municipalities

❖ Clean Water Service Provider: Support water quality projects to meet phosphorous reduction targets

❖ Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing

❖ Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications Circle Barre City annual report 06.30.25

# CIRCLE

## 2025 Annual Report

This past year, we were reminded every day why our work matters. Survivors across Washington County called our hotline, met with advocates, participated in our support groups, and took courageous steps toward safety and independence. At Circle, we make sure that anyone facing domestic or sexual violence has a place where they are seen, heard, and believed.

To help survivors reach their goals of stability, healing, and hope, Circle staff and volunteer advocates provided the following services in FY25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025):

- Staff and volunteer advocates responded to 4,636 hot line calls. *Advocates responded to 964 calls from Barre City residents.*
- Shelter services were provided to 8 women and 8 children for a total of 1,696 bed nights. Housing advocacy was accessed 245 times by Barre City residents.
- Our prevention-based programs in schools reached a total of 19 students through 1 presentation.
- Circle provided community presentations to 823 individuals through the 9 trainings and workshops offered throughout Washington County.
- Advocates provided support to 33 plaintiffs during Final Relief from Abuse Hearings, and assisted 68 individuals file for temporary orders. *Advocates supported 14 individuals from Barre City during their final hearings, and assisted 31 individuals from Barre City to file temporary orders.*
- Our Court Hour Program, which offers one-on-one support to plaintiffs as they prepare for their final hearings, was offered to 35 individuals.
- We assisted 92 individuals with other civil legal matters; 34 people received support from an attorney through our legal clinic referral program. *Advocates supported Barre City residents 96 times with other civil legal matters and 11 Barre City residents received free legal assistance.*

- Advocates supported 92 individuals whose (ex) partners were facing criminal charges. *23 of these individuals were from Barre City.*
- Circle held 98 support group sessions, which 34 unduplicated women attended.
- 2,941 people, of which 433 were unduplicated, received direct services from Circle, which are maintained by trained staff and volunteer advocates.
- Our organization continues to rely heavily on the vast support of its many dedicated volunteers; Board Members, Hotline Advocates, and Shelter Support have all contributed 7,964 hours to the work of Circle.

## COMMUNITY HARVEST OF CENTRAL VERMONT (CHCV)

Community Harvest of Central Vermont (CHCV) brings our community together through gleaning to recover surplus food grown on area farms. This produce is then delivered to sites that serve those with limited access to nutritious fresh, local food. In the process, the community has the opportunity to gain a greater awareness and appreciation of the local food system, healthy eating, and waste reduction.

CHCV utilizes the generosity of local farmers and volunteers – many of whom are Barre City residents – to address hunger and reduce food waste in our community.

We work with more than 100 local farms, growers, and food producers to glean the extra food that can't be sold and would otherwise go to waste, all with the help of hundreds of volunteers each season. CHCV serves as a connector between the charitable and local for-profit food systems, to enhance the health and well-being of the Central Vermont community. CHCV is the only local program helping farms donate their surplus food to help increase food security, and this gleaned food reaches more than 12,500 Central Vermonters.

Over the past 12 years, CHCV has recovered and donated more than 875,800 pounds of fresh, nutritious food, equivalent to more than 2.6 million servings. Our 30 Washington County recipient site partners – food shelves, after school and early childhood programs, senior and community meal sites – tell us the demand for food continues to be high due to increased economic stressors. Our year-round food collection and our weekly donation deliveries to our recipient site partners enables them to help meet the community's needs.

In Barre City, we serve as a reliable source of free nutritious food for Capstone Community Action, the Barre Area Senior Center, the Salvation Army, and City Hotel Cafe/Meals on Wheels Central Vermont. In addition, CHCV partners with other sites such as the Family Center of Washington County and Good Samaritan Haven which provide services to Barre City residents. Last year CHCV donated 29,515 servings of produce to Barre City sites. The funding that CHCV receives from Barre City helped us to continue to serve the above-mentioned sites and provide them with even more nutritious food.

CHCV is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, volunteer-powered community service organization. All our work is funded by individuals, area towns, foundations, partner contributions, and local business sponsors. As a small regional organization, we have limited access to grants or other funding from outside our local service area. Continued funding from towns in the region is critical to preserving the services we've developed in order to keep addressing the increased need in Central Vermont and Barre City in 2026

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information or to become involved with CHCV please visit our website or contact Allison Levin the Executive Director any time.

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146 Lord Road, Berlin VT 05602 * www.CommunityHarvestVT.org

# DOWNSTREET HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Downstreet Housing & Community Development strengthens Central Vermont communities by creating permanently affordable homes, promoting equity and inclusion, and connecting people to the resources and services they need to thrive. Since 1987, we have served Washington, Orange, and Lamoille Counties, reaching more than 2,400 people with low- and moderate- incomes each year through affordable rentals, homeownership programs, and supportive

services, including the nationally recognized SASH® (Supports and Services at Home) program.

Downstreet currently provides homes to more than 900 people through affordable apartments and mobile home lot rentals, including 92 households (more than 135 individuals) in Barre City. In 2025, we made significant investments in Barre City:

- Completed the preservation rehabilitation of 18 existing affordable apartments on Bromur Street
- Transformed the historic, long-vacant Ward 5 School into nine new affordable apartments, revitalizing a blighted property and strengthening a neighborhood
- Purchased and began operating the Speranza Inn, formerly the Quality Inn—a 41-room homeless services hotel. Through an occupied rehabilitation, the Inn was brought up to modern health and safety standards, preserved as a critical part of Barre's homelessness response system, and ensured to remain a stable, community-anchored resource managed with compassion and accountability. In its first nine months of operation, the Speranza Inn sheltered more than 140 households.

In 2026, Downstreet will begin construction on Stevens Branch Apartments, adding 31 flood- resistant infill apartments in downtown Barre.

Downstreet's NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center supports housing stability and homeownership through homebuyer education, financial counseling, foreclosure prevention, and access to down payment and home repair programs. Between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025, the HomeOwnership Center:

- Provided education and financial guidance to 12 Barre City households
- Stewarded 35 shared-equity homes in Barre City, ensuring long-term affordability
- Administered the Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP), creating 15 new housing units in Barre City

Downstreet also administers SASH, a free, statewide wellness initiative that helps older adults and people with disabilities age safely and independently at home. SASH serves more than 600 participants throughout Central Vermont, including approximately 248 Barre City residents.

Downstreet's office is located in Barre City, where we employ more than 60 staff, many of whom live locally. Three full-time staff members are dedicated to Barre City—a property manager, a SASH coordinator, and a maintenance technician—ensuring residents have safe, well-maintained homes, access to coordinated health and wellness services, and responsive, on- the-ground support.

## ELEVATE YOUTH SERVICES
**A Vital Resource for Barre City Residents**

Elevate Youth Services (formerly the Washington County Youth Service Bureau) provided essential support to **107 Barre City youth and families** this past year: **21 youth** received help through more than one program. In total, our staff delivered **1,133 hours of direct service** and provided **2,954 nights** of safe housing, with **57% of youth** receiving intensive, life-changing services.

**Program Highlights**

- **Basement Teen Center (Montpelier)** – *3 teens* enjoyed a safe, supervised drop-in time, leadership opportunities, prevention programs, and activities for ages 12–18.
- **Country Roads Program** – *39 youth and families* received 24/7 crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and emergency shelter for runaway, homeless, or at-risk youth. *25 nights of emergency shelter were provided.*
- **Healthy Youth Program** – *28 youth* accessed substance use education, intervention, assessments, treatment, and life skills coaching; *138 service hours* were provided, with support also extended to families.
- **Transitional Living Program** – *13 homeless* youth ages 16–21 gained skills for independent living, including budgeting, employment, and education planning, plus direct housing and rental assistance. 1959 nights of supportive housing were provided.
- **Return House** – *9 DCF-involved youth* received transitional housing support and intensive case management services to support their transition to independence. *801 nights of supportive housing.*
- **Youth Development Program** – *15 youth ages 15–22* with current or former State custody received voluntary case management; *92 direct service hours* were provided.

**Impact & Value**

This year's funding request equals about $47 per person served, a fraction of the true cost of services. Many supports involved multiple sessions with certified or licensed counselors, 24-hour supervision, safe shelter, meals, and transportation.

Elevate Youth Services is a private, non-profit agency funded through foundations, government grants, Medicaid/insurance, donations, local town support, and fundraising.

**Thank you** for supporting the wellbeing of Barre City youth. 24/7 Assistance: 802-229-9151

# GOOD SAMARITAN HAVEN

**Mission:** Good Samaritan Haven provides emergency shelter and support services that offer stability,

safety, and hope to people experiencing homelessness.

**Programs and Services:** Good Samaritan Haven operated three year-round emergency shelters with a total of 61 beds, along with a seasonal winter shelter providing 20 additional beds. Our shelters operated at or near capacity throughout the year. We also supported residents at the Hilltop Inn, operated a daytime winter warming space, and maintained an active street outreach program.

**Our Street Outreach Team** served individuals living unsheltered across central Vermont by distributing life-saving supplies such as tents, sleeping bags, food, water, and basic first aid. Outreach staff also worked to connect individuals to shelter, healthcare, and other services.

**Through our Health & Safety Officer and Community Health Case Manager**, we coordinated access to healthcare, including nurse visits, vaccine clinics, medical appointments, and medication support.

**Our Case Management Team** assisted shelter guests with housing placement, employment opportunities, treatment enrollment, family reunification, and navigation of legal and benefit systems.

**The Food Program** provided daily meals and nourishing food, recognizing the close connection between food security and housing stability.

**Our Recovery Program** used a peer-mentorship model to support guests at all stages of recovery, offering group meetings, referrals, and sober living support.

**Population Served:** Good Samaritan Haven serves adults age 18 and older. Most guests are between 25 and 50 years old, with approximately 40% over the age of 55—a proportion that continues to grow. We serve individuals with diverse needs, including people with physical disabilities, chronic medical conditions, and mental health challenges; people with justice system involvement; veterans, refugees and immigrants; and those in recovery or actively using substances.

## GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT

*Getting you where you need to go!*

**Who We Are**

GMT is the public transportation provider for the northwest and central regions of Vermont, offering a variety of services to the communities in which we serve. GMT is proud to offer traditional public transportation services like commuter, deviated fixed routes and demand response shuttles, while providing individualized services such as shopping and health care shuttles, Medicaid, Older and Disabled services to both urban and rural communities. GMT's mission is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative, and sustainable public transportation services that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development, and enhance the quality of life for all.

**Our Services:**

**Individual Special Service Transportation**

GMT provides essential non-emergency medical and other transportation to those who qualify for Medicaid, and/or Older and Disabled services. We offer individual coordinated services for those who qualify and who are in need of scheduled rides through GMT volunteer drivers, special shuttle service or general public routes.

**General Public Transportation**

GMT provides traditional general public transportation service directly supporting the increasing demand for affordable commuter and essential daily needs transportation solutions.

**In FY25, total GMT fixed route ridership for Central Vermont was 357,895.** This general public transportation ridership was in addition to special services as noted above, and is available through a variety of routes including (but not limited to) the following: Barre Hospital Hill, City Commuter, Waterbury Commuter, US 2 Commuter, Northfield Commuter, Montpelier-Burlington LINK, Montpelier Hospital Hill, MyRide Microtransit.

**GMT Volunteer Driver Program**

In addition to bus service, GMT uses an extensive network of Volunteer Drivers to provide coordinated and caring rides throughout our rural service area. Volunteer Drivers are essential in providing cost effective and community driven services. Drivers are provided mileage reimbursement, and we are always grateful to welcome new volunteers to our team! https://www.connectingcommuters.org/volunteer-driver-signup/gmta2/

**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to taxpayers and officials for your continued financial support of GMT's public transportation service and for your commitment to efficient transportation solutions. Please feel free to contact Monica White, GMT's Director of Central Vermont Services, with questions or to request additional information on GMT services at 802-338-7065 or mwhite@ridegmt.com.

## GREEN UP VERMONT

***www.greenupvermont.org***

**Success on Green Up Day May 3, 2025**

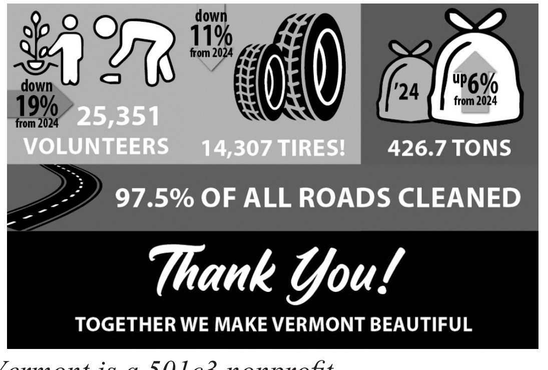
**Green Up Day** was a resounding success because your community joined the statewide clean-up effort. As you can see by the stats graphic the entire State got a wonderful spring cleaning with nearly all our city and town roads covered. Businesses are more successful with clean streetscapes, our real estate more valued, and our healthy way of life cherished. As one of Vermont's favorite traditions, it is imperative for today and for future generations to keep building pride, awareness, and stewardship for a clean Vermont, and keep residents civically engaged.

Green Up initiatives are year-round and further our environmental impact with waste reduction programs, additional clean-up efforts, and educational initiatives. We've been able to rally thousands of volunteers for special projects and flood clean-up across the State.

Support from your municipality is essential to our program. Funds help pay for Green Up Day supplies, promotional outreach, educational resources, contests for kids, and a $1,000 scholarship. We are also incorporating an innovation challenge fair called greenSTEM in 2026 for students in grades 7-12. Our goal is to engage more students in finding environmental solutions and connect them to community service.

**We are requesting level funding for 2026.**
Thank you for supporting this crucial program that takes care of where we all get to live, work and play. Be an Environmental Hero – Donate on Line 23 of the Vermont State Income Tax Form or at www.greenupvermont.org.

**2026 Green Up Day is May 2nd.**




*Green Up Vermont is a 501c3 nonprofit.*

# RAINBOW BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

2025 was a challenging year for RBCC, as for nearly all non-profits; our funding dropped to

33% of the prior year, while expenses held steady or went up. We've had to find new approaches to continuing to serve our mission of bringing queer joy and acceptance to Barre and Central Vermont, and we're anticipating more and bigger changes like these in 2026.

Even so, we've almost doubled the number of groups and clubs we host. We've added several new chat and community groups, including a Queer Coffee Klatch and a Spanish-language chat group. Working with the Rainbow Umbrella, we're hosting a monthly LGBTQ+ Story Hour at the Barre Social Club; now, more than ever, our stories must be heard. We've added Magic: the Gathering and Dungeons & Dragons alongside our existing RPG Night and other games, and we now have weekly open hours for our almost-600-book Liberation Library. We also host several groups that lost their previous spaces, including Catalyst Space, Queer Book Club, and Beyond Our Wildest Dreams. And we continue to provide support for people in need through our monthly Pancakes for the People and Potluck for the People.

Special events in 2025 went far beyond the usual dances, cabarets, drag performances, musical events, and outdoor activities. We hosted Secretary of State Sarah Copeland-Hanza, a Red Cross blood drive, a queer gaymer night during Pride, several film airings, and a bunch of education sessions on subjects like online privacy and safety, community resilient agriculture, and overdose awareness. Reach out if you would like to work with us for an event in 2026!

Loss of funding and volunteer time, and a general lack of drop-in visitors even after we tried changing our hours, led to us moving to a booked time model. While drop-ins are always welcome when we're open for groups and clubs, you can also visit our website to set up time for you or your group at the Center; we also have options for phone and online sessions.

Our current finances point to us moving to a mobile approach around mid-year, when we will have to give up our space on Main Street and instead offer all the same groups, clubs, events, and activities in a variety of other locations. We're already in talks with various venues and things are looking very positive; we anticipate bringing our services to even more of the Central Vermont area, and working more closely with allies and partners around Barre.

The growing challenges of the times require us to keep coming up with new and creative ways to keep doing what we do, and we are committed to finding them. We'd love to have you help us. Check our website for opportunities to volunteer or donate, and to keep up on all the new things we're bringing to Barre to spread queer joy!

# VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT FOR BARRE CITY

Twelve Local Health Offices around the state are your community connection with the Vermont Department of Health. The Barre Local Health Office provides essential services and resources to towns in Washington and northern Orange Counties. Some highlights of our work in 2025 are below. For more information, visit HealthVermont.gov/local/barre

If you need help accessing or understanding this information, contact AHS.VDHBarre@vermont.gov.

**Improving Family and Child Health**

Our Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program supports pregnant people, infants, and children under 5 with nutritious food and nutrition education.

- In 2025, our WIC program served more than 1,000 participants from Washington and Northern Orange counties through tele-WIC and in-person visits.
- Our staff distributed $3,600 in Farm to Family coupons, helping WIC families buy fresh produce directly from Vermont farmers.
- Our office supports participants in feeling confident and comfortable with breastfeeding. In the past year, about 82% of WIC infants in our region were breastfed.

**Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness**

- Barre Local Health awarded two Worksite Wellness grants to Turning Point of Central Vermont and Capstone Community Action of Barre. These grants included wellness support and resources to strengthen employee wellness programs.
- We shared information on healthy aging and local resources through community presentations at Quarry Hill in Barre and the Brown Public Library in Northfield.
- We worked with Come Alive Outside and VDH to support the Barre Passport program, which encourages physical activity and wellness for families.
- We partnered with the Central Vermont Council on Aging to create the televised Tasty Bites recipe videos. These videos featured healthy, low-cost meals for older adults.

**Helping Central Vermont Communities THRIVE**

We provide essential support for THRIVE. THRIVE brings together, connects, and strengthens the work of more than a dozen regional service organizations and healthcare providers to address challenges like housing, cost of living, healthcare access, mental health, and substance use.

- In 2025, THRIVE advised CVMC's Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan, using data from over 1,000 community survey responses.
- THRIVE received the Public Health Champion award from the Vermont Public Health Association for response to public health and social crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic, flooding, and food insecurity.
- Working with state, municipal, and local partners, THRIVE completed a comprehensive Emergency and Crisis Response Plan to help keep Central Vermont communities safe and healthy during future emergencies.

Learn more about THRIVE at: https://www.uvmhealth.org/locations/central-vermont - medical-center/community-impact/thrive

**Protecting Against Infectious Diseases**

Vaccines are one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from serious diseases. We work with community partners to remove barriers so anyone who wants a vaccine can get one.

- We created the Central Vermont Vaccine Access Coalition, which brings together regional vaccine providers and helps coordinate resources during respiratory virus season.
- Barre’s immunization team gave vaccines to 141 children and adults across central Vermont. They provided vaccines at monthly clinics, local dairy farms, homeless shelters, and community Pride festivals.

HealthVermont.gov/Barre

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