

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 22, 2026, 6:00pm
IN PERSON LOCATION: Societa' di Mutuo Soccorso,
20 Beckley Street, Barre, VT

The warned Special Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:00 PM in the Societa' di Mutuo Soccorso, 20 Beckley Street, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Beth Hilgartner; from Ward II, Councilor Jeff Bergeron and Councilor Amanda Gustin; and from Ward III, Councilor Michael Deering and Don Routhier. City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro, Planning, Permitting, and Assessing Director Janet Shatney, and Housing & Homelessness Liaison Tess Taylor.

Item 1. Call to Order at 6:00 PM

Item 2. Adjustments to Agenda:
None.

Item 3. Visitors & Communications
None.

Item 4. New Business

A. North End Update

City Manager Storrellicastro provided an update about North End flood response efforts, including status of buyouts and grant applications.

Joelen Calderara asked about City plans on her side of N. Main Street.

Jim Galfetti asked about buyouts in the Vine Street area.

Whitney Chatfield spoke about the future of the Berlin Street bridge.

B. North End Discussion – Resiliency, redesign, funding and next steps

Mayor Lauzon presented a proposed plan and conceptual idea for redevelopment of the North End, including potential funding sources.

Joelen Calderara asked about City plans on her side of N. Main Street.

Councilor Gustin expressed frustration about the City's applications not being funded.

Jim Galfetti expressed support for a green space/floodplain in the North End and more dredging.

Amy Galford asked about the prospect of using the Willey Street bridge project as a launch point for other projects in the neighborhood.

Pat Moulton shared information about other funding sources, including BRIC.

Miles Silk Sr. complained about parking issues if more housing is built in the North End.

Dina Estivili complained about crosswalks and bus stops in the neighborhood.

C. North End Discussion – Creation of North End Plan/North End Resiliency Committee

Mayor Lauzon introduced the idea of creating a North End Resiliency Committee to create a vision and plan for the North End.

Councilor Gustin asked about the application process, and it was determined that the same form used for other City committees would be used to solicit candidates for the new committee.

Item 5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Bergeron. approved

Adjourned at 7:57pm.

Next special meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2026, at 4:30pm.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026, at 6:00pm.

The open portions of the meeting were recorded on the video platform.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicolas Storellicastro, City Manager