

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council – draft
Held April 21, 2026, at 6pm
Council Chambers-Barre City Hall**

The warned Regular 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 Council Chambers at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Sonya Spaulding and 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, Clerk Cheryl Metivier, Chief Brad Vail.

Adjustments to the Agenda – move 8F to consent agenda 4F.

Motion to approve of the agenda dated 4/21/2026 moved by Councilor Bergeronr, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

Visitors & Communications – none

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes -CORRECTED

i. Meeting of 4/7/26

B. Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits – Don's Taxi

C. Authorize execution of revised purchase option for Prospect Heights

D. Reduce size of Planning Commission from 7 members to 5 members

E. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

F. Authorize termination of North End purchase options related to CDBG-DR projects

Motion to approve of the consent agenda dated 4/21/2026 moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

4-a. Approve City Warrants

i. Approve week of 4/22/26

ii. Ratify week of 4/15/26

Motion to approve city warrants moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Deering – (Councilor Spaulding abstaining) approved.

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

Absentee ballots are still available. Please submit your request early. Willing to mail ballots up to the Friday before the election. We do allow in office voting for your convenience.

Liquor/Cannabis Boards-

Beverage Baron-411 N. Main 2nd class, tobacco, tobacco substitute

Dollar General 74 S. Main 2nd class, tobacco

Dollar General 540 N. Main 2nd class, tobacco

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Jiffy Mart 350 N. Main St. 2nd class, tobacco

Mulligans Irish Pub 9 Maple Ave. 1st class, 3rd class and OSC

Motion to approve moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved

Spencer's Discount Tobacco 123 N. Main 2nd class, tobacco

Motion to approve on "Condition the license on the applicant coming into compliance with regard to zoning regulations to the satisfaction of the Director of planning and zoning." Was moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

Local Liquor Control Board closed.

Managers' Report-

Assessors are out in the field. New England Assessing Consultants marked vehicles & ID available. Results should be out in May.

Facilities Department are out in parks and cemeteries for spring clean-up.

Public Works department is in summer construction mode.

BRICK application submitted for buyouts in NE & Willey St. Bridge project

Joe Aldsworth is retiring April 30th.

New Business;

A. Volunteer appointment – Neighborly Barre Committee

MiChele Brown Lathrop has applied for a seat on the Neighborly Barre Committee. The Committee currently consists of 5 members and at its creation, Council agreed to let it grow to 9 members. If MiChele is appointed, I recommend a term through June 30, 2028.

Motion to approve the appointment of MiChele Brown Lathrop to the Neighborly Barre Committee for a recommend a term through June 30, 2028, moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

B. Presentation of requested PD policy review -Chief Brad Vail

Chief Vail in response to the current ICE action in the State has reviewed the City's police policy which were rewritten in 2025 and knows the policy is fair and impartial, and do not need additional changes.

(change to accommodate the CRG presentation)

*E. Flood Resiliency Plan (Gustin) -Outlining the importance of the Barre Auditorium and echoing the importance of the upgrades planned to support the emergency shelter when needed and to increase ease of use. The funding stems from a \$3.5 million congressional grant.

C. CRG data presentation – Director Monica Weeber, Robin Joy, J.D., Ph.D

Crime Research Group (CRG) presented their findings and trends on Police Department responses and interactions. Collectively the data helped isolate problem areas, frequency of incidents and what the data could be used for within all public safety departments. Tracking movement of individuals and migration of individuals. The data was also compared to other communities in Vermont where this type of analysis has been

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D. 1 st Reading Warned 7:15pm: Updated Winter Parking Ban Ordinance (8:02pm)

With the success of the trial changes to the parking ban, the Manager would like to update the ordinance to reflect the changes, thus changing the ordinance. The new rules gives flexibility to the City for clearing and maintaining streets and flexibility to residents parking on streets.

A motion to move the Updated Winter Parking Ban Ordinance to a 2nd reading was moved by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved.

Up Coming

Mayor Lauzon – Paving and bring funding up to a current level.

Councilor Gustin – Suggestion for the flood resiliency plan. Information on “Adopt a Storm Drain” is coming.

Round Table

Councilor Deering- Thankful to EMS.

Councilor Hilgartner- Storm Drain Project and mapping information April 30th.

Councilor Spaulding – Encouraged to research BUUSD budgeting information.

Councilor Gustin- attended the Spring Fling the Library was successful.

Councilor Routhier - Rte. 14 & 302 requires State funding for pothole repair however the city is trying to keep these routes passable.

Executive Session-litigation

Motion for finding for executive session moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved

Motion to enter executive session moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Hilgartner, approved

Video paused at 8:24pm – Joining is Chief Vail & Attorney Scott Cameron

Motion to exit executive session moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 5th, 2026, at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk