

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held May 5th, 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, TIF Administrator Carol Dawes.

Adjustments to the Agenda – move 8F (fee schedule) to consent agenda 4E.
8F Paving Update

Motion to approve of the agenda dated 5/5/2026 moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

Visitors & Communications

Amy Galford-CVSWM updates of services and projects

Ronald Tallman-Submitted May 25th Memorial Day parade permit and invited Council to ceremony.

Bern Rose had questions on signage at Prospect St. Bridge on contamination and whether the new DPW campus would be held up due to Act 250.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes -CORRECTED

i. Meeting of 4/21/26

B. Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits-none

C. Volunteer re-appointments (DRB, Planning Commission, Buildings & Facilities, PAC, CVSWMD)

- Development Review Board: Sarah Helman, re-appointed to a 4-year term expiring June 30, 2030
- Planning Commission: Wendy Ducey, re-appointed to a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2029
- Buildings & Facilities Committee: Charlie Atwood, Burnie Allen, Art Dessureau, Paula Dolan, and Matt Flaherty, reappointed to 2-year terms expiring June 30, 2028
- Police Advisory Committee: Steve England and Eli "Poa" Mutino, re-appointed to 2-year terms expiring June 30, 2028
- Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District: Amy Galford (member) and Peter Anthony (alternate), reappointed to 1-year terms expiring on June 30, 20

D. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

- Avery Excavation - \$382,668 for 670ft trench and piping on lower Berlin St.
- Adopt A Drain Program-Hamline University-At a cost of \$14,525.53 this (3) year contract includes; set up fees, annual program fees, direct support cost and outreach cost. This turnkey program encourages community engagement to remove debris from waterways/storm drains.

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E. FY27 Fee Schedule- The summary of changes were identified and discussed.

Motion to approve of the consent agenda dated 5/5/2026 moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

4-a. Approve City Warrants

- i. Approve week of 5/6/26
- ii. Ratify week of 4/29/26

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

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

BCA-Board of Civil Authority meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7th @ 5pm. Pre-election preparation and discussion.

The Barre City Annual Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 12th – 7am to 7pm at Alumni Hall.

The City Clerks office is closed Tuesday, May 12th.

The 4th and final quarter tax payment is due Friday, May 15th by 430pm.

Liquor/Cannabis Boards-none

Managers' Report-

- Summer construction has started please sign up for ReGroup to keep informed of street closures.
- Joe Aldsworth's last day was April 30th, a Resolution will be presented May 19th.
- Stump Dump in Barre Town is open for Barre City residents.
- The city budget is on the ballot, with a modest and responsible 5% increase over last year.

New Business;

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8(A) Volunteer Appointments – Planning Commission Caitlyn (Cat) Allen has applied for a seat on the Planning Commission., it was recommended that she be appointed to the vacant Commission seat with a term expiring on June 30, 2028.

A motion to approve the appointment of Caitlyn Allen to the Planning Commission was moved by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

8(B) Consider Veterans Council request for Blue Start Memorial at Dente Park. Jeffrey Maher, a local representative of the Veterans Council, which is comprised of members from Barre Lodge of Elks #1535, American Legion Post #10, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #790 and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Mr. Maher proposed to install a Blue Star Memorial Marker at Dente Park to be incorporated into the current

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garden maintained by the Granite Center Garden Club. The City would help contribute to the costs of placing the marker. I believe this is a fitting tribute to veterans of World War II Veterans.

A motion to approve helping to contribute to the cost of placing the Blue Star Memorial Marker at Dente Park was moved by Councilor Gustin, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved.

C. Consider letter of support for Generations Vermont project

Erin Clark from Generations Vermont and Board Member Phil Cheney, presented to the Council some information about an organization in the process of developing a childcare and adult day services center in Central Vermont. Although the location will be in Berlin, near the hospital, it will serve all towns in Central Vermont including Barre City. The organization will be seeking state and federal funding for this project and Ms. Clark will be seeking the official support of the project. Mayor Lauzon, with the confidence in ability, volunteered Councilor Gustin to draft the letter.

A motion to approve drafting a letter of support for the Generations Vermont project was moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved.

D. Authorize up to \$175,000 of undesignated fund balance to support Stevens Branch Apartments project.

TIF Administrator Carol Dawes presented to the council a list of possible problems that may surface creating a need for an additional \$175,000 buffer fund for the support of the Stevens Branch Apartment Project. The fund would cover unforeseen circumstances the contractor may come upon during excavation or groundwork.

The Council denied the funding with a statement that **should** the funds be needed later, they would meet anytime to vote on a decision for additional funding for the project.

E. Flood Resiliency Plan (Gustin) (additional information in consent agenda item D)

Adopt A Storm drain important dates;

- Mapping May 30th
- Target of mid-June to formally open to residents & test out early adoptions
- Full rollout & recruitment Heritage Days (end of July)

The program allows and encourages residents to “adopt” a storm drain (or two) to monitor, clean and keep records of problematic occurrences. This will keep debris from entering the waterways.

F. Paving update.

Mayor Lauzon and City Manager Nicolas Storelli-Castro having frequent contact with VTrans the State has moved the paving schedule for Route 14 & Route 302 up from 2030 to 2028, however the Mayor is still holding out and pushing to have the project on the schedule for 2027.

Mayor Lauzon presented and plan for gradual increase in funding for paving every year, until a minimum of \$1,500,000 has been dedicated for paving annually.

Up Coming

Mayor Lauzon – Please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 12th.

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Councilor Spaulding— Would like to see the notes from Cornell.

Round Table

Mayor Lauzon – This is Public Service Appreciation week. Thank your public servants and all volunteers.

Councilor Routhier - pass

Councilor Deering- Vote. Early voting can be done in the Clerks office during normal business hours.
You can register and vote all at once.

Councilor Spaulding – Participated in Green Up day with Councilor Hilgartner and River Collective focusing on Jockey Hollow falls.

Councilor Bergeron- Would like to gather some volunteers to clean up the face of 143 N. Main St. to improve the look of Main St.

Councilor Gustin- Has been making an effort to attend more concerts and attended the Vermont Philharmonic on Sunday at the Opera House. Will be attending the Sings Room at the Social Club on Thursday and looking forward to the “Concerts in the Park” Wednesday evenings this summer at Currier Park.

Councilor Hilgartner- Has participated in benefit concerts with much success in fundraising.

Councilor Deering- Vote. Early voting can be done in the Clerk’s office during normal business hours.
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Executive Session-none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for May 19th, 2026, at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk