

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council -Draft
Held October 20, 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 Thom Lauzon at 5:57 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, Councilors Jeff Bergeron and Amanda Gustin (Remote); and from Ward III, Councilors Michael Deering and Don Routhier. City staff members present were Manager Patrick Cushing, Finance Director Christine Kimball and Clerk Cheryl Metivier

Adjustments to the Agenda –

Move Item 9D & 9F to the Consent agenda
Executive Session- Personnel & Contracts

Motion to approve of the agenda dated 10/20/2026 moved by Councilor Deering, Seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved.

Visitors & Communications –none

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Regular Meeting of 10/06/2026
- B. Prospect Heights Archeological Study – Ratification of Contract Amendment
- C. Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits

Orange St Block Party
Host; Neighbors of Orange St c/o Tuyen Nguyen
Sat. Oct 25th 12pm-5pm

- D. Authorize the City Manager to execute contract(s) (as needed)
- E. Micro Grant Application – Orange Street (Patrick Cushing)
- F. 2026 Water & Sewer 1st Qtr. Collection Data Memorandum – Information Only

Motion to approve Consent Agenda moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved.

Approve City Warrants

- 4-a. Approve City Warrants
 - A. Approve week of 10/21/2026
 - B. Ratify week of 10/14/2026

Motion to approve City Warrants moved by Councilor Hilgartner , seconded by Councilor Deering, approved.

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City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

Election Day;

The election will take place in the Barre Auditorium.

The polls open at 7am and close at 7pm-all ballots MUST BE received by 7pm to count.

Upon entering you will be asked to state your full name and current address.

(2) Separate checklist will be searched to confirm whether ballots have been submitted prior for each election and you will be issued the ballot if the list indicates you have NOT voted that election ballot yet.

We ask that you bring your General Election ballot with you, in addition to the BUUSD and CVCC absentee ballots to the polls if your intent is to vote in person.

If the checklist indicates a ballot has been received for that election you will be directed to the BCA (Board of Civil Authority) to confirm.

Our goal is to keep accurate documentation while providing a successful experience

Liquor / Cannabis Control Boards – none

Managers' Report

- FY25 is completed, resulting in unlocking funding for Prospect Heights (\$750,000)
- North End Housing is on track, with the 4+ million grant awarded the City the progress will continue
- The unclaimed fund balance within the City finance department is getting whittled away to shore-up cash flow availability.
- The City, with the guidance of the Fire Department will start decommissioning the Fire Alarm boxes throughout the City.
- Teams is up and running city staff wide now

Committee Update;

Parks & Recreation; needs members.

Unhoused Committee; is concerned Act 143 will negatively affect the unhoused. Local entities are concerned for the upcoming season and need donations for outdoor use. Hoping to start a locker program.

New Business;

A. ~~Flood Study~~ Hydraulic (SLR) deferred

B. FY25 Audit – Sullivan & Powers – Informational Only (Finance Director Christina Kimball)

The outcome of the finalized audit, resulted favorably. The City should focus on reconciling balance sheets for all accounts.

Discussion of renewing parking ticket late fees collections for more revenue.

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C. CVCC (Central Vermont Career Center) – Trifold 2026 –

CVCC Director Jody Emerson reviewed the plan to build and incorporate the use of 61,000sq ft of the U32 campus, while maintaining some programs at Spaulding High School. Recognizing the area needs trades people for our growth and to maintain a productive community.

~~D. Micro Grant Application – Orange Street (Patrick Cushing)~~

E. FY27 Paving Budget (Patrick Cushing)

The discussion of solidifying a paving budget well before next years season was discussed for the purpose of allowing DPW Director Brian Baker to get contracts on the books well ahead of time for next paving season. Knowing the funding available would make negotiating the contracts helpful.

Discussion of using internal staffing for more paving project could open up more funding for material.

~~F. 2026 Water & Sewer 1st Qtr. Collection Data Memorandum – Information Only~~

G. Flood Resiliency Update (Councilor Gustin)

Councilor Gustin will be introducing a survey to determine the residents' priorities on projects based on a scale of 1 to 10. (1) + high priority – (10) low priority.

The survey will open on Wednesday, Oct 21st and be available for approximately (2)

Round Table

Mayor Lauzon;

Councilor Deering; SHS Football will be at U32 on Sat.

Councilor Hilgartner; A concert at the Hedding Methodist Church to benefit Good Samaritan Haven will be held on Oct 30th.

Councilor Gustin; Get your COVID shot

Councilor Bergeron; Veterans Place Calcutta was held at the Barre Auditorium and was a success thanks to Recreation Director Michelle LaBarge-Burke.

Councilor Spaulding; Attended a Neighbor at the table event and it was lovely.

Councilor Routhier; Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the repairs to the ice rink at the BOR

.Executive Session – Personnel & Contracts

Joined by City Manager Patrick Cushing

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

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

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Motion to exit executive session moved by Councilor Deering, Seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved
Executive session ends.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026, at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk