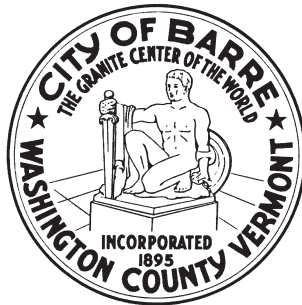


ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH REPORT

OF THE

CITY OF BARRE

VERMONT



For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2024

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CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY**Emergency Services**

Ambulance (Emergency Medical Services)	911
Fire	911
Police.....	911

Non-Emergency Services

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
Delinquent Tax Collector	476-0246
Facilities & Grounds.....	476-0256
Auditorium	476-0256
BOR Building	476-0258
Cemeteries & Parks.....	476-6245
Recreation	476-0257
City Manager.....	476-0240
Human Resources.....	476-0241
Clerk & Treasurer	476-0242
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Water & Sewer Service (after-hours emergencies)	476-6613
Wastewater Treatment Plant	476-0261
Water Filtration Plant.....	476-6885

CITY HALL HOURS

Regular meetings of the City Council are held Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 6 North Main St. Barre. Times & dates are subject to change. These meetings are open to the public.

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

The City of Barre observes all state holidays except Bennington Battle Day.

The City of Barre also observes Indigenous Peoples Day.

Dates to Remember

Property Taxes Due (Installments)

Due Dates are subject to change by the City Council

September 16, 2024

November 15, 2024

February 17, 2025

May 15, 2025

August 15, 2025

November 15, 2025

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

Water & Sewer Bills Due (Quarterly)

*March 31, 2024

*June 30, 2024

*September 30, 2024

*December 31, 2024

*March 31, 2025

*June 30, 2025

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

CITY STATISTICS
2024 Annual Report

Organized as a city	March 5, 1895
Population (2020) Census	8,491
Assessed Valuation 2023 as follows, viz:	
Real Property	\$504,403,234
Assessed Valuation 2024 as follows, viz;	
Real Property	\$504,403,234
Long Term Liability	
June 30, 2019	\$18,882,496
*June 30, 2019 – Due to Granite Museum	\$164,566
June 30, 2019 – Due to Sewer Department.....	\$224,154
June 30, 2020	\$18,618,314
*June 30, 2020 – Due to Granite Museum	\$92,903
June 30, 2020 – Due to Sewer Department.....	\$174,154
June 30, 2021	\$24,112,521
*June 30, 2021 – Due to Granite Museum	\$19,191
June 30, 2021 – Due to Sewer Department.....	\$164,154
June 30, 2022	\$20,854,878
June 30, 2022 – Due to Sewer Department.....	\$149,154
+June 30, 2023	\$23,319,934
June 30, 2023 – Due to Sewer Department.....	\$0.00
June 30, 2024	\$22,317,030
June 30, 2024 – Due to Sewer Department.....	\$0.00

*The Due to Vermont Granite Museum originated from a Memorandum of Understanding dated July 12, 2001, which detailed the City’s contribution to the capital improvements of the Museum. Final payment was made to satisfy the MOU in September 2021.

+ FY23 increase due to net pension liability and financed vehicle/equipment purchases.

Statement of taxes raised
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Total Taxes to be Collected	\$18,517,316
Total Taxes Collected	\$18,517,316

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

	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Taxes Raised	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised	Tax Rate
CITY-GENERAL TAX	8,502,190	1.7283	9,007,442	1.7847	9,273,768	1.8441	9,538,855	1.8991	10,023,107	1.9871
Highway	included above		included above		included above		included above		included above	
Paving/Streets/Capital Improv.	425,000	0.0864	368,866	0.0747	380,000	0.0756	391,500	0.0779	403,245	0.0800
Sidewalk Improvements	included above		included above		included above		included above		included above	
CV Public Safety Authority##	-		26,500	0.0068	-		15,900	0.0032	-	
Barre Area Dev. Corp.			40,000	0.0096	-		-		20,482	0.0040
County Tax	39,921	0.0081	41,703	0.0100	42,305	0.0085	40,419	0.0080	43,569	0.0086
Voter Approved Assistance	159,401	0.0324	134,601	0.0283	149,601	0.0296	149,601	0.0298	149,601	0.0297
MUNICIPAL TOTAL	9,126,512	1.8552	9,619,112	1.9141	9,845,674	1.9578	10,136,275	2.0180	10,640,004	2.1094
BARRE UNIFIED UNION SU	7,362,946	1.3002	7,916,956	1.4190	7,915,584	1.4268	7,353,915	1.3187	7,731,037	1.4066
Local Agreement Rate	129,089	0.0261	118,010	0.0234	96,371	0.0191	69,992	0.0139	25,950	0.0052
SCHOOL TAX TOTAL	7,225,690	1.3263	8,034,966	1.4424	8,011,955	1.4459	7,423,907	1.3326	7,756,987	1.4118
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	16,352,202	3.1815	17,654,078	3.3565	17,857,629	3.4037	17,560,182	3.3506	18,396,991	3.5212

voters approved disbanding CV Public Safety Authority effective FY24

School tax amount determined by combining homestead & non-homestead rates as set by the VT Department of Taxes. Homestead rate: \$1.4066. Non-homestead rate: \$1.6808.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Effective February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2025

Peter Anthony (D)	25 Scampini Square
Ivana Argenti (R)	88 Camp Street
Rosemary Averill (R)	89 Tremont Street
Tabitha Best (R)	16 Spring Street
Patti Bisson (D)	8 School Street
Tim Boltin (R)	24 French Street
Amanda Gustin (D)	35 Long Street
Thomas Kelly (R)	35 Warren Street
Karen Lauzon (R)	125 Nelson Street
Lisa Liotta (D)	27 Camp Street
Brian Parker (R)	45 Hill Street
Haley E. Pero (D)	49 Hill Street
Samn Stockwell (D)	36 Elliston Street
Tess Taylor (D)	45 Granite Street
William Toborg (R)	5 Hilltop Avenue

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Effective February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2027

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

CITY OFFICERS

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OF THE
CITY OF BARRE**

ELECTED OFFICERS

– MAYOR –

HONORABLE Thom Lauzon
Term expires 2026

– COUNCILORS –

WARD I

Emel Cambel.....2025
Sonya Spaulding.....2026

WARD II

Jeff Bergeron.....2025
Amanda Gustin.....2026

WARD III

Samn Stockwell.....2025
Michael Deering II.....2026

– CLERK / TREASURER –

Cheryl Metivier
Term expires 2026

– CITY MANAGER –

Appointed by the City Council
R. Nicolas Storellicastro

–ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER –

Appointed by the City Manager
Dawn Monahan

APPOINTMENTS

City Council Staff and Liaison Appointments. Appointments in this section are not subject to the Council’s Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy.

Terms Expire 2025

<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
City Manager.....	Nicolas Storrellicastro
City Attorney.....	David Rugh, Stitzel Page & Fletcher, PC
Labor Attorney.....	J. Scott Cameron, Esq.
Director of Emergency Management	Keith Cushman
Energy Coordinator	Vacant
Health Officer.....	Nicholas Copping*
Deputy Health Officer	Arthur Young
Tax Collector.....	Cheryl Metivier
Administrative Officer for Zoning	Janet Shatney
Library Trustee Council Liaison	Councilor Teddy Waszazak
Barre Partnership Council Liaison	Councilor Michael Deering
Barre Area Development Council Liaison	Councilor Michael Deering
Acting Mayor	Councilor Samn Stockwell

**Terms July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 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.

Terms Expire 2025

<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
Assistant City Manager	Dawn Monahan
Police Chief.....	Braedon Vail
Fire Chief	Keith Cushman
Chief Inspector – Minimum Housing.....	Keith Cushman
Director - Planning, Permitting & Assessment Services	Janet Shatney
Director - Public Works	Brian Baker
Director - Facilities & Grounds.....	Tom Baker
Superintendent - Water/Wastewater Treatment	Jake Drown
Tree Warden.....	Vacant
Grants Administrator.....	Janet Shatney
Building Official.....	Janet Shatney
Assessor	Larry Martin, Martin Appraisal Services, Inc
ADA Coordinator.....	Nicolas Storrellicastro
City Social Networking Moderator	Vacant

CITY COUNCIL NON-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

Board of Health

Terms Expire 2025

**Terms expire 10/9/2025*

Appointee

Peter Anthony
Steven Micheli
Carolyn Dawes

Terms Expire 2025

<u>Position</u>	<u>Appointee</u>
CV Regional Planning Commission.....	Janet Shatney
CV Regional Planning Commission (alternate)	Vacant
CV Regional Planning Commission TAC.....	Vacant
CV Solid Waste Management District Board.....	Vacant
CV Solid Waste Management District Board (alternate)	Vacant
CV Fiber.....	Vacant
CV Fiber (alternate)	Vacant

STATUTORY BODIES APPOINTMENTS

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

Development Review Board

<u>Appointee/Seat</u>	<u>Term Expires*</u>
Linda Shambo/Ward I.....	2025
Chrysta Murray/Ward I	2027
Jayne Bauer/Ward II	2027
Sarah Helman/Ward II	2026
Katrina Pelkey/Ward III.....	2027
Colin Doolittle /Ward III.....	2026
Jessica Egerton/At-Large	2026
Kendall Schmidt/At-Large	2025
Vacant/At-Large.....	

**Members are elected to 4-year terms*

Planning Commission

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires*</u>
David Sichel.....	2025
Wendy Ducey.....	2026
Rosemary Averill.....	2026
Caitlin Corkins.....	2026
Joe Reil.....	2026
Becky Wigg.....	2025
Raylene Meunier.....	2026

**Members are elected to 3-year terms*

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS

Appointments in this section are subject to the Council’s Municipal Bodies & Appointments Policy. All terms are for 2-years, with the exception of four 3-year terms made in 2024 to stagger expirations.

Buildings & Facilities Committee

Appointee.....	Term Expires
Charlie Atwood.....	2026
Sue Higby.....	2025
Arthur Dessureau.....	2026
Richard Dente.....	2025
Brent Gagne.....	2025
Jon Valsangiacomo.....	2025
Paula Dolan.....	2026
Burnie Allen.....	2026
Matthew Flaherty.....	2026

Cemeteries Committee

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Giuliano Cecchinelli.....	2027
Ilene Gillander.....	2025
Norena Zanleoni.....	2025
Yana Walder.....	2026
BGA Liaison.....	2026
Helen Long.....	2026
Vacant.....	2027
Vacant.....	2026
Vacant.....	2026

Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Chris Russo-Fraysier	2026
Janette Shaffer	2025
Mark Martin	2026
Jim Deshler	2027
Susan McDowell	2025
Vacant	2026
Vacant	2026

Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Joelen Mulvaney	2025
Ellen Kaye	2027
William Toborg	2026
Christopher Roberts	2025
Gregory Quetel	2026
Emily Wheeler	2026
Vacant	2026
Vacant (Student)	2025
Vacant (Student)	2025

Parks & Rec Committee

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Cat Allen	2025
Haley Pero	2025
Joshua Piascik	2026
Vacant	2026
Vacant	2026

Police Advisory Committee

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bob Nelson	2025
Steve England	2026
Abby Blum	2025
Sandy Rousse	2025
Vacant	2026

Homelessness Task Force

Appointee

Term Expires

The Homelessness Task Force is dormant due to lack of membership and inability to make a quorum. The City is working on a proposal to reconstitute the body for Council's consideration.

Transportation & Public Works Committee

Appointee

Term Expires

The Transportation & Public Works Committee is dormant due to lack of membership and inability to make a quorum.

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

**Honorable Ann E. Cummings
State Senator**

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05633
E-Mail: acummings@leg.state.vt.us

**Honorable Andrew Perchlik
State Senator**

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E-Mail: aperchlik@leg.state.vt.us

**Honorable Ann Watson
State Senator**

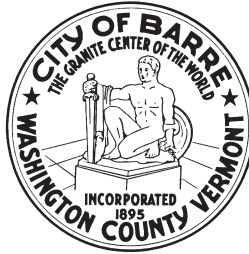
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**Honorable Michael Boutin
State Representative**

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District W 3

**Honorable Edward “Teddy” Waszazak
State Representative**

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District W 3



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAYOR

April 7, 2025

Dear Friends;

If you had told me six years ago that I would be presenting a thirteenth annual report, I would have laughed. Yet here it is. If we learned anything during the COVID years, we learned that circumstances can change quickly. When change occurs, sometimes decisions need to be revisited. Such is the case with my service as mayor. Six years ago, after twelve years of service, I stepped away from the mayor's office. I'd be lying if I said I didn't miss it at times during those six years, but overall, I was content with the decision.

Then the flooding event of July, 2023 happened. It changed many things and turned our priorities upside down, including my decision to stay on the sidelines as an observer. In the aftermath of the 2023 flood, as I successfully lobbied the Administration to rebuild a destroyed section of North Main Street, it was then that I realized that the relationships I had built during my first tenure as mayor could serve the city well during what is sure to be a multi-year rebuilding process. When the mayor's seat opened, I jumped in. I offer a sincere thank you to those who placed their trust in me. I promise to work hard for our city every day.

The next few years are not going to be easy. I know that. When I first took office in 2006, Barre was on solid ground, but needed new energy and improvements. Over my first tenure as mayor, we built housing, rebuilt our Main Street, pushed infrastructure investment to new levels and saw unprecedented private investment. With the help of many, many great people, Barre was on an upward trajectory.

That was then. This is now.

Today, we find ourselves with many of the same challenges. Unfortunately, our challenges are made much more complex by the immediate

need to replace the housing and infrastructure that we've lost over two years of devastating flooding. Looking at our needs in totality can be a bit overwhelming. Then I remind myself, you eat an elephant one bite at a time.

I'd like to outline – in no particular order - a few things that I hope we can make meaningful progress on over the next year.

The Budget. The manager has presented a responsible budget that maintains essential positions and services. As first presented to the council, the budget reflected an increase of approximately 5.87%. Acting on my suggestion, the council approved a (approximately) thirty percent increase in our annual paving budget, which resulted in a year over year tax increase of approximately 7.00%. While a seven percent municipal increase is a bit more than our initial target, our streets aren't going to pave themselves. With paving costs increasing on an annual basis, every year we level fund or underfund paving is a year that we fall further behind. I'm grateful to Manager Storrellicastro and our Department Heads for their good work on the budget and to the city council for their unanimous support of both the budget and the increased paving appropriation. Like all of you, I look forward to more smooth streets.

Flood Mitigation. If we've learned anything over the last two years, we've learned to discuss future flooding events in terms of "when", rather than "if". With flooding events occurring in July, 2023, December, 2023 and July, 2024, ignoring the threat of a future event is a luxury we don't have. Over the past seventy-five years, municipalities throughout Vermont have made the mistake of altering our watersheds and narrowing our river and stream beds. Anyone who has lived in Barre for decades knows that we're no different. Flood mitigation is expensive, uncomfortable and inconvenient. As we plan, we need to understand that meaningful mitigation will take time and will not spare every building from damage in a future event. But we need to start and we need to start now. I'm proud that we've made meaningful progress over the past year. We're working consistently with river scientists and have commissioned studies that will help us better understand how rising water flows through the rivers and streams that occupy our city. We're working with those same scientists to prioritize the most impactful land buyouts and mitigation projects. We're inventorying the location and condition of our wastewater infrastructure. We recently entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that provide for the removal of an unused railroad trestle on the North End that traps debris. Where appropriate, we'll remove sediment from our river beds

(yes, we will dredge limited areas), remove structures and widen the river channels in order to contain and control rising water. Thanks in large part to Councilor Gustin, we have a Flood Mitigation and Resiliency Plan that is reviewed and updated monthly. Some of those discussions – like the potential removal of the Berlin Street bridge – will be controversial and unpopular with some. But I will promise you two things – every decision we make will be based in science and fact and we will make meaningful progress under my watch.

The North End. North End of our city has been impacted the most by recent flooding events. In October, 2023, Governor Scott made a surprise appearance at a city council meeting in order to outline his bold vision for rebuilding the North End and to pledge his support to the city. That was eighteen months ago and we've only marginally advanced a vision for the North End. We can cite a number of reasons for the lack of progress – resources or site control for example. But that doesn't excuse our lack of planning or commitment. In my opinion, we –including I – have been complacent in our responsibility to our neighbors and friends in the North End. Over the next few months, I will convene neighborhood meetings in the North End and begin to formulate a clear vision for rebuilding the North End neighborhoods. I'm sure there will be conflicting opinions in terms of what can or should be done. Everyone will have a voice. Everyone will be heard. But I will not allow controversy or disagreement to impede progress. It's not every day that a sitting Governor attends a city council meeting and offers assistance. Let's take advantage of that generous offer.

Public Safety. We've all heard stories and read accounts of citizens who have been subjected to aggressive and / or repeated requests for money (also known as "aggressive panhandling") or other unwanted behavior in public spaces. In response to that, Manager Storrellicastro presented an ordinance entitled "Conduct In Parks and Public Spaces" to the city council. The ordinance codifies what is considered reasonable behavior. Unfortunately, the proposed ordinance did not receive the support of a majority of the council and did not advance. I believe that our city should welcome everyone to enjoy our public spaces. That said, I strongly believe that everyone should feel safe and unthreatened while doing so. Everyone. I believe those who cannot respect simple boundaries should be held accountable. I will be re-introducing this ordinance at a future council meeting and hope a majority of the council renews their support to public safety. In addition, our police chief recently requested a number of cameras in conspicuous public places so that our police department could better observe areas of the city and

provide pre-arrival intel to officers who are responding to a suspected crime. I look forward to having this discussion as well and to supporting Chief Vail.

Prospect Heights. Prospect Heights is a Planned Urban Development located in the general vicinity of Prospect Street and Country Way. This \$6m project, which has been in the planning stages for months, has received a \$2.9m North Borders Regional Commission (NBRC) grant for construction. In addition, the project is expected to receive up to \$1m through the state of Vermont (as I write this, the budget is not yet finalized). This development will support approximately eighty units of badly needed market rate, workforce and affordable housing and grow the grand list by approximately sixteen million dollars. I look forward to the permitting and construction phases of this project in the summer and fall and to bringing eighty units of housing online.

143 North Main Street. Like many projects in Barre, this one is not without controversy. But it's long overdue. Most know 143 North Main Street as "the Newberry building". It has a prominent location, it's long vacant, its maintenance is long deferred and its owners don't give a damn about me, you or our downtown. Led by then mayor Jake Hemmerick, the city council tendered an offer of \$400,000.00 for the property. That offer was soundly rejected. Enter Barre Area Development Corporation (BADC). BADC approached the city council with an offer of their own. BADC had negotiated a one-million-dollar purchase option on the property. If the city council would pledge the \$400,000.00 that they were previously willing to spend, BADC would try to raise the additional funds required to purchase the building and deed the building back to the city for redevelopment. Absent the federal funding, it's the same model the city used to develop the lot that is now home to Barre City Place. I'm grateful to BADC for taking this on, grateful to the council for appropriating the required funds and hopeful that they're successful. This site could be a great location for a four story, 50-unit residential building in the heart of our downtown. Hopefully I'm writing about that next year.

These are just a few of the projects I hope to make progress on during the coming year. I hope all of you follow them, let us know your opinions and stay involved. If we pull in the same direction, great things will happen.

In closing, I'd like to thank a few people. After all, we're only as good as we are together. To our city partners in city hall, at the public safety building, at our treatment plants and on the streets. Thank you.

We give you less than you need, but you get it done every day. I hope you feel appreciated, because you are. Thank you to the city council. We get things wrong once in a while, but we get the important things right. I appreciate each of you and your service. Thank you to our Manager, Nicolas Storellicastro. You're hardworking, honest and a genuine pleasure to work with. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to everyone who lives, works, votes and volunteers in our city. Some days as mayor are hard. Impossibly hard. It seems like every time I have one of those days, I run into someone who has something positive and uplifting to say. The depth of your devotion to our city and its residents is inspiring.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Lauzon, Mayor

FY2024 CITY MANAGER'S ANNUAL REPORT

I am pleased to present the FY24 Annual Report to the residents of Barre. This Annual Report covers July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The most significant event that occurred during the period covered by this Annual Report was the devastating flood on July 10, 2023. Over 300 properties were significantly damaged and approximately thirty property owners are currently going through a FEMA buyout process as a result of the flood. By any measure, Barre was one of the hardest hit communities and our recovery is ongoing.

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, City and 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 at FY24, there are many accomplishments for all of us to be proud of, including:

- Issued a letter of interest for the sale of an under-utilized parking lot, which has since become a Downstreet project to build 32 units in downtown Barre;
- Secured \$1 million in operational assistance from the State following the 2023 flood;
- Approved ARPA funding to re-line a 2,600 foot section of sewer along N. Main Street;
- Purchased state-of-the-art turf at the BOR to transform the building into a year-round recreational facility;
- Approved new zoning regulations to incentivize creation of accessory dwelling units;
- Created an ARPA-funded \$250,000 revolving loan fund;
- Negotiated a 3-year contract with the United Steelworkers, which represents clerical and facilities staff;
- Sold the Wheelock Building and welcomed a new business in that location; and
- Advanced plans to remove several dams in partnership with the Friends of the Winooski.

After 4 years of continuity, the City Council has welcomed some new faces. I extend a sincere congratulations to Councilors Sonya Spaulding (Ward I), Amanda Gustin (Ward II), and Jeff Bergeron (Ward II) on their elections, and to Mayor Thom Lauzon for returning to the center seat of the dais. I also extend my thank you and appreciation to former Councilors Emel Cambel, Teddy Waszazak and Michael Boutin for their years of honorable service on the City Council. Serving one's community in any capacity is a selfless act that requires tremendous dedication, and comes at the personal expense of time with family and friends.

FY24 City Budget at a Glance

Voters approved a Fiscal Year 2024 budget of \$13,728,343 at Town Meeting.

The audit of the City's finances for FY24 was completed by independent auditors in March. The City ended the fiscal year with a General Fund balance of \$431,841. General Fund revenue totaled \$13,793,345, which over-performed the budgeted revenue by \$38,395. Actual expenses totaled \$13,361,504, which underran budgeted expenses by \$400,322, primarily driven by vacancies and diligent spending post flood. Due to unbudgeted flood damage expenses and related funding, adjustments to reconcile the budget consisted of \$2,232,664 in State and Federal Flood Damage Assistance, \$486,911 in Insurance Reimbursements and Flood Damage Expenditures of (\$2,096,535). These reconciling items resulted in a FY24 Fund Balance of \$2,163,811.

The Capital Improvements Fund increased by \$361,782 in FY24, for an ending fund balance of \$2,784,946. Further, the Water Enterprise Fund ended the year with an unrestricted fund balance of \$3,718,785 (down \$10,500 from FY23) while the Sewer Enterprise Fund continues to carry a deficit balance of \$1,980,645 (up \$649,525 from FY23).

Personnel

The full time staffing level for the City in FY24 was 99 employees on June 30, 2024. The City has 3 part-time employees. We also employ seasonal employees that work in the cemetery, parks, Municipal Pool and BOR skating rink.

Appreciation

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 Assistant City Manager Dawn Monahan, 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, and Director of Public Works Brian Baker. Tom Baker (Director of Facilities & Grounds) and Jeanne Galiano (HR Administrator) joined our team in 2024 and they have already become valued members of our leadership core.

In 2024, Director of Buildings & Community Services Jeff Bergeron and Assistant Director of Buildings & Community Services/Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta, two long-time and valued members of our leadership team, retired. Jeff and Stephanie were the two individuals that many residents and out-of-town visitors may most associate with Barre, due to their role as caretakers of our recreation facilities. We are grateful for the many years of dedicated service they provided to our City and its historic buildings.

We also faced a big loss in the Clerk's Office -- Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes began her well-earned retirement in May 2024. There simply are no words to describe the value that Carol added to City Hall. She was a sounding board, mentor, and proofreader, and much more. We all miss her and are glad that she has is still local so we can continue to call her.

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). Nancy Lynch also joined the team in 2024 as an ARPA-funded Special Projects Coordinator. Roxanne Pike, my executive assistant, is the friendly and welcoming voice you hear when you call or come to the Manager's office.

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

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.

Finally, I would not be able to serve the people of Barre without the support of my loving family. There is a reason the average tenure of a City Manager is approximately 7 years – these jobs are difficult and the toll on family life is severe. My family has learned to accept that too many times, Dad is not going to be home for dinner, he's going to be interrupted by a call or text during story time, or something came up and he can't make it to soccer practice. Regardless of what happens every day at the office or at a Council meeting, I know that I have the unconditional love of my family waiting for me at home, and that is more important than anything else. I love you Allison, Maximo, and Sonny.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicolas Storrellicastro

City Manager

REPORT OF THE BARRE CITY CLERK & TREASURER

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

The Barre City Clerk’s office is the first main point of contact for residents of the City of Barre, and sometimes mistakenly, Barre Town. Our office fields an average of 50+ incoming calls daily, hundreds of emails and walk-in customers. Most are addressed within the office of helpful staff members, however, occasionally we forward calls or inquires 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;

- 84 registered births within the city
- 133 deaths within the city
- 376 dog licenses and tags were issued
- 1917 documents, consisting of 5723 pages of land records were recorded
- 62 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 the FY23-24, the Clerk presided over three (3) elections.

Election	Voter Participation
BUUSD/CVCC – Local – 3/5/2024	1392
Presidential Primary – State – 3/5/2024	1347
Annual Town Meeting – 5/14/2024	1528

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

During the 23-24FY the Staff included Clerk/Treasurer - Carol Dawes (retired 5/14/2024), Clerk/Treasurer - Cheryl Metivier (elected 5/14/2024), Sherry Chase – Assistant Treasurer, 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, 2024

DELINQUENT TAXES:

Balance of delinquent taxes June 30, 2023	\$	266,835.82
2023 August Quarter delinquent	\$	268,028.01
2023 November Quarter delinquent	\$	270,620.57
2024 February Quarter delinquent	\$	306,852.40
2024 May Quarter delinquent	\$	377,382.08
Total Delinquent Taxes	\$	1,489,718.88
Total Amount Collected from July 2023 to June 2024	\$	(1,172,809.95)
Balance	\$	316,908.93
Abated and Voids	\$	(364.32)
Assessor Changes	\$	-
BOA Abatements	\$	(13,828.62)
Tax Sale - City Bid Pmt	\$	-
Balance June 30, 2024	\$	302,715.99

DELINQUENT WATER:

Balance of Delinquent Water on June 30, 2023	\$	134,593.37
2023 September Quarter delinquent	\$	129,765.81
2023 December Quarter delinquent	\$	134,377.57
2024 March Quarter delinquent	\$	115,310.82
2024 June Quarter delinquent	\$	125,877.88
Total Delinquent Water	\$	639,925.45
Total Amount Collected from July 2023 to June 2024	\$	(478,070.63)
	\$	-
Balance	\$	161,854.82
Abated and Voids	\$	(31.22)
City Bid - Tax Sales	\$	-
	\$	-
Balance June 30, 2024	\$	161,823.60

DELINQUENT SEWER:

Balance of Delinquent Sewer on June 30, 2023	\$	97,551.80
2023 September Quarter delinque		\$ 89,547.73
2023 December Quarter delinquent	\$	92,560.10
2024 March Quarter delinquent	\$	79,591.06
2024 June Quarter delinquent	\$	88,019.66
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Total Delinquent Sewer	\$	447,270.35
T/Barre Delinquent Sewer	\$	-
Total Amount Collected from July 2023 to June 2024	\$	(322,072.63)
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	\$	-
Balance	\$	125,197.72
Abated and Voids	\$	(60.84)
City Bid - Tax Sales	\$	-
	\$	-
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Balance June 30, 2024	\$	125,136.88

DELINQUENT DEBT SERVICE:

Balance of Delinquent Debt Service on June 30, 2023	\$	673.11
2023 September Quarter delinquent	\$	665.01
2023 December Quarter delinquent	\$	591.12
2024 March Quarter delinquent	\$	517.23
2024 June Quarter delinquent	\$	369.45
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	\$	-
Total Delinquent Debt Service	\$	2,815.92
Total Amount Collected from July 2023 to June 2024	\$	(2,384.25)
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	\$	-
Balance	\$	431.67
Abated and Voids	\$	(0.04)
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Balance June 30, 2024	\$	431.63

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 March 2023, Barre City voters approved the General Fund Budget of \$13,728,343 for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. FY24 revenues came in ahead of budget by \$38,395. The Civic Center facilities saw an increase in rental revenues and fees such as meters and parking permits revenue came in ahead of budget. In addition, interest income generated more revenue than anticipated. However, property taxes were under collected for the fiscal year by \$310,381. That revenue will be recognized in the period it is collected. The City recognized vacancy savings being unable to fill the Associate Planner position, as well as several Police Department positions. Total FY24 General Fund expenditures were \$13,361,504, which were under budget by \$400,322. However, the financial impacts of the July 2023 flood affected the bottom line, as there is a timing difference between making the repairs and recouping the money from FEMA. The financial impacts to FY24 general fund were (\$426,960). 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 are assigned to reduce the property taxes in FY25. General Fund ended with a fund balance net change of \$1,054,881, due to the timing of receiving the State of Vermont funds. This netted a surplus fund balance of \$2,163,811. 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 Heather Grandfield, Payroll Clerk Gretchen Stigall, Sr. Accounting Clerk Cheryl Metivier, Human Resource Administrator Rikk Taft, and myself. Our office is located in Alumni Hall and is open M-F 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., with the exception of being closed from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. for lunch.

Fiscal year 2024 Finance Department highlights include:

- Payroll Clerk Heather Grandfield resigned from her position in November.
- Cheryl Metivier vacated her position in the Finance Department in May as she was elected Clerk/Treasurer for the City.
- Gretchen Stigall was hired in June as a Payroll Clerk.
- FY24 audit did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that the auditors considered material weaknesses. This is a true testament to the hard work and attention to detail of not only the finance department but of all the Barre City employees.
- The audit was completed and received in time for publishing a portion in the annual report. You can find the full audit report on the City's website: <https://www.barrecity.org/document-library.html>



Dawn Monahan, *Director of Finance*

CITY EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION
Fiscal Year 2024-2025
Employee Earnings Over \$300.00

	BASE	OT	SPECIAL	TOTAL
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE				
Bramman, Kathryn H	67,082.39	22.04		67,104.43
DEPT TOTAL	67,082.39	22.04		67,104.43
CEMETERY DEPT				
Bullard, Don A	67,548.18	37.36		67,585.54
Gillander, Ilene R	1,950.00			1,950.00
Isabelle, Jeffrey D	6,493.50			6,493.50
Isabelle, Pierre D	15,035.00	60.00		15,095.00
Lewis, Brady R	1,192.50			1,192.50
Mahoney, Brandyn A	20,660.00	427.50		21,087.50
Manning, Jeffrey C	5,820.00			5,820.00
Markham, Clifton C	13,885.00			13,885.00
McTigue, Peter J	14,232.81	401.01		14,633.82
O'Grady, Peter L	3,851.00			3,851.00
Winters, Anthony E	558.00			558.00
DEPT TOTAL	151,225.99	925.87		152,151.86
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE				
Baker, Ann M	3,163.50			3,163.50
Jacobs, Adam	6,378.75			6,378.75
Kirby, Kristopher J	42,000.00			42,000.00
Pike, Roxanne L	43,515.00			43,515.00
Starr, Ryan H	8,194.96			8,194.96
Storellicastro, Nicolas R	125,266.91			125,266.91
Taft, Francis R	85,812.31			85,812.31
Taylor, Therese M	40,800.00			40,800.00
DEPT TOTAL	355,131.43			355,131.43
ENGINEER'S OFFICE				
Ahearn, William E	18,370.80			18,370.80
Baker, Brian L	106,444.80			106,444.80
DeRose, TJ T	71,552.00			71,552.00
Seaver, Debbie L	64,645.47	56.52		64,701.99
DEPT TOTAL	261,013.07	56.52		261,069.59

	BASE	OT	SPECIAL	TOTAL
BUILDINGS & COMMUNITY SVCS				
Bergeron, Jeffrey R	110,886.32			110,886.32
Carminati Jr, Joel F	60,383.48	3,989.70		64,373.18
Collins, April M	53,687.32	1,875.79		55,563.11
Hastings III, Clark H	53,503.48	1,843.01		55,346.49
Murphy, Carson	8,600.00	129.01		8,729.01
Murphy, Michael T	51,370.36	2,699.17	1,209.91	55,279.44
Parker, Rowdie Y	21,319.20	151.20		21,470.40
Pullman, David L	58,308.44	252.30		58,560.74
DEPT TOTAL	418,058.60	10,940.18	1,209.91	430,208.69
CLERK'S OFFICE				
Chase, Sherry L	60,108.10	354.30		60,462.40
Dawes, Carolyn S	4,137.60			4,137.60
Martineau, Brenda J	53,511.06	351.57		53,862.63
Rivard, Sylvie R	59,034.57			59,034.57
DEPT TOTAL	176,791.33	705.87		177,497.20
FINANCE DEPT				
Grandfield, Heather L	23,743.89	157.02		23,900.91
Metivier, Cheryl A	56,611.37	256.26		56,867.63
Monahan, Dawn M	114,554.01			114,554.01
Stigall, Gretchen F	2,790.32			2,790.32
DEPT TOTAL	197,699.59	413.28		198,112.87
FIRE DEPT				
Aldsworth, Joseph G	96,184.80	2,554.93	1,335.90	100,075.63
Bennington, William A	59,221.20	16,958.95	293.41	76,473.56
Benson, Nicholas J	71,999.04	13,195.70		85,194.74
Blackshaw, Brook W	64,154.86	26,929.58	539.33	91,623.77
Brault, Marcel T	41,241.36	3,087.11		44,328.47
Brown, Anderson C	66,003.90	46,334.67	626.27	112,964.84
Cetin, Matthew J	79,702.36	22,200.06	153.36	102,055.78
Charbonneau, Michael J	80,004.80	29,070.00		109,074.80
Copping, Nicholas R	85,677.01	19,167.41	218.70	105,063.12
Cruger, Eric J	71,024.28	21,273.34	136.85	92,434.47
Cushman, Brian K	106,537.20			106,537.20
Cyr, Christopher M	72.00			72.00
Farnham, Brian D	79,516.26	13,917.00	166.92	93,600.18
Forsell, Christopher A	23,043.35	2,465.50		25,508.85

	BASE	OT	SPECIAL	TOTAL
Hayden, Gregory William	55,357.73	9,949.21	522.53	65,829.47
Haynes, William	104.00			104.00
Morrison, Camden A	63,744.62	13,394.58		77,139.20
Poirier, Holden R	67,705.88	12,732.11		80,437.99
Rubalcaba, David T	73,485.66	10,034.34		83,520.00
Strassberger, Kirk E	62,744.51	10,519.77		73,264.28
Tillinghast, Zachary M	78,444.96	23,511.22		101,956.18
Ward, James O	1,144.00			1,144.00
Young, Arthur D	47,840.00			47,840.00
DEPT TOTAL	1,374,953.78	297,295.48	3,993.27	1,676,242.53

PLANNING/ZONING DEPT

LaBarge-Burke, Michelle J	55,120.00	1,321.72		56,441.72
Shatney, Janet E	84,155.28			84,155.28
DEPT TOTAL	139,275.28	1,321.72		140,597.00

POLICE DEPT

Amaral, Anthony C	2,772.41	17.93		2,790.34
Baril, James A	80,826.02	27,508.80	4,918.57	113,253.39
Bombardier, Timothy J	18,416.58			18,416.58
Carbonneau, Jennifer J	1,176.00			1,176.00
Clark, Kailyn C	58,132.01	3,778.72		61,910.73
Degreeen, Catherine I	72,148.36	11,160.00		83,308.36
Durgin, Steven J	80,931.97	13,174.14	866.03	94,972.14
Eastman Jr, Larry E	102,764.81			102,764.81
Fecher, Jesse T	62,601.17	11,253.70	411.49	74,266.36
Fleury, Jason	80,136.32	20,850.46	5,695.38	106,682.16
Frey, Jacob D	75,939.90	38,504.68	1,824.72	116,269.30
Gaylord, Amos R	77,698.03	32,883.66	428.88	111,010.57
Hedin, Laura T	72,451.68	125.34		72,577.02
Hoar, Brian W	78,679.10	29,924.38	3,659.45	112,262.93
Houle, Jonathan S	85,643.34	19,744.99	179.91	105,568.24
Kuras, Sarah V	58,135.69	4,780.79	119.52	63,036.00
Lewis, Brittany L	68,992.64	21,165.83		90,158.47
Lowe, Robert L	68,906.49	37,202.18	390.84	106,499.51
Machia, Delphia L	55,501.39			55,501.39
McGowan, James R	72,399.72	60,887.12		133,286.84
Morse, Bradley P	9,667.90			9,667.90
Mott, John C	21,512.24			21,512.24
Murphy, Brianna E	3,380.47			3,380.47

	BASE	OT	SPECIAL	TOTAL
Parshley, Tonia C	810.45			810.45
Pierce, Joel M	20,283.30			20,283.30
Pouliot, Brooke L	59,488.00			59,488.00
Pretty, Alyssa A	57,529.93	12,677.88		70,207.81
Protzman, Todd A	29,325.00			29,325.00
Reale, Michael R	67,937.23	9,519.59	143.69	77,600.51
Rubalcaba, David T		9,154.92		9,154.92
Russell, Paula L	68,610.96	7,979.38		76,590.34
Ryan, Patty, L	73,798.81	20,801.62		94,600.43
Ryan, Robert E	1,195.02			1,195.02
Stacey, Chad A	1,350.36			1,350.36
Tucker, Randall L	82,303.01	21,923.68	1,117.05	105,343.74
Vail, Braedon S	111,467.20			111,467.20
DEPT TOTAL	1,882,913.51	415,019.79	19,755.53	2,317,688.83

RECREATION DEPT

Aldrich, Brady A	3,258.79			3,258.79
Bishop, Braedyn	518.50			518.50
Cetin, Mattie	1,192.25	163.88		1,356.13
Chamberlin, Alayna G	2,331.25			2,331.25
Dean, Hannah R	543.26			543.26
Folland, Natalie A	4,027.00			4,027.00
Greaves, Sydney	272.00			272.00
Groff, Nathan	297.50			297.50
Heine, Samantha L	1,670.63			1,670.63
Mundo, Jalona	688.50			688.50
Packer, Caitlin M	2,328.44			2,328.44
Putney, Peyton C	721.21			721.21
Quaranta, Stephanie L	111,435.80			111,435.80
Ricciarelli, Damian	1,778.83			1,778.83
Roya, Briony	599.25			599.25
Scribner, Preston E	1,745.71			1,745.71
Spaulding, EmilyGrace L	675.50			675.50
Trader, Noah	501.50			501.50
Tuper-Giles, Jeffrey M	1,726.57			1,726.57
Wasmer, Kylie J	1,040.15			1,040.15
DEPT TOTAL	137,352.64	163.88		137,516.52

	BASE	OT	SPECIAL	TOTAL
STREET DEPT				
Abare, Lance R	58,322.04	612.81		58,934.85
Benjamin, Kenneth S	65,973.52	1,202.26		67,175.78
Boudreault, Nicholas J	6,783.57	988.88		7,772.45
Demell, William M	60,050.92	3,492.11		63,543.03
Dexter, Donnel A	74,351.89	8,118.39		82,470.28
Dodge, Shawn M	57,321.81	1,249.07		58,570.88
French, Richard B	55,357.12	8,100.95		63,458.07
Herring, Jamie L	62,287.33	7,717.08		70,004.41
Hood, James R	35,220.39	815.84		36,036.23
Larrabee, David M	53,941.99	1,282.14		55,224.13
Morris, Scott	67,233.54	969.61		68,203.15
Rawson, Joseph A	4,657.10			4,657.10
Southworth, Norwood J	44,714.67	22.23		44,736.90
Stanley, Gavin P	37,431.65	2,124.75		39,556.40
Tucker, Russell W	69,030.97	8,105.73		77,136.70
Webster, James P	50,976.91	1,182.96		52,159.87
DEPT TOTAL	803,655.42	45,984.81		849,640.23
SEWER DEPT				
Cassini II, Mario E	48,451.99	3,874.39		52,326.38
Gilbert, David P	57,860.39	1,609.48		59,469.87
Hoyt, Everett J	68,578.86	1,497.02		70,075.88
DEPT TOTAL	174,891.24	6,980.89		181,872.13
WATER DEPT				
Avery, Carroll A	58,067.72	1,821.95		59,889.67
Kelly Jr, Joseph E	61,431.63	4,196.03		65,627.66
Noack, Rodney	51,534.41	964.25		52,498.66
Placey-Noyes, Tyler C	40,098.46	6,642.22		46,740.68
Smith, Clint P	67,534.00	280.77		67,814.77
Smith, Michael P	57,417.19	459.38		57,876.57
DEPT TOTAL	336,083.41	14,364.60		350,448.01
WATER PLANT				
Drown, Jacob D	84,506.42	11,779.99		96,286.41
Kosakowski, Joshua D	66,707.20	11,276.49		77,983.69
Martel, Joell J	73,155.02	7,329.43		80,484.45
DEPT TOTAL	224,368.64	30,385.91		254,754.55

	BASE	OT	SPECIAL	TOTAL
WASTEWATER PLANT				
Folsom, Justin R	2,699.20	518.15		3,217.35
Guyette, Brandon L	69,367.10	17,078.50		86,445.60
Lane, Zebulyn M	65,877.08	13,571.01		79,448.09
Maloney, Jason F	73,951.42	8,590.60		82,542.02
DEPT TOTAL	211,894.80	39,758.26		251,653.06
ELECTED OFFICIALS				
Cambel, Ayse E	1,000.00			1,000.00
Dawes, Carolyn S	72,312.32			72,312.32
Deering, Michael B	1,000.00			1,000.00
Hemmerick, Jacob M	1,750.00			1,750.00
Metivier, Cheryl A	6,969.60			6,969.60
Stockwell, Samn	1,000.00			1,000.00
Waszazak III, Edward C	1,000.00			1,000.00
DEPT TOTAL	85,031.92			85,031.92
REPORT TOTALS:	6,997,423.04	864,339.10	24,958.71	7,886,720.85

FY 24 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 FY24 were \$772,849, up \$25,639 from \$747,210 in FY23. Enterprise fund overtime expenses in FY24 were \$91,490, up \$24,337 from \$67,153 in FY23. Special projects overtime labor expended in FY24 was \$24,959, down \$2,075 from \$27,034 in FY23.

These FY24 overtime costs were substantially offset by \$655,950 in revenue generated principally by ambulance billings, auditorium custodial fees, and police/fire special details.

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.

Recreation Department. There was no compensated overtime expended in this department, principally because the staff director is salaried and any necessary overtime is uncompensated. In addition, the seasonal workers at the pool and BOR skate guards rarely, if ever, are assigned overtime work.

*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 municipal auditorium on Auditorium Hill on the 13th day of May, 2025 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 Wards will meet for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot one Councilor for each of the Wards as follows:

Ward 1: 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 \$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?

ARTICLE II

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

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.

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.**

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 **audit**, 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~~] **ten** percent of the City **general fund** budget **expenses for the most recent voter-approved fiscal year**. Any amount remaining in excess of [~~five percent in the City budget~~] **such amount** must be used in the subsequent budget to [~~cut~~] **reduce** the tax rate.

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?

Barre Area Senior Center	\$7,500
Barre Partnership – Heritage Festival	\$5,000
Capstone Community Action, Inc. (FKA CVCAC)	\$3,000
Central VT Adult Education (Barre Learning Center)	\$7,700
Central VT Council on Aging/RSVP	\$18,000
Central VT Home Health & Hospice	\$28,000
Circle (formerly Battered Women’s Shelter & Services)	\$2,000
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$1,500
Elevate Youth Services (formerly WashCo Youth Services Bureau)	\$5,000
Family Center of Washington County	\$3,500
Good Samaritan Haven	\$1,500
Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	\$2,500
OUR House of Central VT	\$500
People’s Health & Wellness Clinic	\$3,000
Rainbow Bridge Community Center	\$3,000
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$1,000
Washington County Diversion Program	\$2,500
Washington County Mental Health	\$10,000

ARTICLE VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

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

Adopted and approved by the Barre City Council on April 8, 2025.

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Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk

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Independent Auditor's Report

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Barre, Vermont, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Barre, Vermont's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Barre, Vermont, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Barre, Vermont and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note I.F. to the financial statements, in 2024, the City adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 100, "Accounting Changes and Error Corrections", an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

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City of Barre, Vermont

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Barre, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards" will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and "Government Auditing Standards", we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Barre, Vermont's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Barre, Vermont's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

City of Barre, Vermont

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 15, the budgetary comparison information on Schedule 1, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on Schedule 2 and the Schedule of Contributions on Schedule 3 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Barre, Vermont's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. "Code of Federal Regulations" Part 200, "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards", is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Barre, Vermont's basic financial statements. The combining fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion or provide any assurance on them.

City of Barre, Vermont

Other Reporting Required by “Government Auditing Standards”

In accordance with “Government Auditing Standards”, we have also issued our report dated March 20, 2025, on our consideration of the City of Barre, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Barre, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with “Government Auditing Standards” in considering the City of Barre, Vermont’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Sullivan, Powers & Co.

March 20, 2025
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CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024

As management of the City of Barre, we offer readers of the City's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The purpose of the management discussion and analysis is to (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, (b) provide an overview of the City's financial activity, (c) identify changes in the City's financial position, (d) identify any material deviations from the financial plan (the approved budget), and (e) identify individual fund issues or concerns.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Government-wide Statements (refer to Exhibits A and B)

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the City of Barre exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the fiscal year by \$52,687,638 (total net position). Of this amount, a combined unrestricted net position is a surplus of \$1,307,117 and \$3,614,456 represent resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.
- The City's total net position increased by \$1,803,910. Of this amount, net position of the governmental activities increased by \$1,785,204 and net position attributable to business-type activities increased by \$18,706.
- The City's total outstanding long-term debt decreased by \$960,003 during the current fiscal year, comprised of \$603,721 of new debt and \$1,563,724 in principal payments and debt forgiveness.

Fund Financial Statements (refer to Exhibit C, F, Schedule 4 and 12)

- Governmental funds contain many funds including General, Capital Improvement, Special Funds and Non-Major Funds.
 - Capital Improvement Fund – includes Streets, Sidewalks, and Capital Equipment Funds.
 - Special Fund – includes Re-appraisal, Donations, American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Opioid Settlement Funds, Russell Funds, Records Retention, and Grant funds.
 - Non-Major Governmental Funds – include Community Development, Police Special Revenues, Recreation Programs, Semprebon, TIF, Shade Tree Improvement, BOR Turf, and Cemetery Funds.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the City's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$8,300,863, an increase of \$2,019,536 in comparison with the prior year.
- The General Fund fund balance increased by \$1,054,881 in FY24. This was mainly due to the timing of the State Budget Adjustment Act Allocation. The City was also able to recognize vacancy savings, as the Permit Administrator position is still vacant, as well as several Police Department positions.
- The Capital Improvement Fund had an ending fund balance of \$2,784,946 of which \$2,369,343 is restricted for bond-approved projects, lease financing equipment purchases, and street and sidewalk reconstruction, capital equipment and capital improvement needs, \$341,192 is committed for capital improvement expenditures, \$9,200 is non-spendable inventory, leaving an assigned balance of \$65,211 to be used for capital improvement expenditures.
- The Special Fund fund balance increased by \$247,494 leaving an ending fund balance of \$996,805. This increase is mainly attributable to the receipt of opioid settlement funding, receipt of funding from a new donation fund, and interest earned on ARPA funds. While this fund balance increased in total, \$433,472 is restricted in large for records restoration, Civic Center improvements, and combating the opioid crisis, \$563,333 is assigned mainly for reappraisal expenses.
- The Non-Major Governmental Funds had a current year net change of \$355,379 leaving an ending fund balance of \$2,355,301. Of which, \$834,306 is Non-Expendable Cemetery Trust Funds, \$1,492,573 is restricted by external sources, and \$28,422 is assigned for Shade Tree Improvements and BOR Turf Expenditures.
- The Water Fund had a current year increase of \$430,808.
- The Sewer Fund operating expenses continue to exceed the revenues, resulting a current year loss of (\$412,102).

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements, presented in three sections: government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. In addition, this report also contains required supplementary information such as a general fund budget to actual comparison and combining financial statements.

The financial activities of the government unit are recorded in funds. A fund, generally, is a separate set of books for each major activity. Fund financial statements report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the City's most significant funds. There are two main operations referred to as general governmental activities, which are accounted for primarily in the general fund and supported in large part by property tax revenues, and business-type activities, which are supported by user fees, and are recorded in enterprise funds.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a general overview of the operations of the City presenting all data on the full accrual basis. There are two statements presented at the government-wide level: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Within each of these statements, the governmental activities are presented separately from the business-type activities. The governmental activities reflect the City's basic services; including general government, public safety, public works, community development, culture and recreation, and cemetery. The business-type activities of the City include the water and sewer fund.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the City's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities reports how the City's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused leave).

The government-wide financial statements include not only the City itself (referred to as the primary government), but also other legally separate entities for which the City is financially accountable (referred to as component units). During the period under audit, the City was not responsible for any entities that qualify as component units.

The government-wide financial statements can be found in Exhibits A and B.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a group of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate finance-related legal compliance. The funds of the City are segregated into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Governmental funds focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine financial resources that are available to finance the City's programs in the near future.

The City maintains three major governmental funds; the General Fund, the Capital Improvement Fund, and the Special Fund. In addition to this, the City maintains a number of Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds and Permanent Funds which do not qualify as major funds. These funds are consolidated into the column title Non-Major Governmental Funds. Combining financial statements containing more detailed information on these funds may be found on Schedules 4 through 13.

The governmental fund financial statements can be found in Exhibits C through E. The City adopts an annual budget for its general fund. Schedule 1 is a budget to actual comparison statement demonstrating compliance with the adopted budget.

Proprietary funds account for a government's business-type activities. There are two types of proprietary funds: enterprise funds and internal service funds. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The City maintains two enterprise funds; the Water Fund and Sewer Fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among various functions. The City has no internal service funds at this time.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information for the Water and Sewer Funds. The proprietary fund financial statements may be found in Exhibits F through H.

Fiduciary funds account for resources for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the programs of the City. The fiduciary fund financial statements of the City can be found in Exhibit I & J.

Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statement. The notes serve to explain, clarify, and expand upon the financial data presented in the financial statements. The notes are found immediately following the financial statements.

Supplementary information including a budgetary comparison statement for the general fund can be found immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with non-major governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Assets:						
Cash, Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents, Investments,						
Deposits held by Escrow Agent	\$ 12,338,966	\$ 10,257,581	\$ 1,514,692	\$ 1,655,399	\$ 13,853,658	\$ 11,912,980
Receivables, Net	1,936,579	979,801	2,490,155	1,563,383	4,426,734	2,543,184
Other Assets	(11,009)	(955,959)	597,974	1,722,068	586,965	766,109
Capital Assets	35,412,838	35,837,677	25,426,536	25,263,497	60,839,374	61,101,174
Total Assets	49,677,374	46,119,100	30,029,357	30,204,347	79,706,731	76,323,447
Deferred Outflow of Resources	1,611,779	2,014,107	213,058	254,563	1,824,837	2,268,670
Liabilities:						
Other Liabilities	5,200,292	3,509,972	1,005,359	686,352	6,205,651	4,196,324
Non-Current Liabilities	13,182,810	13,614,270	9,134,220	9,704,215	22,317,030	23,318,485
Total Liabilities	18,383,102	17,124,242	10,139,579	10,390,567	28,522,681	27,514,809
Deferred Inflow of Resources	283,741	171,859	37,508	21,721	321,249	193,580
Net Position:						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,438,877	29,529,694	18,327,188	17,669,457	47,766,065	47,199,151
Restricted	3,614,456	2,312,743	-	-	3,614,456	2,312,743
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(431,023)	(1,005,331)	1,738,140	2,377,165	1,307,117	1,371,834
Total Net Position	\$ 32,622,310	\$ 30,837,106	\$ 20,065,328	\$ 20,046,622	\$ 52,687,638	\$ 50,883,728

As noted above, net position serves as a useful indicator of a government's financial position over time. At the end of the fiscal year, the City's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$52,687,638. The City's total net position is split between governmental activities of \$32,622,310 and business-type activities net position of \$30,837,106.

The largest portion of the City's net position, 90.7%, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, equipment and infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)) less any related, outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The City uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the City's investment in its capital assets is reported net of the outstanding related debt, the resources needed to repay that debt must be provided by other sources, since the capital assets cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

\$3,614,456 (6.9%) of the City's net position is restricted. These assets are subject to external restrictions on their use. The remaining is unrestricted surplus of \$1,307,117.

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	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Revenues & Transfers:						
Program Revenues:						
Charges for Services	\$ 1,922,233	\$ 1,776,874	\$ 5,904,016	\$ 6,000,674	\$ 7,826,249	\$ 7,777,548
Operating Grants & Contributions	3,171,566	1,690,594	428,024	37,500	3,599,590	1,728,094
Capital Grants & Contributions	473,738	164,303	25,350	52,665	499,088	216,968
General Revenues:						
Property & Local Option Taxes	12,118,872	11,365,103	-	-	12,118,872	11,365,103
Other	1,166,431	164,774	21,502	67,916	1,187,933	232,690
Total Revenues & Transfers	18,852,840	15,161,648	6,378,892	6,158,755	25,231,732	21,320,403
Expenses:						
General Government	2,053,089	2,139,942	-	-	2,053,089	2,139,942
Public Safety	7,039,363	6,986,593	-	-	7,039,363	6,986,593
Public Works	6,019,679	3,144,212	-	-	6,019,679	3,144,212
Culture and Recreation	1,228,208	1,159,883	-	-	1,228,208	1,159,883
Community Development	205,230	1,121,501	-	-	205,230	1,121,501
Cemetery	282,232	278,911	-	-	282,232	278,911
Interest on Long-term Debt	239,835	229,677	-	-	239,835	229,677
Water	-	-	2,695,397	2,660,219	2,695,397	2,660,219
Sewer	-	-	3,664,789	3,131,824	3,664,789	3,131,824
Total Expenses	17,067,636	15,060,719	6,360,186	5,792,043	23,427,822	20,852,762
Increase in Net Position	1,785,204	100,929	18,706	366,712	1,803,910	467,641
Beginning Net Position	30,837,106	30,736,177	20,046,622	19,679,910	50,883,728	50,416,087
Ending Net Position	\$ 32,622,310	\$ 30,837,106	\$ 20,065,328	\$ 20,046,622	\$ 52,687,638	\$ 50,883,728

Governmental activities

Governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$1,803,910 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Key elements of the change are as follows:

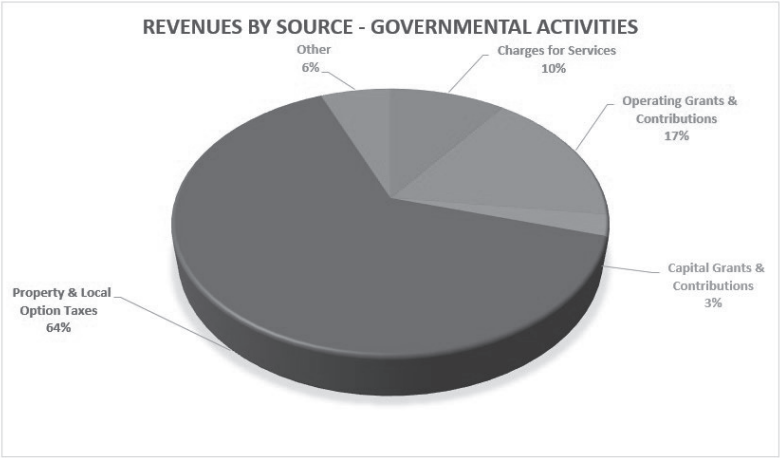
Total governmental revenues increased by 24.35% or \$3,691,192 from 2023 to 2024. This was driven by an increase in property taxes, charges for services, and grants and contributions increased significantly from the prior year.

Property and local option tax revenues increased 6.63% or \$753,769 from the previous year as a result of an increase of 4.53% in the property tax rate to \$2.1094 per \$100 of assessed value from \$2.0180 in 2023.

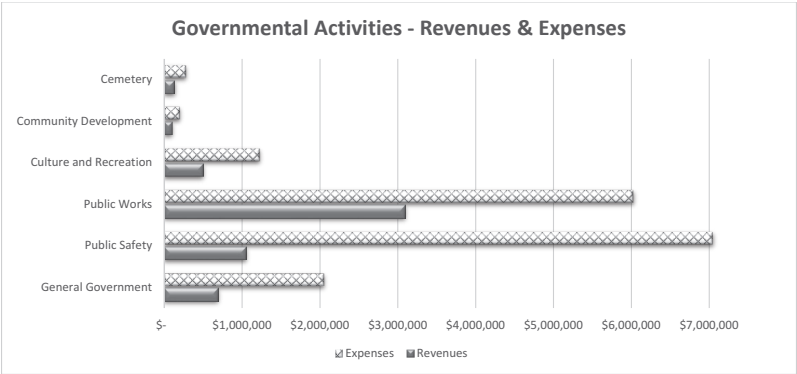
Total governmental activities' expenses increased by 13.33% or \$2,006,917 from 2023 to 2024. Public safety remains the largest category of expenses year over year. Public safety expenses at the end of 2024 were \$7,039,363, which is an increase of .76% or \$52,770. Public works department expenditures increased significantly, \$2,875,467 or 91.45% year over year due to the July 2023 flood.

The majority of revenue for governmental activities comes from property and local option taxes; 64% of total revenue or \$12,118,872. Operating Grants & Contributions are the second largest category of revenue at 17% of total revenue or \$3,171,566. The following graph shows the distribution of governmental revenues by source.

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The following chart shows how major programs are funded. The revenues included in this graph are program specific revenues such as user fees, capital grants, and operating grants. General revenues such as property revenues and interest earnings are excluded. This chart indicates that program revenues do not support program expenses requiring property taxes to pay for the bulk of the expenses.

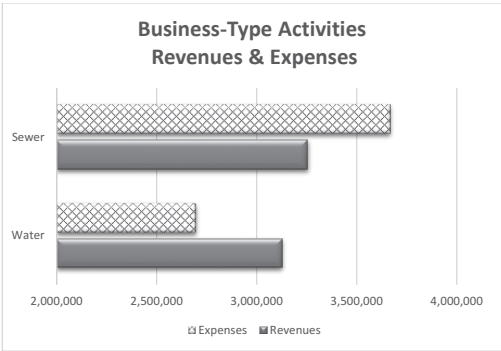


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Business-type activities (Water and Sewer Funds):

Business-type activities increased the City’s net position by \$18,706 during the current fiscal year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

- Sewer Fund was (\$412,102) short of covering their expenditures with charges for services. Charges for services include user fees, including Barre Town, penalties, and connection fees. Operating expenses increased 17.02% or \$532,965. Sewer response and repairs are continuing to increase in frequency as our system ages, specifically repairs to the wastewater treatment plant.
- Water Fund ended FY24 with a change in net position of \$430,808, making the total net position of \$12,607,258. Of that total, \$8,888,473 reflects the investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt used to acquire or construct those assets and \$3,718,785 is unrestricted.



Business-type activities are accounted for in the same manner that businesses account for operations. It is necessary that revenues, operating and non-operating, plus retained earnings meet or exceed expenses to continue to operate. The graph above demonstrates that during the fiscal year expenses exceeded revenues in the sewer department and the revenues exceeded the expenses in the water department.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY’S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the City of Barre uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Information presented and discussed in this section is specific to the fund financial statements.

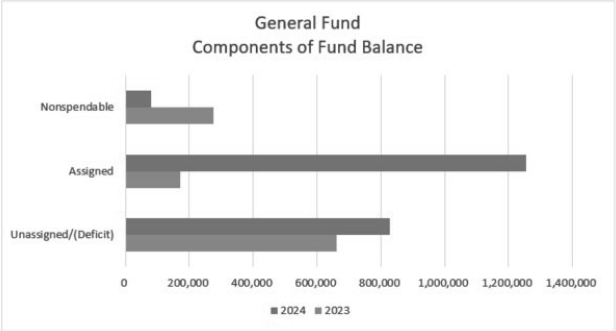
Governmental Funds

The focus of the City’s governmental funds is to provide information on current year revenue, expenditures, and balances of spendable resources. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government’s net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

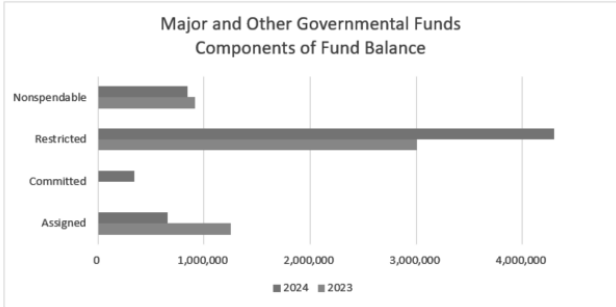
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At June 30, 2024, the City’s governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$8,300,863, an increase 32.15% or \$2,019,536 in comparison with the prior fiscal year. The unassigned fund balance is \$828,420, which is an increase of 25.17% or \$166,606 from the prior fiscal year. The remainder of the fund balance is either nonspendable \$923,238, restricted for particular purposes \$4,295,388, committed for specific purposes \$341,192, or assigned by the City for specific purposes \$1,912,625. The components of each category are detailed in Footnote IV. L. Fund Balances.

The general fund is the chief operating fund of the City. At the end of the fiscal year, total fund balance in the general fund was \$2,163,811, an increase of \$1,054,881 from the previous year. Of this amount, \$79,732 is in nonspendable form (prepaid expenses and inventory). Of the remaining amount, \$828,420 is the fund unassigned balance.



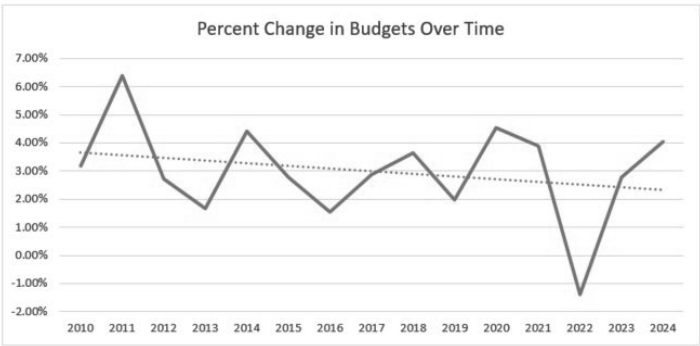
In the governmental funds other than the general fund, the most noteworthy change to the fund balance is a \$1,289,959 increase in the restricted fund balance of \$4,295,388. The capital improvement fund increased its restricted fund balance by \$849,246 and non-major governmental funds increased its restricted fund balance by \$358,670.



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GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS:

The City’s budget for the year ended June 30, 2024 passed on the first vote in March of 2023. There were no budget amendments made during the year. The City’s FY24 general fund budget total \$13,728,343 increased 4.05% from FY23. Actual results on the year were an increase of \$1,054,881. Revenues came in ahead of budget by .28% or \$38,395. The City continues to be impacted by the nationwide labor shortage and struggled to fill key city positions such as a Permit Administrator and Police Officers. Although not desired, this impact resulted in vacancy savings allowing for the expenditures to be underspent by 2.91% or \$400,322. The July 2023 flood damages and timing of FEMA and State reimbursements also impacted the general fund as those costs were unbudgeted for. That amounted to (\$426,960) net reduction to the general fund. The State of Vermont allocated the City \$1,050,000 as part of their FY24 Budget Adjustment Act. As a result, there was a net increase of \$1,054,881 to the fund balance.



CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

Barre City’s investment in capital assets for its governmental and business–type activities as of June 30, 2024, totaled \$60,839,374 (net of accumulated depreciation). These assets include land, works of art, construction in progress, building and facilities, vehicles, machinery and equipment, furniture, infrastructure, cemetery developments, and distribution and collection systems. The City’s combined investment in capital assets increased in FY24 by \$3,071,024. Combined depreciation for the fiscal year is \$3,047,428. With the City disposing of assets totaling \$285,396, net of accumulated depreciation, and the combined accumulated depreciation exceeding the combined investment in capital assets, caused a net decrease in capital assets of \$261,800.

Major capital asset transactions during the year included the following additions:

- Vehicles and equipment purchased in FY24 consisted of the following: Police Department – Ford Interceptor; Fire Department – Rescue Tools; Streets Department – Two (2) John Deere Loaders, Two (2) Bobcats, Two (2) Message Signs, Stonex Navigation System, Motorola Radio System; Facilities - Bobcat; BOR – Turf; Parks – Garfield Playground Structure; Public Safety Building – Two (2) Boilers; City Hall – Carrier Rooftop AC Unit; Water – VFD Pump, SCADA Upgrade, Motorola Radio System; Sewer – Motorola Radio System, North End Pump Station, Spectrophotometer, Gearbox, Yaskawa VFDS & Hach DO Probes.

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- Infrastructure additions: Paving: Bank St., Cable St., Churchhill St., Farwell St., Phelps Pl., Pleasant St., S. Main St., Warrant St.
- Land Purchases: Duffy Ave. Property
- Buildings & Building Improvements: Old PD Space Renovation, N. Main St. Walk Thru – Roof repairs
- Water Main Lines: Berlin St., Merchant/Maple, Metro Way
- Sewer Main Lines: Merchant/Maple, Merchant/Warren St., Cable St., Cassie St.; Brooklyn St. Syphon Access Rd.
- Construction in progress: DPW Campus, Metro-Way Bike Path, Two (2) Chassis for Dump Trucks, Cassie St. Stormwater, Onward St. Paving & Shim, Grace/Hill St. ML, 302 Water Main Project, West Hill Tank, Cobble Hill Transmission Line, WWTP Pumps, WWTP Headworks Project

Major capital asset transactions during the year include the following deletions:

- Vehicle and equipment deletions included: Fire Safety Tools, Two (2) John Deere Loaders, Three (3) Bobcats
- Buildings & Building Improvements: Wheelock Building
- Land: 22 Hill St., Wheelock

The Streets Department transferred a bobcat to the Facilities Department.

	Summary of Capital Assets					
	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total Government	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Capital Assets:						
Land	3,536,836	3,531,836	319,011	319,011	3,855,847	3,850,847
Works of Art	308,184	308,184	-	-	308,184	308,184
Construction in Progress	386,986	141,681	387,721	1,327,232	774,707	1,468,913
Buildings and Building Improvements	11,577,999	11,482,815	459,559	459,559	12,037,558	11,942,374
Vehicles, Machinery, Equipment and Furniture	9,539,300	8,934,355	3,627,922	2,071,416	13,167,222	11,005,771
Infrastructure	34,084,256	33,600,032	-	-	34,084,256	33,600,032
Cemetery Developments	823,929	823,929	-	-	823,929	823,929
Distribution and Collection Systems	-	-	40,246,584	39,812,843	40,246,584	39,812,843
	60,257,490	58,822,832	45,040,797	43,990,061	105,298,287	102,812,893
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(24,844,652)	(22,985,155)	(19,614,261)	(18,726,564)	(44,458,913)	(41,711,719)
Total Assets, Net	35,412,838	35,837,677	25,426,536	25,263,497	60,839,374	61,101,174

Long Term Debt

The City began the year with \$16,758,120 in long-term debt outstanding. As of June 30, 2024 this amount had decreased by (\$960,003) or (5.73%) to end the current year at \$15,798,117.

	Summary of Long Term Debt			
	30-Jun-23	Additions	Deletions	30-Jun-24
Governmental Activities	7,828,080	512,503	851,384	7,489,199
Business-type Activities	8,930,040	91,218	712,340	8,308,918
Total Government	16,758,120	603,721	1,563,724	15,798,117

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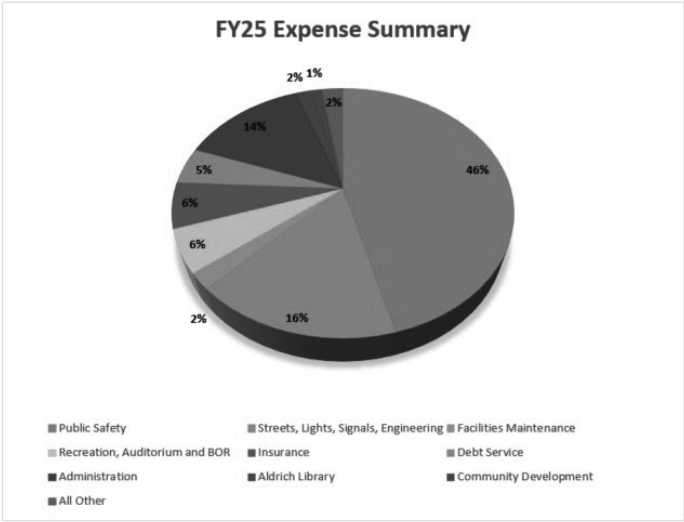
- Factors contributing to the change include the following:
- Principal payments totaling \$851,384 were made and new debt was secured for lease financing of a plow and excavator on the governmental activities debt. For the business-type activities debt, principal payments totaling \$659,440 were made, \$91,218 of new debt was secured of which, \$52,900 principal forgiveness was recognized.

Additional information about long-term debt can be found in Footnote IV. K.

NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET

Barre City voters approved a General Fund budget of \$14,873,780 for FY25 in May 2024. The budget represents an increase of \$1,145,437 or 8.34% over the FY24 budget. The municipal tax rate increased by .25% to \$2.1147.

The graph below depicts how the City anticipates to spend its revised General Fund operating budget.



REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This report is designed to provide an overview of Barre City’s finances for those with an interest in this area. Questions concerning any of the information found in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the Assistant City Manager, City of Barre, 6 N. Main St. Barre, VT 05641.

Exhibit A

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 8,623,982	\$ 200	\$ 8,624,182
Restricted Cash Equivalents	527,350	1,514,492	2,041,842
Investments	2,148,131	0	2,148,131
Deposits held by Escrow Agent	1,039,503	0	1,039,503
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	1,936,579	2,490,155	4,426,734
Loans Receivable (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	29,819	0	29,819
Internal Balances	(129,760)	129,760	0
Prepaid Expenses	19,253	5,276	24,529
Inventory	69,679	462,938	532,617
Capital Assets:			
Land	3,536,836	319,011	3,855,847
Works of Art	308,184	0	308,184
Construction in Progress	386,986	387,721	774,707
Other Capital Assets, (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	31,180,832	24,719,804	55,900,636
Total Assets	49,677,374	30,029,357	79,706,731
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the City's Participation in VMERS	1,611,779	213,058	1,824,837
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,611,779	213,058	1,824,837
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	723,960	799,516	1,523,476
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	410,517	55,687	466,204
Unearned Revenue	2,508,626	0	2,508,626
Due to State of Vermont	0	104,022	104,022
Short-term Debt Payable	1,500,000	0	1,500,000
Accrued Interest Payable	57,189	46,134	103,323
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due within One Year	901,747	675,816	1,577,563
Due in More than One Year	12,281,063	8,458,404	20,739,467
Total Liabilities	18,383,102	10,139,579	28,522,681
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the City's Participation in VMERS	283,741	37,508	321,249
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	283,741	37,508	321,249
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	29,438,877	18,327,188	47,766,065
Restricted:			
Non-Expendable:			
Cemetery	834,306	0	834,306
Expendable:			
Local Option Tax Eligible Expenses	854,105	0	854,105
Bike Path and Non-Operating Expenditures	680,054	0	680,054
Cemetery	292,570	0	292,570
TIF District	467,418	0	467,418
Other Purposes	486,003	0	486,003
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	(431,023)	1,738,140	1,307,117
Total Net Position	\$ 32,622,310	\$ 20,065,328	\$ 52,687,638

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
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	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position						
	Expenses	Changes for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total			
Functions/Programs:										
Primary Government:										
Governmental Activities:										
General Government	\$	2,053,089	\$	646,850	\$	39,973	\$	0	\$	(1,366,266)
Public Safety		7,039,363		895,928		154,673		0		(5,988,762)
Public Works		6,019,679		0		239,830		239,830		0
Culture and Recreation		1,228,208		246,310		2,853,513		233,908		(727,879)
Community Development		205,230		0		103,296		0		(101,934)
Cemetery		282,232		133,145		0		0		(149,087)
Interest on Long-term Debt		239,835		0		0		0		(239,835)
Total Governmental Activities		17,067,636		1,922,233		3,171,566		473,738		(11,500,099)
Business-type Activities:										
Water		2,695,397		3,059,682		47,510		81,777		419,972
Sewer		3,664,789		2,844,334		380,514		171,733		(422,768)
Total Business-type Activities		6,360,186		5,904,016		428,024		253,510		(2,796)
Total Primary Government	\$	23,427,822	\$	7,826,249	\$	3,599,590	\$	499,088		(11,502,895)
General Revenues:										
Property Taxes										
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes										
Local Option Sales Taxes										
Payments in Lieu of Taxes										
ARPA Funds										
Unrestricted Investment Earnings										
Insurance Proceeds										
Gain on Sale of Property										
Gain on Sale of Vehicle										
Total General Revenues										
Change in Net Position										
Net Position - July 1, 2023										
Net Position - June 30, 2024										

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Exhibit

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Special Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 5,147,355	\$ 0	\$ 2,565,151	\$ 911,476	\$ 8,623,982
Restricted Cash Equivalents	0	527,350	0	0	527,350
Investments	500,000	0	54,649	1,593,482	2,148,131
Deposits held by Escrow Agent	0	1,039,503	0	0	1,039,503
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	1,491,786	273,572	171,221	0	1,936,579
Loans Receivable (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	29,819	0	0	0	29,819
Due from Other Funds	0	1,401,636	831,727	39,039	2,272,402
Prepaid Items	19,253	0	0	0	19,253
Inventory	60,479	9,200	0	0	69,679
Total Assets	\$ 7,248,692	\$ 3,251,261	\$ 3,622,748	\$ 2,543,997	\$ 16,666,698
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable	\$ 231,927	\$ 423,739	\$ 65,353	\$ 2,941	\$ 723,960
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	409,225	0	1,292	0	410,517
Due to Other Funds	2,216,407	0	0	185,755	2,402,162
Unearned Revenue	36,050	0	2,472,576	0	2,508,626
Short-term Debt Payable	1,500,000	0	0	0	1,500,000
Total Liabilities	4,393,609	423,739	2,539,221	188,696	7,545,265
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable Property Taxes, Penalties, and Interest	219,000	0	0	0	219,000
Unavailable Ambulance Fees	44,000	0	0	0	44,000
Unavailable Grants	396,064	42,576	86,722	0	525,362
Unavailable Loan Receivable	29,819	0	0	0	29,819
Unavailable Miscellaneous Revenue	2,389	0	0	0	2,389
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	691,272	42,576	86,722	0	820,570
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	79,732	9,200	0	834,306	923,238
Restricted	0	2,369,343	433,472	1,492,573	4,295,388
Committed	0	341,192	0	0	341,192
Assigned	1,255,659	65,211	563,333	28,422	1,912,625
Unassigned	828,420	0	0	0	828,420
Total Fund Balances	2,163,811	2,784,946	996,805	2,355,301	8,300,863
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 7,248,692	\$ 3,251,261	\$ 3,622,748	\$ 2,543,997	
Amounts Reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are Different Because:					
Capital Assets Used in Governmental Activities are not Financial Resources and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.					35,412,838
Other Assets are not Available to Pay for Current-Period Expenditures and, Therefore, are Deferred in the Funds.					820,570
Long-term and Accrued Liabilities, Including Bonds Payable and the Net Pension Liability, are not Due or Payable in the Current Period and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.					(13,239,999)
Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources related to the City's Participation in VMERS are applicable to Future Periods and, Therefore, are not Reported in the Funds.					1,328,038
Net Position of Governmental Activities					\$ 32,622,310

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit D

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Special Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Property Taxes	\$ 9,926,378	\$ 403,245	\$ 0	\$ 373,650	\$ 10,703,273
Penalties and Interest on Delinquent Taxes	75,210	0	0	0	75,210
Local Option Sales Taxes	0	909,273	0	0	909,273
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	405,116	0	0	0	405,116
Intergovernmental	2,528,451	185,054	490,653	0	3,204,158
Charges for Services	2,255,573	29,251	0	10,389	2,295,213
Permits, Licenses and Fees	599,441	0	21,216	0	620,657
Fines and Forfeits	49,058	0	0	0	49,058
Investment Income	48,061	32,373	42,054	123,004	245,492
Donations	61,904	0	44,555	107,678	214,137
Opioids Settlement	0	0	38,459	0	38,459
Total Revenues	15,949,192	1,559,196	636,937	614,721	18,760,046
Expenditures:					
General Government	2,826,941	16,842	48,746	7,987	2,900,516
Public Safety	6,230,454	43,799	97,689	56	6,371,998
Public Works	3,897,729	222,235	77,012	0	4,196,976
Culture and Recreation	1,042,210	20,410	31,914	3,910	1,098,444
Community Development	132,912	0	102,137	0	235,049
Cemetery	265,764	0	0	0	265,764
Capital Outlay:					
General Government	0	179,012	0	0	179,012
Public Safety	0	122,401	0	0	122,401
Public Works	117,482	1,371,428	0	0	1,488,910
Culture and Recreation	0	26,888	48,019	126,358	201,265
Debt Service:					
Principal	585,861	177,523	0	88,000	851,384
Interest	140,708	47,303	0	57,935	245,946
Total Expenditures	15,240,061	2,227,841	405,517	284,246	18,157,665
Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	709,131	(668,645)	231,420	330,475	602,381
Other Financing Sources/(Uses):					
Insurance Proceeds	486,911	298,722	0	0	785,633
Issuance of Long-term Debt	0	512,503	0	0	512,503
Proceeds from Sale of Property	0	101,611	0	0	101,611
Proceeds from Sale of Vehicle	0	17,408	0	0	17,408
Transfers In	76,817	150,000	16,074	66,904	309,795
Transfers Out	(217,978)	(49,817)	0	(42,000)	(309,795)
Total Other Financing Sources/(Uses)	345,750	1,030,427	16,074	24,904	1,417,155
Net Change in Fund Balances	1,054,881	361,782	247,494	355,379	2,019,536
Fund Balances - July 1, 2023	1,108,930	2,423,164	749,311	1,999,922	6,281,327
Fund Balances - June 30, 2024	\$ 2,163,811	\$ 2,784,946	\$ 996,805	\$ 2,355,301	\$ 8,300,863

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

Exhibit E

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total government funds (Exhibit D)	\$	2,019,536
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets (\$1,991,588) is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense (\$2,159,731). This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.		(168,143)
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (i.e., sales and losses on disposal of assets) is to reduce net position.		(268,896)
The effect of donations of capital assets is to increase net position. The Town of Barre, Vermont contributed towards the purchase of a radio system.		12,200
The issuance of long-term debt (\$512,503) (e.g., bonds, notes) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt (\$851,384) consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on the net position.		338,881
The issuance of loans receivable (\$29,819) consumes current financial resources of governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of loans receivable (\$-0-) provides current financial resources to governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of loans receivable.		29,819
Governmental funds report employer pension contributions as expenditures (\$504,240). However, in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions (\$943,592) is reported as pension expense. This amount is the net effect of the differences in the treatment of pension expense.		(439,352)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This amount is the net difference in the treatment of these items from the previous year.		237,327
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This amount is the net difference in the treatment of these items from the previous year.		<u>23,832</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)	\$	<u>1,785,204</u>

The General Fund charges the Water Fund and Sewer Fund for administrative expenses. These charges totaling \$1,047,853 have been eliminated from the Governmental Activities on the Statement of Activities.

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Exhibit F

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 200
Restricted Cash Equivalents	1,320,408	194,084	1,514,492
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles)	1,012,056	1,478,099	2,490,155
Due from Other Funds	2,789,078	0	2,789,078
Prepaid Expenses	2,638	2,638	5,276
Inventory	371,789	91,149	462,938
Total Current Assets	5,496,169	1,765,970	7,262,139
Noncurrent Assets:			
Capital Assets:			
Land	210,011	109,000	319,011
Construction in Progress	262,818	124,903	387,721
Buildings and Building Improvements	10,194	449,365	459,559
Vehicles, Machinery, Equipment and Furniture	269,846	3,358,076	3,627,922
Distribution and Collection Systems	24,217,884	16,028,700	40,246,584
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(11,625,844)	(7,988,417)	(19,614,261)
Total Noncurrent Assets	13,344,909	12,081,627	25,426,536
Total Assets	18,841,078	13,847,597	32,688,675
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the City's Participation in VMERS	110,892	102,166	213,058
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	110,892	102,166	213,058
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	109,995	689,521	799,516
Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	26,456	29,231	55,687
Due to Other Funds	0	2,659,318	2,659,318
Due to State of Vermont - Current Portion	0	104,022	104,022
Accrued Interest Payable	33,002	13,132	46,134
Notes Payable - Current Portion	65,777	0	65,777
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Current Portion	369,736	240,303	610,039
Total Current Liabilities	604,966	3,735,527	4,340,493
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Compensated Absences Payable	74,314	79,076	153,390
Net Pension Liability	349,713	322,199	671,912
Notes Payable - Noncurrent Portion	67,368	0	67,368
General Obligation Bonds Payable - Noncurrent Portion	5,228,829	2,336,905	7,565,734
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	5,720,224	2,738,180	8,458,404
Total Liabilities	6,325,190	6,473,707	12,798,897
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the City's Participation in VMERS	19,522	17,986	37,508
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	19,522	17,986	37,508
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,888,473	9,438,715	18,327,188
Unrestricted/(Deficit)	3,718,785	(1,980,645)	1,738,140
Total Net Position	\$ 12,607,258	\$ 7,458,070	\$ 20,065,328

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Exhibit G

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND
CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 3,018,157	\$ 2,815,044	\$ 5,833,201
Interest and Penalties	40,726	29,290	70,016
Other	<u>799</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>799</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>3,059,682</u>	<u>2,844,334</u>	<u>5,904,016</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Payroll and Benefits	742,424	778,416	1,520,840
Administrative Costs	523,926	523,927	1,047,853
Professional Services	11,063	20,558	31,621
Supplies	30,272	33,525	63,797
Utilities	146,429	366,408	512,837
Maintenance	72,943	146,291	219,234
Chemicals	252,938	360,519	613,457
Permits and Testing	57,817	35,885	93,702
Taxes	60,008	0	60,008
Sludge Disposal	0	504,733	504,733
Depreciation	455,489	432,208	887,697
Other Operating Expenses	<u>499</u>	<u>12,960</u>	<u>13,459</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>2,353,808</u>	<u>3,215,430</u>	<u>5,569,238</u>
Operating Income/(Loss)	<u>705,874</u>	<u>(371,096)</u>	<u>334,778</u>
Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses):			
FEMA Reimbursement	32,510	359,787	392,297
Flood Damage Expenses	(25,792)	(129,567)	(155,359)
Investment Income	10,836	10,666	21,502
Interest Expense	(192,485)	(81,165)	(273,650)
Debt Forgiveness	15,000	20,727	35,727
Service Line Inventory Expenses	(123,312)	0	(123,312)
20 Year Evaluation Plan Expenses	0	(174,877)	(174,877)
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources Penalty	<u>0</u>	<u>(63,750)</u>	<u>(63,750)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenues/(Expenses)	<u>(283,243)</u>	<u>(58,179)</u>	<u>(341,422)</u>
Net Income/(Loss) Before Capital Contributions	<u>422,631</u>	<u>(429,275)</u>	<u>(6,644)</u>
Capital Contributions:			
Maple/Merchant Street Project Grant Income	8,177	0	8,177
Debt Forgiveness	<u>0</u>	<u>17,173</u>	<u>17,173</u>
Total Capital Contributions	<u>8,177</u>	<u>17,173</u>	<u>25,350</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>430,808</u>	<u>(412,102)</u>	<u>18,706</u>
Net Position - July 1, 2023	<u>12,176,450</u>	<u>7,870,172</u>	<u>20,046,622</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 12,607,258</u>	<u>\$ 7,458,070</u>	<u>\$ 20,065,328</u>

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Exhibit H

CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 2,895,974	\$ 2,477,414	\$ 5,373,388
Payments for Goods and Services	(670,204)	(1,489,468)	(2,159,672)
Payments for Interfund Services	(523,926)	(523,927)	(1,047,853)
Payments for Wages and Benefits	(681,158)	(722,486)	(1,403,644)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	<u>1,020,686</u>	<u>(258,467)</u>	<u>762,219</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:			
Issuance of Long-term Debt	15,000	41,454	56,454
Service Line Inventory Expenses	(123,312)	0	(123,312)
20 Year Evaluation Plan Expenses	0	(163,462)	(163,462)
Penalty Paid to Vermont Agency of Natural Resources	0	(7,969)	(7,969)
Flood Damage Expenses	(25,792)	(63,076)	(88,868)
(Increase)/Decrease in Due from Other Funds	187,818	0	187,818
Increase/(Decrease) in Due to Other Funds	<u>0</u>	<u>1,004,091</u>	<u>1,004,091</u>
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>53,714</u>	<u>811,038</u>	<u>864,752</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Issuance of Long-term Debt	0	34,764	34,764
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(460,284)	(495,215)	(955,499)
Principal Paid on Long-term Debt	(423,445)	(235,995)	(659,440)
Interest Paid on Long-term Debt	(195,479)	(82,303)	(277,782)
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(1,079,208)</u>	<u>(778,749)</u>	<u>(1,857,957)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:			
Receipt of Interest and Dividends	46,573	43,706	90,279
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	<u>46,573</u>	<u>43,706</u>	<u>90,279</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Restricted Cash Equivalents	41,765	(182,472)	(140,707)
Cash and Restricted Cash Equivalents - July 1, 2023	1,278,843	376,556	1,655,399
Cash and Restricted Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 1,320,608</u>	<u>\$ 194,084</u>	<u>\$ 1,514,692</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income/(Loss) to Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 705,874	\$ (371,096)	\$ 334,778
Depreciation	455,489	432,208	887,697
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(159,685)	(366,613)	(526,298)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(2,638)	(2,638)	(5,276)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	(52,280)	(10,259)	(62,539)
(Increase)/Decrease in Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to the City's Participation in VMERS	22,475	19,030	41,505
Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	12,967	4,308	17,275
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Payroll and Benefits Payable	942	7,221	8,163
Increase/(Decrease) in Compensated Absences Payable	21,222	9,895	31,117
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Pension Liability	8,178	11,832	20,010
Increase/(Decrease) in Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the City's Participation in VMERS	8,142	7,645	15,787
Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 1,020,686</u>	<u>\$ (258,467)</u>	<u>\$ 762,219</u>

The Water Fund recognized a forgiveness of debt from the State of Vermont in the amount of \$15,000.

The Sewer Fund recognized a forgiveness of debt from the State of Vermont in the amount of \$37,900.

There was \$9,464 of capital acquisitions in the Water Fund included in payables at June 30, 2023.

There was \$12,401 of capital acquisitions in the Water Fund included in payables at June 30, 2024.

There was \$312,753 of capital acquisitions in the Sewer Fund included in payables at June 30, 2023.

There was \$405,053 of capital acquisitions in the Sewer Fund included in payables at June 30, 2024.

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FY24 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
General Tax Revenue:			
General Taxes	10,023,107	9,712,726	(310,381)
Washington County Tax	43,569	43,569	-
Voter Approved Assistance	149,601	149,601	-
BADC Ballot Item	20,482	20,482	-
Total General Tax Revenue	10,236,759	9,926,378	(310,381)
Business Licenses:			
Liquor Licenses	3,000	3,065	65
Miscellaneous Licenses	1,000	355	(645)
Restaurant Licenses	0	4	4
Vehicle for Hire Licenses	200	315	115
Theater Licenses	252	0	(252)
Trucking, Rubbish and Waste	5,200	8,290	3,090
Entertainment Licenses	3,000	2,940	(60)
Cannabis Licenses	200	0	(200)
Total Business Licenses	12,852	14,969	2,117
Payment in Lieu of Taxes:			
Capstone	25,500	25,872	372
Barre Housing	45,000	74,992	29,992
State of Vermont	283,000	304,252	21,252
Total Payment in Lieu of Taxes	353,500	405,116	51,616
Fees and Franchises:			
Animal Control Licenses	5,800	5,086	(714)
Tax Equalization	0	3,353	3,353
Hold Harmless	0	8,120	8,120
Act 68 Administrative Revenue	15,500	16,172	672
Building and Zoning Permits	45,000	50,083	5,083
Vehicle Registration	200	191	(9)
Delinquent Tax Collector Fees	42,000	42,651	651
Meters	80,000	124,158	44,158
Green Mountain Passports	50	68	18
Parking Permits	77,552	87,843	10,291
Marriage Licenses	580	960	380
Miscellaneous Income	800	20,906	20,106
Police Department Fees	5,000	5,305	305
Recording Fees	85,000	88,425	3,425
Recreation Fees	500	5,120	4,620
Swimming Pool Admissions	19,000	19,857	857
Vault Fees	1,000	686	(314)
Fire Alarm Maintenance Fees	14,350	13,643	(707)
Rental Property Registration	133,400	121,315	(12,085)

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Delinquent Rental Permits	1,000	47	(953)
Burn Permits	4,000	2,840	(1,160)
Credit Card Processing Fees	11,500	14,839	3,339
FD Public Report Fee	100	100	-
EV Charging Stations	300	0	(300)
Time of Sale Inspection Fee	3,500	1,125	(2,375)
Vacant Building Registration	5,000	4,800	(200)
Excavation Permits	5,000	16,935	11,935
Stormwater Connection Fee	1,250	0	(1,250)
Overweight Permits	600	140	(460)
Total Fees and Franchises	557,982	654,768	96,786
Fines and Penalties:			
City Ordinance Violations	4,000	4,182	182
Penalties & Interest on Miscellaneous Fines	2,600	1,499	(1,101)
Delinquent Tax Interest	32,000	32,559	559
Traffic Court	10,000	20,120	10,120
Parking Tickets	40,000	23,257	(16,743)
Total Fines and Penalties	88,600	81,617	(6,983)
Federal and State Aid:			
Federal Grants	-	5,178	5,178
State Highway Aid	140,000	150,636	10,636
COPS Police Grant	71,961	49,590	(22,371)
Police Grants	2,800	3,910	1,110
State SUI Grant	60,000	75,000	15,000
ODV - Circle Grant	35,000	0	(35,000)
Total Federal and State Aid	309,761	284,314	(25,447)
Rents and Leases:			
BOR Turf Rental	0	6,836	6,836
Auditorium Rental	49,106	60,015	10,909
Alumni Hall Rental/Lease	7,200	6,451	(749)
BOR Rents and Leases	140,987	137,170	(3,817)
Special Projects - Custodial Fees	8,360	14,293	5,933
Miscellaneous Rents	0	893	893
Total Rents and Leases	205,653	225,658	20,005
Charges for Services:			
Ambulance Income - Lift Assist	525,000	613,143	88,143
Enterprise Funds	1,047,853	1,047,853	-
City Report - School	2,500	2,500	-
Operation/Maintenance - Jail	0	500	500
Dispatch Services	56,257	79,356	23,099
School Resource Officers	81,623	112,163	30,540
Special Projects - Police Detail	15,000	21,060	6,060
Special Projects - Fire Detail	7,000	7,455	455
Total Charges for Services	1,735,233	1,884,030	148,797

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Cemetery Revenue:			
Rents	5,573	5,573	-
Flower Trust Fund Transfer	500	500	-
Trust Fund Interest	25,000	25,000	-
Mausoleum Fund Transfer	1,500	1,500	-
Entombments	600	1,750	1,150
Foundations	10,545	4,886	(5,659)
Interments	83,525	91,343	7,818
Markers/Posts	1,500	1,870	370
Tent Setups	500	0	(500)
Lot sales	22,500	23,346	846
Tours/DVD Sales	1,250	945	(305)
Total Cemetery Revenue	152,993	156,713	3,720
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest Income	1,800	48,061	46,261
Transfer from Other Fund	49,817	49,817	-
Semprebon VCF Trust Acct - Income	50,000	61,904	11,904
Total Miscellaneous Revenue	101,617	159,782	58,165
Total Revenues	13,754,950	13,793,345	38,395
Expenditures			
Administrative and General:			
Personnel Services	(8,000)	(6,363)	1,637
FICA	(612)	(444)	168
Consulting Services	-	(11,411)	(11,411)
City Council Expenses	(12,500)	(11,195)	1,305
Telephone & Internet Fees	(52,222)	(80,116)	(27,894)
Office Machine Maintenance	(10,300)	(11,634)	(1,334)
Single Audit	(9,000)	-	9,000
Annual Audit	(28,000)	(33,600)	(5,600)
City Report	(5,550)	(6,078)	(528)
Dues and Membership Fees	(27,760)	(26,251)	1,509
Holiday Observance	(2,000)	(4,432)	(2,432)
Postage Meter Contract	(1,980)	(2,150)	(170)
Advertising and Printing	(25,000)	(18,101)	6,899
Office Supplies	(10,925)	(10,699)	226
Postage for Meter	(17,500)	(13,708)	3,792
Email Licenses	(9,046)	(8,774)	272
City Hall Software Expenses	(28,645)	(41,757)	(13,112)
City Hall Printer Expenses	(5,078)	(5,618)	(540)
Working Community Grant Match	(5,000)	-	5,000
Interpretive Services	(1,000)	-	1,000
Computer Replacement Program	(13,000)	(4,931)	8,069
Total Administrative and General	(273,118)	(297,262)	(24,144)

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Assessor:			
Personnel Services	(119,318)	(65,672)	53,646
Overtime	(1,000)	(22)	978
FICA	(9,204)	(5,071)	4,133
Training and Development	(750)	(50)	700
SW License Fees	(6,500)	(4,290)	2,210
Vision	(200)	(291)	(91)
Contracted Services	-	(54,880)	(54,880)
Total Assessor	(136,972)	(130,276)	6,696
Legal Expenses:			
Professional Services - City Attorney	(27,500)	(39,232)	(11,732)
Professional Services - Labor	(2,500)	(6,100)	(3,600)
Contract Negotiations	(10,000)	(14,438)	(4,438)
Total Legal Expenses	(40,000)	(59,770)	(19,770)
City Manager:			
Personnel Services	(320,826)	(297,105)	23,721
Overtime	-	-	-
FICA	(22,601)	(22,254)	347
IT Support Contract	(1,000)	(1,978)	(978)
Website Vendor Maintenance	(1,250)	-	1,250
Network HW/SW Expenses	(200)	(313)	(113)
IT Expenses	(6,916)	(4,032)	2,884
Training and Development	(1,000)	(331)	669
Secure Shred	(625)	(1,130)	(505)
Manager Expenses	(250)	(1,714)	(1,464)
Dues and Membership Fees	(350)	(181)	169
Car Maintenance and Supplies	(2,760)	(2,760)	-
Glasses	(570)	-	570
Total City Manager	(358,348)	(331,798)	26,550
Finance:			
Personnel Services	(222,948)	(198,923)	24,025
Overtime Allowance	(200)	(392)	(192)
FICA	(17,071)	(14,290)	2,781
Consultant Fees	-	(1,430)	(1,430)
Training and Development	(1,000)	(176)	824
Travel and Meals	(200)	-	200
Equipment Contracts	(5,465)	(5,461)	4
Glasses	(565)	(299)	266
Computer Forms	(1,000)	(364)	636
Annual Disaster Recovery Fee	(575)	(648)	(73)
Total Finance	(249,024)	(221,983)	27,041

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Elections:			
Personnel Services	(2,000)	(5,164)	(3,164)
Program Materials	(5,000)	(5,207)	(207)
BCA Expenses	(500)	(535)	(35)
Total Elections	(7,500)	(10,906)	(3,406)
Clerk's Office:			
Personnel Services	(203,696)	(234,494)	(30,798)
Overtime Allowance	(500)	(706)	(206)
FICA	(15,621)	(16,830)	(1,209)
Training and Development	(750)	(624)	126
Travel and Meals	(300)	(89)	211
Office Machines Maintenance	(200)	(2,028)	(1,828)
Recording of Records	(13,000)	(13,560)	(560)
Credit Card Service Charges	(11,500)	(18,891)	(7,391)
Glasses	(753)	(745)	8
Program Materials	(3,500)	(3,661)	(161)
Total Clerk's Office	(249,820)	(291,628)	(41,808)
Animal Control:			
Personnel Services and FICA	(1,500)	(423)	1,077
Humane Society/Contract ACO Fees	(8,000)	-	8,000
Total Animal Control	(9,500)	(423)	9,077
Fire Department:			
Personnel Services	(1,445,552)	(1,363,916)	81,636
Overtime	(29,371)	(30,848)	(1,477)
Overtime (Embedded)	(50,283)	(95,359)	(45,076)
Overtime - Amb Coverage (Full-Time)	(39,739)	(77,245)	(37,506)
Overtime - Fire Coverage - (Full-Time)	(21,810)	(34,927)	(13,117)
Fire Training and Development (OT Labor Only)	(23,613)	(21,771)	1,842
Training (Call Force)	(2,500)	(340)	2,160
Ambulance Coverage PT	(100)	(140)	(40)
Fire Coverage PT	(1,500)	(32)	1,468
FICA	(123,507)	(119,595)	3,912
Consultant Fees	(1,000)	(3,175)	(2,175)
Ambulance Revenue Tax	(17,325)	(17,763)	(438)
Training and Development	(4,500)	(4,222)	278
Emergency Training and Development	(5,300)	(382)	4,918
Travel and Meals	(500)	(784)	(284)
Ambulance Billing Training	(1,500)	(850)	650
Paramedic Training	(15,000)	(14,205)	795
Dues and Membership Fees	(2,500)	(1,675)	825
Fire Radio System Upgrade Assessment Fee	(6,256)	(11,896)	(5,640)
Physicals	(3,200)	(2,468)	732

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Breathing Apparatus	(15,000)	(4,778)	10,222
Fire Hose	(7,500)	(4,106)	3,394
Radios and Pagers	(5,000)	(1,076)	3,924
Fleet Maintenance	(30,000)	(41,981)	(11,981)
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	(5,000)	-	5,000
Radio Maintenance	(3,000)	(7,674)	(4,674)
Fire Alarm Maintenance and Boxes	(4,000)	(4,220)	(220)
Secure Vacant Property	(500)	(363)	137
Gas (Generators, saws, pumps, etc.)	(200)	-	200
Vehicle Fuel	(24,180)	(22,353)	1,827
Clothing	(20,000)	(16,187)	3,813
Safety Equipment	(20,000)	(63,755)	(43,755)
Footwear	(4,850)	(3,016)	1,834
Glasses	(4,190)	(440)	3,750
Dry Cleaning	(600)	(244)	356
Building Appliance Update	(2,000)	(665)	1,335
Ambulance Bill Mailers	(2,400)	(5,789)	(3,389)
Ambulance Contract Billing	-	(50,282)	(50,282)
Office Supplies	(5,000)	(1,250)	3,750
Medical Supplies	(30,000)	(34,598)	(4,598)
Oxygen Supplies	(3,000)	(2,716)	284
Training Supplies	(1,000)	(1,123)	(123)
Defibrillator Preventative Maintenance	(18,331)	(1,342)	16,989
Fire Prevention Program Material	(250)	(287)	(37)
Computer Software	(22,400)	(14,255)	8,145
Total Fire Department	(2,023,457)	(2,084,093)	(60,636)
City Hall Maintenance:			
Personnel Services	(38,440)	(12,208)	26,232
Overtime	-	(676)	(676)
FICA	(2,941)	(1,018)	1,923
City Hall Electricity	(8,460)	(11,222)	(2,762)
City Hall Solar Project	(10,813)	(7,177)	3,636
Rubbish Removal	(3,000)	(3,141)	(141)
Water and Sewer	(3,125)	(2,855)	270
City Hall Improvements and Repairs	(23,694)	(31,635)	(7,941)
Fuel Oil	(57,861)	(44,675)	13,186
Clothing	(715)	(227)	488
Footwear	(100)	-	100
Glasses	(100)	-	100
Custodial Supplies	(1,500)	(2,871)	(1,371)
Building and Grounds Supplies	(1,500)	(804)	696
Total City Hall Maintenance	(152,249)	(118,509)	33,740

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Meters:			
Personnel Services	(75,761)	(76,178)	(417)
FICA	(5,796)	(5,853)	(57)
Electricity - Merchants Row	(1,000)	(3,612)	(2,612)
Towing Fees	(4,000)	(4,414)	(414)
Mifi	(1,500)	(451)	1,049
Meter Maintenance	(2,000)	(3,057)	(1,057)
Meter Coin Handling	-	(383)	(383)
Clothing	(1,000)	-	1,000
Footwear	(350)	(335)	15
Glasses	(185)	(25)	160
Meter Supplies	(3,500)	(7,242)	(3,742)
Meter Systems Software	(4,125)	(4,229)	(104)
Program Materials	(1,000)	(1,107)	(107)
Meter and Handhelds Replacements	(4,000)	(2,883)	1,117
Total Meters	(104,217)	(109,769)	(5,552)
Police Department:			
Personnel Base Salary	(1,332,206)	(1,180,936)	151,270
O/T P/R Search Warrants & DOT	(30,000)	(7,599)	22,401
O/T P/R 1st Shift Embedded	(50,000)	(15,602)	34,398
O/T P/R 2nd Shift Embedded	(25,710)	(69,695)	(43,985)
O/T P/R 3rd Shift Embedded	(65,000)	(58,279)	6,721
O/T P/R	(65,841)	(106,530)	(40,689)
O/T P/R 2%	(29,550)	-	29,550
O/T P/R 3%	(12,191)	-	12,191
Training Payroll	(20,000)	(39,881)	(19,881)
Part-Time Police Officers	(10,000)	(4,704)	5,296
Community Outreach Advocate	(58,806)	(59,488)	(682)
Mental Health Clinician	(20,000)	(15,000)	5,000
COPS Grant	(129,626)	(129,590)	36
FICA	(139,912)	(122,877)	17,035
Vehicle Claims/Deductibles	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Professional Services - Legal	(1,000)	(630)	370
Consultant Fees	(500)	-	500
Training and Development	(10,000)	(6,669)	3,331
Travel and Meals	(4,500)	(2,544)	1,956
Computer Access	(11,328)	(8,770)	2,558
Office Machines Maintenance	(13,615)	(7,478)	6,137
Physicals	(500)	(508)	(8)
Pagers	-	(47)	(47)
Vehicle Maintenance	(25,500)	(14,086)	11,414
Body Cameras/Taser Bundle	-	(6,842)	(6,842)
Radio Maintenance	(500)	(208)	292
Vehicle Fuel	(34,135)	(24,559)	9,576
Clothing	(10,000)	(3,026)	6,974

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Safety Equipment	(11,500)	(8,044)	3,456
Ammunition	(10,000)	(11,440)	(1,440)
Footwear	(3,150)	(1,446)	1,704
Glasses	(3,330)	(676)	2,654
Dry Cleaning	(3,500)	(2,736)	764
Security Equipment	(1,000)	(420)	580
Office Supplies	(4,500)	(4,186)	314
Training Supplies	(1,000)	-	1,000
Juvenile Program	(500)	-	500
K-9	(3,700)	(1,390)	2,310
Investigational Materials	(6,000)	(6,052)	(52)
Total Police Department	(2,148,600)	(1,922,938)	225,662
Dispatch Services:			
Base Salary	(388,211)	(407,450)	(19,239)
Overtime 1st shift Embedded	(12,963)	(12,818)	145
Overtime 2nd shift Embedded	(17,663)	(10,600)	7,063
Overtime 3rd shift Embedded	(50,906)	(35,746)	15,160
Dispatcher O/T P/R	(14,477)	(16,934)	(2,457)
Dispatcher O/T P/R 2nd Shift	(3,644)	-	3,644
Dispatcher O/T P/R 3rd Shift	(1,694)	-	1,694
Dispatcher Training P/R	(2,500)	-	2,500
Part-Time Dispatchers	(32,865)	(19,923)	12,942
FICA	(40,156)	(37,276)	2,880
Training/Development	(4,000)	(1,305)	2,695
Travel/Meals	(2,000)	(324)	1,676
Computer Access	(10,592)	(4,723)	5,869
Office Machine Maintenance	(1,000)	(2,164)	(1,164)
Radio Maintenance	(3,000)	(2,057)	943
Glasses	(1,110)	(509)	601
Tower Rental Fee	(2,550)	(2,087)	463
Clothing	(3,671)	-	3,671
Office Supplies/Equipment	(2,000)	(1,430)	570
Dispatch Capital Transfer	(25,000)	(25,000)	-
Total Dispatch Services	(620,002)	(580,346)	39,656
Street Lighting:			
Electricity	(155,286)	(163,476)	(8,190)
Pedway/Keith Ave Lot Lighting	(1,615)	(1,487)	128
Total Street Lighting	(156,901)	(164,963)	(8,062)
Traffic Control:			
Traffic Light Electricity	(8,000)	(6,521)	1,479
Traffic Light Maintenance	(24,500)	(19,765)	4,735
Total Traffic Control	(32,500)	(26,286)	6,214

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Aldrich Library:			
Aldrich Library	(250,170)	(250,170)	-
Total Library	(250,170)	(250,170)	-
Facilities:			
Personnel Services	(75,870)	(109,676)	(33,806)
FICA	(5,804)	(8,054)	(2,250)
Travel & Meals	-	(200)	(200)
Electricity - 135 N. Main St	(1,000)	(789)	211
Electricity - Pool	(4,000)	(4,772)	(772)
Water and Sewer	(8,500)	(8,554)	(54)
Fleet Maintenance	(1,500)	(2,450)	(950)
Field Maintenance	(6,000)	(4,456)	1,544
Pool and Building Maintenance	(7,500)	(9,851)	(2,351)
Fuel - 135 N. Main St	(5,395)	-	5,395
Vehicle Fuel	(6,170)	(3,967)	2,203
Clothing	(550)	(324)	226
Footwear	(200)	(150)	50
Glasses	(190)	-	190
COVID-19 Materials	-	(265)	(265)
Machinery and Equipment	(1,500)	(2,217)	(717)
Total Facilities	(124,179)	(155,725)	(31,546)
Auditorium:			
Personnel Services	(94,038)	(126,125)	(32,087)
Overtime	(500)	(2,586)	(2,086)
FICA	(7,232)	(9,630)	(2,398)
Electricity	(13,516)	(12,207)	1,309
Solar Project	(19,196)	(13,034)	6,162
Rubbish Removal	(6,000)	(8,564)	(2,564)
Water and Sewer	(3,440)	(4,387)	(947)
IT	(3,900)	(3,871)	29
Building and Grounds Maintenance	(17,000)	(13,920)	3,080
Alumni Hall Maintenance	(6,000)	(10,490)	(4,490)
Fuel Oil	(37,644)	(39,636)	(1,992)
Propane	(5,494)	(2,428)	3,066
Clothing	(2,643)	(2,497)	146
Footwear	(400)	(214)	186
Glasses	(400)	-	400
Custodial Supplies	(4,000)	(5,026)	(1,026)
Machinery and Equipment Outlay	(2,000)	(1,124)	876
Total Auditorium	(223,403)	(255,739)	(32,336)

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
BOR:			
Personnel Services	(104,114)	(120,855)	(16,741)
Overtime	(2,000)	(1,496)	504
FICA	(8,118)	(9,607)	(1,489)
Electricity	(32,632)	(18,310)	14,322
Solar Project	(28,802)	(19,551)	9,251
Water and Sewer	(13,800)	(25,336)	(11,536)
Building and Grounds Maintenance	(22,000)	(33,584)	(11,584)
Propane	(16,826)	(10,954)	5,872
Clothing	(2,200)	(2,366)	(166)
Footwear	(400)	(574)	(174)
Glasses	(400)	(175)	225
Custodial Supplies	(2,000)	(2,162)	(162)
Scheduling Software	(4,500)	(4,065)	435
Supplies and Equipment	(8,500)	(6,587)	1,913
Total BOR	(246,292)	(255,622)	(9,330)
Public Safety Building:			
Personnel Services	(40,362)	(30,610)	9,752
Overtime	-	(111)	(111)
FICA	(3,088)	(2,204)	884
Electricity	(23,559)	(20,735)	2,824
Solar Project	(18,183)	(17,576)	607
Rubbish Removal	(3,500)	(4,427)	(927)
Water and Sewer	(5,048)	(5,824)	(776)
Building and Grounds Maintenance	(30,000)	(29,245)	755
Fuel	(1,219)	(633)	586
Propane	(30,430)	(18,954)	11,476
Clothing	(552)	(1,578)	(1,026)
Footwear	(100)	-	100
Glasses	(95)	-	95
Custodial Supplies	(3,000)	(4,234)	(1,234)
Total Public Safety Building	(159,136)	(136,131)	23,005
Recreation:			
Personnel Services	(76,928)	(111,436)	(34,508)
Skate Guard Personnel	(3,000)	(2,007)	993
Pool Personnel	(26,750)	(24,611)	2,139
FICA	(8,161)	(9,536)	(1,375)
Training and Development	(1,500)	(1,863)	(363)
Travel and Meals	(300)	(79)	221
Dues and Membership Fees	(400)	(280)	120
Pool Equipment	(1,200)	-	1,200
Playground Maintenance	-	(14,428)	(14,428)
Tennis Court Equipment	(300)	-	300
Glasses	(190)	(329)	(139)

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Recreation Supplies	(2,250)	(1,134)	1,116
Recreation Programs	(500)	(1,950)	(1,450)
Total Recreation	(121,479)	(167,653)	(46,174)
Sanitary Landfill:			
CVSWD Assessment	(8,784)	(8,491)	293
Total Sanitary Landfill	(8,784)	(8,491)	293
Engineering:			
Personnel Services	(317,613)	(257,068)	60,545
Overtime	(375)	(57)	318
FICA	(24,326)	(18,711)	5,615
Training and Development	(3,309)	(3,522)	(213)
Travel and Meals	(200)	(297)	(97)
Office Machine Maintenance	(500)	-	500
Engineering Equipment	(4,500)	(1,841)	2,659
Vehicle Maintenance	(1,700)	-	1,700
Radio Maintenance	(250)	(694)	(444)
Clothing	(500)	(79)	421
Footwear	(645)	(448)	197
Glasses	(740)	(524)	216
Office Supplies/Equipment	-	(480)	(480)
Total Engineering	(354,658)	(283,721)	70,937
Permitting, Planning and Inspections:			
Personnel Services	(193,727)	(139,474)	54,253
Overtime	(1,000)	(1,123)	(123)
FICA	(14,360)	(10,168)	4,192
Professional Services	(14,061)	-	14,061
Grants Match	(2,500)	-	2,500
Training and Development	(500)	(20)	480
Travel and Meals	(150)	-	150
Dues and Membership Fees	(150)	-	150
Glasses	(380)	-	380
Computer Equipment/Software	(7,800)	(7,800)	-
Total Permitting, Planning and Inspections	(234,628)	(158,585)	76,043
Community Development:			
Barre Partnership	(70,000)	(70,000)	-
Barre Area Development	(60,853)	(60,853)	-
Main Street Maintenance	(1,200)	(2,059)	(859)
Total Community Development	(132,053)	(132,912)	(859)
Public Parks and Trees - Maintenance:			
Electricity	(900)	(736)	164
Tree Removal	(12,500)	(11,242)	1,258
Total Public Parks and Trees - Maintenance	(13,400)	(11,978)	1,422

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Street Department - Public Works:			
Overtime	(59,062)	(25,640)	33,422
Personnel Services	(681,650)	(600,124)	81,526
FICA	(56,664)	(45,518)	11,146
Claims/Deductibles	(2,000)	-	2,000
Consultant Services	(3,000)	(20,300)	(17,300)
Storm Water Permit	(8,347)	(5,572)	2,775
Training and Development	(4,500)	(1,467)	3,033
Travel and Meals	(250)	(310)	(60)
Electricity	(9,500)	(7,245)	2,255
Rubbish Removal	(4,000)	(4,827)	(827)
Equipment Rental - Snow	(5,000)	-	5,000
Equipment Rental - Streets	(2,500)	(614)	1,886
Vehicle Damage	(2,000)	(6,310)	(4,310)
Plow Damage	(2,500)	(88)	2,412
Barricades - Lights	(1,000)	-	1,000
Culverts - Surface Sewer	(3,862)	(6,074)	(2,212)
Guardrails	(6,000)	(9,810)	(3,810)
Tiles and Grates - Surface Sewer	(10,000)	-	10,000
Radio Maintenance	(1,000)	(694)	306
Building and Grounds Maintenance	(7,500)	(6,302)	1,198
Equipment Maintenance - Streets	(30,000)	(50,089)	(20,089)
Snow Equipment Maintenance	(15,000)	(10,495)	4,505
Truck Maintenance - Streets	(73,500)	(60,407)	13,093
Bridge & Railing Repairs	(3,000)	-	3,000
Street Painting	(9,000)	(3,863)	5,137
Yard Waste	(2,200)	(2,829)	(629)
Roadside Mowing	(6,000)	(5,000)	1,000
Tire Disposal Event	(5,000)	(4,894)	106
Bulk Waste Removal Fees	(10,000)	(4,332)	5,668
Fuel Oil - Garage	(28,534)	(23,176)	5,358
Vehicle Fuel	(75,164)	(52,329)	22,835
Bottled Gas	(250)	(631)	(381)
Vehicle Grease and Oil	(4,000)	(1,029)	2,971
Clothing	(12,000)	(9,367)	2,633
Safety Equipment	(2,000)	(14,617)	(12,617)
Physicals	(540)	(138)	402
Footwear	(2,720)	(1,701)	1,019
Glasses	(2,700)	(824)	1,876
Office Expense	-	(265)	(265)
Small Tools	(2,500)	(3,824)	(1,324)
Supplies Garage	(15,000)	(30,843)	(15,843)
Supplies SW	(13,500)	1,274	14,774
Supplies NSC	(3,000)	-	3,000
Supplies Surface Sewer	(12,000)	(37,448)	(25,448)
Supplies STS	(7,500)	(3,143)	4,357

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Supplies Snow Removal	(5,000)	-	5,000
Asphalt SW	(2,000)	(1,210)	790
Bituminous Hot Mix - Streets	(12,500)	(18,613)	(6,113)
Bituminous Hot Mix - Surface Sewers	(1,500)	(831)	669
Chloride	(250)	(165)	85
Concrete - SW	(3,500)	(501)	2,999
Gravel - Sts	(500)	-	500
Kold Patch - STS - Streets	(5,000)	(5,687)	(687)
Salt - Sno	(170,000)	(130,736)	39,264
SNO - Snow (Streets) Sand	(4,000)	(2,000)	2,000
Street and Parking Signs	(5,000)	(303)	4,697
Street Light Maintenance	(250)	(1,840)	(1,590)
Computer Equipment/Software	(4,500)	(2,025)	2,475
Total Street Department - Public Works	(1,419,443)	(1,224,776)	194,667
Cemetery:			
Personnel Services	(125,723)	(148,553)	(22,830)
Overtime	(1,000)	(60)	940
FICA	(9,694)	(11,389)	(1,695)
Travel and Meals	(100)	-	100
Electricity	(600)	(630)	(30)
Veterans Flags	(2,434)	(2,464)	(30)
Car and Truck Maintenance	(1,200)	(1,201)	(1)
Hope Maintenance	(1,500)	(2,394)	(894)
Mausoleum Maintenance	(1,500)	(1,500)	-
Building and Grounds Maintenance - Elmwood	(2,500)	(1,411)	1,089
Contracted Services	-	(300)	(300)
Hope Grounds Maintenance	(5,000)	(16,278)	(11,278)
St. Monica Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	(1,500)	(577)	923
Grounds and Buildings	(1,750)	(1,225)	525
Equipment Maintenance	(4,000)	(1,380)	2,620
Fuel Oil - Office	(1,147)	(695)	452
Vehicle Fuel	(7,762)	(6,304)	1,458
Clothing	(1,000)	(628)	372
Equipment -Safety	(200)	(62)	138
Footwear	(200)	(460)	(260)
Glasses	(190)	-	190
Small Tools	(500)	(113)	387
Cemetery Trust	(5,500)	(3,700)	1,800
Foundations	(3,000)	(3,445)	(445)
Machine/Equipment	-	(3,327)	(3,327)
Total Cemetery	(178,000)	(208,096)	(30,096)
Transfers:			
Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund	-	(125,000)	(125,000)
Total Transfers	-	(125,000)	(125,000)

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Insurance:			
Health Insurance	(1,271,003)	(1,137,049)	133,954
Life Insurance	(50,270)	(43,277)	6,993
Dental Insurance	(37,203)	(30,075)	7,128
Consultant Services	-	-	-
Total Insurance	(1,358,476)	(1,210,401)	148,075
City Pension Plan:			
City Pension Plan	(511,207)	(551,837)	(40,630)
Consultant Services	(6,500)	-	6,500
Total City Pension Plan	(517,707)	(551,837)	(34,130)
Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	(585,864)	(585,861)	3
Interest Expense	(140,547)	(140,708)	(161)
Total Debt Service	(726,411)	(726,569)	(158)
General Insurance:			
Worker's Compensation	(510,620)	(487,067)	23,553
Property and Casualty	(262,240)	(297,045)	(34,805)
Unemployment Insurance	(24,600)	(18,552)	6,048
Total General Insurance	(797,460)	(802,664)	(5,204)
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Washington County Tax	(43,569)	(41,546)	2,023
Voter Approved Assistance	(149,601)	(149,601)	-
BADC Program Ballot Item	(20,482)	(20,482)	-
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	(213,652)	(211,629)	2,023
Special Projects:			
Special Projects - FICA	(2,322)	(2,187)	135
Special Projects - Custodial	(8,360)	(7,114)	1,246
Special Projects - Fire	(7,000)	(5,007)	1,993
Special Projects - Police	(15,000)	(17,510)	(2,510)
Total Special Projects	(32,682)	(31,818)	864
Miscellaneous Expenses:			
Granite Museum Parking Lot	(17,500)	(17,670)	(170)
Barre Energy Committee	(500)	-	500
City Committee Funding	(1,000)	(93)	907
Front Porch Forum Support	(250)	(250)	-
Homelessness Support	(6,000)		6,000
Bank Fees/Miscellaneous Expenses	(5,000)	(3,059)	1,941
BCJC Stipend	(7,355)	(7,355)	-

Account Description	FY 24 Budget	FY 24 Actual/ Audited	Variance Favorable/ (Unfavorable)
Wellness Initiatives	-	(340)	(340)
Semprebon VCF Trust Projects	(50,000)	(61,904)	(11,904)
Non-Billable Special Projects - Personnel	-	(10,366)	(10,366)
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	(87,605)	(101,037)	(13,432)
 Total Expenditures	 (13,761,826)	 (13,361,504)	 400,322
 Sub Total	 (6,876)	 431,841	 438,717
 Adjustments to Reconcile from the Budgetary Basis of Accounting to the Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting:			
State Budget Adj Act	-	1,050,000	
State Flood Reimbursement	-	128,907	
Federal Flood Reimbursement	-	1,053,757	
Insurance Reimbursement	-	486,911	
FEMA/Flood Expenses	-	(2,096,535)	
 Grand Total		 1,054,881	

ANNUAL MEETING FUNDING REQUESTS**As Per 17 VSA 2642(A)****And Barre City Policy**

Organization	Contact / Mailing address	FY23-24
Barre Area Senior Center	Cathy Hartshorn (acting ED) 131 S. Main St. Ste. 4	\$ 7,500
Barre Partnership - Heritage Festival	Tracie Lewis PO Box 1032	\$ 5,000
Capstone Community Action, Inc. (FKA CVCAC)	Yvonne Lory 20 Gable Place	\$ 3,000
Central VT Adult Basic Education (Barre Learning Center)	Brian Kravitz 46 Washington St	\$ 7,700
Central VT Council on Aging	Luke Rackers 59 N. Main St, Ste 200	\$ 15,000
Central VT Home Health & Hospice	Kim Farnum 600 Granger Rd	\$ 28,000
Circle (FKA Battered Womens Shelter & Services)	Karol Diamond PO Box 652	\$ 2,000
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	Allison Levin 146 Lord Rd.	\$ 1,500
Downstreet Housing & Community Development	Mike Rama 22 Keith Ave, Ste 100	\$ 5,000
Family Center of Washington Co.	Joann Jenkins 383 Sherwood Dr	\$ 3,500
Good Beginnings of Central VT	Gretchen Alias 174 River St	\$ 1,000
Good Samaritan Haven	Rick DeAngelis 105 Seminary St	\$ 1,500
Green MT Transit	Jamie Smith 101 Queen City Park Rd.	\$ 38,401
Mosaic Vermont (FKA Sexual Assault Crisis Team)	Anne Ward 4 Cottage St. Ste. 1	\$ 2,500
OUR House of Central VT	Rebecca Duranleau 38 Summer St	\$ 500
People's Health & Wellness Clinic	Dan Barlow PO Box 544	\$ 3,000
Retired Senior & Volunteer Program	Daniel Noyes 59 N. Main St, Ste 200	\$ 3,000
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Sam Gougher 60 Kimball Ave	\$ 1,000
VT Center for Independent Living	Linda Meleady 11 E. State St	\$ 3,000
Washington Co. Diversion Program	Meg Rizzo 322 N. Main St, Ste. 5	\$ 2,500
Washington Co. Mental Health	Clare Kimmel/Heather Slayton PO Box 647	\$ 10,000
Elevate Youth Services (FKA WashCo Youth Serv Bureau)	Kreig Pinkham/Nicole Bachand PO Box 627	\$ 5,000
TOTAL		\$ 149,601

City of Barre
May 14, 2024
*****OFFICIAL RESULTS*****

At the Annual City and School District Meeting legally warned and holden in the several wards of the City of Barre, Vermont, on the second Tuesday of May 2024, various questions having been duly taken, sorted, counted and also tabulated, the following had the number of votes annexed to their names/items, respectively, for the several offices and items stated:

Voted Item	Ward I	Ward II	Ward III	Totals
MAYOR				
Two-Year Term				
THOMAS LAUZON	415	244	243	902
SAMN STOCKWELL	243	220	182	645
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>18</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

CLERK & TREASURER

Two-Year Term				
Write-ins				0
CAROL DAWES	14	15	10	39
CHERYL METIVIER	131	90	87	308
Other	23	19	17	59
Overvotes				0
Undervotes	<u>495</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>320</u>	<u>1159</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

COUNCILOR

Two-Year Term				
EDMOND "EDDIE" ROUSSE	318	-----	-----	318 ward I
SONYA SPAULDING	332	-----	-----	332 ward I
MICHAEL BOUTIN	-----	228	-----	228 ward II
AMANDA GUSTIN	-----	235	-----	235 ward II
MICHAEL DEERING II	-----	-----	240	240 ward III
JEREMY SPIRO-WINN	-----	-----	172	172 ward III
Write-ins	3	0	0	3
Overvotes	1	2	0	3
Undervotes	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>34</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article I- Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of \$14,873,780 of which an amount not to exceed \$ 10,187,152 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

Yes	369	279	234	882
No	284	177	195	656
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	<u>10</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>27</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article II- Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$450,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

Yes	578	421	367	1366
No	80	42	65	187
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article III- Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to change the date of the annual meeting elections (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	362	281	256	899
No	283	167	168	618
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>48</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article IV- Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to separate the positions of Clerk and Treasurer, and change the Treasurer position to appointed (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	446	318	290	1054
No	176	123	125	424
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	<u>41</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>87</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article V - Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to remove references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	450	330	281	1061
No	162	103	124	389
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	<u>51</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>115</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article VI - Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to allow youth voter participation for local municipal elections and offices (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	182	150	133	465
No	465	301	287	1053
Overvotes	1	0	0	1
Undervotes	15	17	14	46
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article VII-Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$111,200 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	\$3,000
Central Vermont Adult Education	\$7,700
Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP	\$18,000
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice	\$28,000
Circle	\$2,000
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$1,500
Downstreet Housing and Community Dev.	\$5,000
Elevate Youth Services	\$5,000
Family Center of Washington Co.	\$3,500
Good Beginnings of Central VT	\$1,000
Good Samaritan Haven	\$1,500
Mosaic Vermont	\$2,500
OUR House of Central VT	\$500
Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic	\$3,000
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$1,000
VT Center for Independent Living	\$3,000
Washington Co. Diversion Program	\$2,500
Washington Co. Mental Health	\$10,000

Yes	500	371	303	1174
No	145	80	115	340
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	18	17	16	51
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article VIII - Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for Rainbow Bridge Community Center?

Yes	376	297	232	905
No	271	165	197	633
Overvotes	1	0	0	1
Undervotes	15	6	5	26
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Barre Unified Union School District
ARTICLE I - Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$58,160,337, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,415 per Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTWADM) per pupil spending.

Yes	<u>340</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>823</u>
No	<u>318</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>728</u>
Overvotes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Undervotes	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>14</u>
Totals	663	468	434	1565

At the Polling Places of this municipality, the foregoing persons/items received the number of votes indicated on the page of this Official Return of Votes.

Carolyn S. Dawes, Presiding Officer /S/

Brenda Martineau, Assistant
Clerk /S/

May 14, 2024

Date

City of Barre
May 14, 2024

At the Annual School District Meeting legally warned and holden in the several wards of the City of Barre, Vermont, on the first Tuesday of March 2024, various questions having been duly taken, sorted, counted and also tabulated, the following had the number of votes annexed to their names/items, respectively, for the several offices and items stated:

Voted Item	Tabulator Tape	Totals
Barre Unified Union School District		
FOR SCHOOL BOARD (vote for not more than one)		
Three-Year Term		
GIULIANO CECCHINELLI	780	780
SARAH HELMAN	492	492
Write-ins	4	4
Overvotes	5	5
Undervotes	107	107
Totals	1388	1388

FOR SCHOOL BOARD (vote for not more than one)

Two-Years remaining on Three-Year Term		
GARRETT GRANT	790	790
SHELLIE STEVENS	494	494
Write-ins	4	4
Overvotes	4	4
Undervotes	96	96
Totals	1388	1388

Article II-Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District authorize the District to borrow money pending receipt of payments from the State Education Fund by the issuance of its notes or orders payable not later than one year from the date provided?

Yes	849	849
No	497	497
Overvotes	0	0
Undervotes	42	42
Totals	1388	1388

Article III-Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$58,880,532, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,795 per Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTWADM) per pupil spending.

Yes	684	684
No	682	682
Overvotes	0	0
Undervotes	22	22
Totals	1388	1388

Article IV-Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Barre Unified Union School District to transfer \$700,000 of the audited fund balance as of June 30, 2023 to the Tax Stabilization Fund?

Yes	934	934
No	408	408
Overvotes	1	1
Undervotes	45	45
Totals	1388	1388

Article IV-Shall the School District authorize the Board of School Directors of Barre Unified Union School District to transfer \$295,741 of the audited fund balance as of June 30, 2023 to the Capital Projects Fund?

Yes	882	882
No	463	463
Overvotes	0	0
Undervotes	43	43
Totals	1388	1388

At the Polling Places of this municipality, the foregoing persons/items received the number of votes indicated on the page of this Official Return of Votes.

Carolyn S. Dawes, Presiding Officer /S/
Brenda Martineau, Other Election Official /S/

3/5/24
Date

**CITY OF BARRE
CHARTER CHANGES APPROVED BY VOTERS
AT MAY 14, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION**

ARTICLE III

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to change the date of the annual meeting elections from March to May (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 202. Time of elections and meetings.

(a) The annual city meeting of the city for the election of officers, the voting of budgets, and any other business included in the warnings for said meeting, shall be held on the [first] **second** Tuesday in [March] **May**, unless otherwise legally warned by the council.

ARTICLE IV

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to separate the positions of Clerk and Treasurer, and change the Treasurer position to appointed (bold/underlined is added; bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.

Sec. 111. Bonding of city officials

The Mayor, councilors, members of the Police Department, City Manager, Finance Director, Superintendent of Public Works, Tax Collector, [and] Clerk, and Treasurer shall annually be bonded to the City for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, as provided by state statute and the expense of said bonds to be paid by the City.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

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

Chapter III. City Council.

Sec. 301. {Governing body.}

(b) Appoint and remove a Treasurer and such Assistant Treasurers as shall be deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the performance of all duties as required of a municipal treasurer in Vermont Statutes Annotated, Titles 24 and 32, and all other enactments related to the duties of a municipal treasurer.

~~[(b)]~~ **(c)** Assign additional duties to offices, commissions or departments established by this charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, commission or department duties assigned to a particular office, commission or department established by this charter.

~~[(c)]~~ **(d)** Make, amend, and repeal ordinances.

~~[(d)]~~ **(e)** Adopt an official seal of the City.

ARTICLE V

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to remove references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District (bold/underlined is added; bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.

Sec. 110. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the City [~~and the City School District~~] shall begin the first day of July and end on the last day of June of each calendar year. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget and accounting year as used in this charter.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.

Sec. 203. Special city [~~and school district~~] meetings.

Special city meetings [~~and special school district meetings,~~] shall be called in the manner provided by the laws of the state and the voting on all questions shall be by the Australian ballot system[, except for budget votes as provided in section 207(d)].

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

~~[(3) Annually, the legal voters shall elect three school commissioners to serve for a term of three years, as follows:~~

~~(A) at the 2019 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year cycle after that, three school commissioners;~~

~~(B) at the 2020 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year cycle after that, two school commissioners;~~

~~(C) at the 2021 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year cycle after that, two school commissioners]~~

~~[(b) — The legal voters shall elect annually Spaulding Union High School District School Board members in the manner, number, and term limit as is specified in the Barre City/Barre Town Union High~~

School Agreement, dated November 30, 1986, or any such successor document.]

Sec. 206. Vacancies.

~~[(a)]~~ In case of vacancy of any elected municipal city officer, except a councilor [~~or school commissioner~~], occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member for the Council.

~~[(c)]~~ In case of a vacancy of any school commissioner, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation, or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the School Board until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member of the School Board.]

Chapter III, City Council.

Sec. 315. {Compensation of City officials.}

Compensation of Mayor, councilors and other appointees and City officers:

(c) When the legal voters have authorized an annual City [and school] budget, the City Council~~[- School Board,]~~ and/or the City Manager shall not authorize appropriations, expenditures or payment in excess of the amount voted. Deficit spending shall be prohibited by the City of Barre~~[and the City of Barre Schools]~~.

Chapter IV, City Officials.

~~[Sec. 413. School District.~~

~~The City treasurer shall be treasurer of the City of Barre School District and shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities of a treasurer of a town school district, except as otherwise provided.]~~

Chapter V, Departments and Boards.

~~[ARTICLE IX. BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS~~

~~Sec. 516. Powers and duties:~~

~~(a) Except as otherwise provided, the school commissioners, elected as herein before provided, shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities prescribed for school directors of town school districts.~~

They shall compose the board of school commissioners of the City of Barre School District, with the same duties, powers and liabilities of the board of school directors of a town school district. The board of school commissioners shall consist of seven members; each serving a term of three years:

(b) The board of school commissioners shall have the care and custody of all the property belonging to, or used for, the public schools located in the city. Payments due or to become due on bonds and interest thereon, used by the city of Barre for school purposes, shall be paid by the City of Barre School District.

(c) No later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting date each year, the board of school commissioners shall present to the city council its budget requests for the next fiscal year.

(d) The board shall appoint from among its members, a clerk who shall have the same duties and responsibilities as prescribed by statute.

Sec. 517. Appointment of superintendent and principal; compensation; term.

The school commissioners shall annually appoint a superintendent of schools and a principal of high schools and shall fix their compensation which shall be paid by the school commissioners in the same manner as other expense for the support of schools; and for cause of incapacity, negligence or misconduct, they may remove such officers and shall by appointment fill any vacancy in such office arising from any cause. The superintendent shall perform all such duties in connection with the public schools of the city as shall be assigned him by the board of school commissioners and as may be prescribed by law. He shall annually report to the city council such statistics as are required by law and such other information as the school commissioners shall direct.]

City of Barre
Chapter 2 - ADMINISTRATION
#2024-01

At its March 26, 2024 meeting the Barre City Council approved the following ordinance changes. These changes will go into effect 14 days after this publication, as per City charter.

The City Council of the City of Barre hereby ordains that Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Barre, Vermont is hereby amended to read as follows:

Note: **Bold/Underline indicates additions**
[brackets/Strikeout indicates deletions]

DIVISION 6. POLICE*

Sec. 2-103. Established; purpose; powers and duties.

The police department is hereby established for the purpose of providing for enforcement of the laws, apprehension of criminal offenders, guarding the public safety, preventing crime, controlling vehicular traffic, and generally to carry out the functions and perform duties assigned to the police. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.01)

Sec. 2-104.Chief of police designated as director; acting director.

- (a) The Chief of police shall be director of the police department. In [his] **their** absence or in case of [his] **their** disability, the [highest ranking officer of the regular division on duty] **deputy chief** shall be the acting director of the department, unless the city manager designates an acting chief. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.03; Ord. No. 1983-7, 10-26-83)

(b) The City Council shall establish by resolution the appointment procedures for the office of chief of police.

[Sec. 2-105. Reserved.]

Editor's note--Ord. No. 1984-1, adopted Feb. 21, 1984, repealed Sec. 2-105. Said former section, relative to divisions of the police department, derived Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.02,

Ord. No. 1976-1, adopted May 4, 1976; Ord. No. 1977-2, adopted Aug. 23, 1977; Ord. No.

1978-2, adopted May 9, 1978; Ord. No. 1980-7, adopted July 15, 1980; Ord. No. 1983-1, adopted Jan. 13, 1983; and Ord. No. 1983-6, adopted June 21, 1983.]

Sec. 2-~~[106]~~105. Appointment procedures~~[; annual examinations; required removal]~~.

[Members] **Sworn members** of the police department shall be appointed by the city manager [following the same procedure as is prescribed for firemen] **subject to established laws, policies, rules, and regulations**. [They shall be subject to the same annual examinations; and to the same effect with respect to removal, as is provided in this chapter.] (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.04; Ord. No. 1983-7, 10-26-83)

[Sec. 2-107. Probations:

No person shall be deemed to be a regular police officer or member of the regular division, until he has satisfactorily served a probationary period of six (6) months on duty with the regular division. An appointee, during the probationary period may be discharged without cause or hearing by the city manager. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.04; Ord. No. 1983-7, 10-26-83)

Sec. 2-108. Eligibility for employment and promotion:

No person shall be eligible for appointment as a police officer or promotion in rank in the police department, unless he is a graduate of a high school or equivalent secondary school, or has been granted a high school equivalence certificate by the state board of education. Certified proof of such graduation or grant of an equivalence certificate shall be presented to the city manager before action is taken on appointment or promotion. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.04; Ord. No. 1983-7, 10-26-83)]

Sec. 2-~~[109]~~106. Removal; suspension.

[Members] **Sworn members** of the police department [who are regular police officers in the regular division] may be removed or suspended by the city manager, as provided by general law. (See 24 V.S.A.1932) [Members of all other divisions may be removed or suspended by the city manager without hearing:] (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.05; Ord. No. 1983-7, 10-26-83)

[Sec. 2-110. Promotions:

(a) When a vacancy occurs in the regular division in the rank of sergeant or higher, no one shall be eligible to fill the vacancy, by promotion or otherwise, unless he has been an official of a regular active police force for at least three (3) years immediately prior to the opening of a vacancy.

(b) Promotions in rank shall be made on basis of examination and other factors, in the same manner as members of the state police are promoted. Examinations and grading shall be conducted by an agency or organization not connected with the government of the city.

(c) A person appointed to the grade of sergeant or higher shall serve a probationary period of six (6) months during which time he may be demoted, reduced in rank or reduced to the grade of patrolman, by the city manager, without hearing.

(d) The provisions of this section notwithstanding, the city manager may appoint any member of the regular division to a temporary grade, but only for a period of not more than three (3) months, during which the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with other provisions of this section.

(e) The city council shall establish by resolution the appointment procedures for the office of chief of police separately from the regulations set forth for promotions to the grade of sergeant or higher. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.06; Ord. No. 1983-1, 1-13-83; Ord. No. 1983-6, 6-21-83;

Ord. No. 1983-7, 10-26-83)

Sec. 2-111. Regulations governing conduct; publication requirement.

The members of the police department shall be governed by regulations of the department presently in force. Such regulations may be amended by the council. They shall be published in an appendix to this Code. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 12.10.07)

Secs. 2-112--2-116. Reserved.]

ADOPTION HISTORY

- First Reading at regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Second Reading and Public Hearing set by Council for Tuesday, March 26, 2024.
- Proposed language printed in Times Argus newspaper on Saturday, March 16, 2024.
- Second Reading and Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Adopted at regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 and

entered in the minutes of that meeting which are approved on April 2, 2024.

- Posted in public places on March 27, 2024.
- Notice of adoption published in the Times Argus newspaper on March 30, 2024.
- Effective April 13, 2024.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2024.

Carolyn S. Dawes

City Clerk/Treasurer

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Barre City Police Department

The event that inevitably took the spotlight, albeit negatively, during fiscal year 2024 was the devastating flood of July 2023. The staff at the Barre City Police Department worked tirelessly over the two-day event providing public safety services to the community and assisting our public works department. During this event the first floor of the police department suffered extensive water damage due to a failed culvert trash rack on the bank behind the building, resulting in the displacement of staff, files and equipment. Nonetheless, our staff put forth exemplary effort without hesitation.

Staff changes within the department during this period included the departures of Corporal Joel Pierce who left the department to become Chief of Police of the St. Johnsbury Police Department and Brianna Murphy who left the department to care for her newborn twins. We continue our recruitment efforts using several various methods.



Officer Jesse Fecher



Community Service Officer
Dee Machia

During our 2nd annual awards and recognition ceremony, Officer Jesse Fecher received the Officer of the Year award and Community Service/Parking Officer Dee Machia received the Employee of the Year award. Other awards presented included Awards of Merit to Officers Fecher and McGowan and Dispatchers Lowe and Ryan, Chief's Salutes to Deputy Chief Eastman and Officer McGowan, and a Unit Citation to the many personnel who worked over a two-day period during the devastating flood of July 10-11, 2023.

Quality of life concerns and correlating non-violent crimes associated with alcohol, drug usage and homelessness continue to be the leading calls for service at the department. Those incidents classified as such include vandalism, disorderly conduct, disturbances, loitering/vagrancy, retail theft, and alcohol and drug related issues. Cumulatively, those incidents account for over 900 calls for service on average annually. Retail theft has been a steadily increasing issue throughout the state. Inasmuch, new legislation was recently passed with penalty enhancements to assist in combating the issue. Reported crimes of violence have been on a steady decrease since its peak in 2018. Our staff remains committed to serving the community and working collaboratively to address crime and quality of life concerns.

In closing, I want to thank the City Manager and Council members for their support to provide these services to our community. I especially wish to thank the entire staff of the Barre City Police Department for their continued hard work and dedication. We continue to be grateful for the community's continued support of the Barre City Police Department and our entire public safety team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Braedon S. Vail
Chief of Police



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Annual Report: Fiscal Year 2024

Challenges and Response:

Fiscal Year 2024 was a demanding year for both our department and the citizens we serve. The devastation caused by the July 2023 flood was unprecedented, testing our community's resilience. The December 2023 flood, while less severe in physical impact, resurfaced emotional and psychological challenges from the July disaster.

During a critical 12-hour operational period in July, our dedicated staff responded to over 50 calls for service, including medical emergencies, alarm activations, and a commercial building fire. This volume far exceeded our typical daily workload, yet our team maintained exceptional professionalism and effectiveness.

In the months that followed, we focused heavily on flood cleanup, mitigation efforts, and collaboration with the Long-Term Recovery Group to support community rebuilding.

Staffing Updates:

In the past year, we reached full staffing levels for the first time in over a year, which has been instrumental in maintaining operational efficiency and ensuring staff well-being. We were pleased to welcome the following new members to our team:

- **Firefighter Marcel Brault**
- **Firefighter Christopher Forsell**
- **Inspector Arthur Young**

The addition of these professionals not only strengthens our operational capacity but also ensures that our staff can take necessary time off duty to recover and recharge from their demanding 24-Hour shifts.



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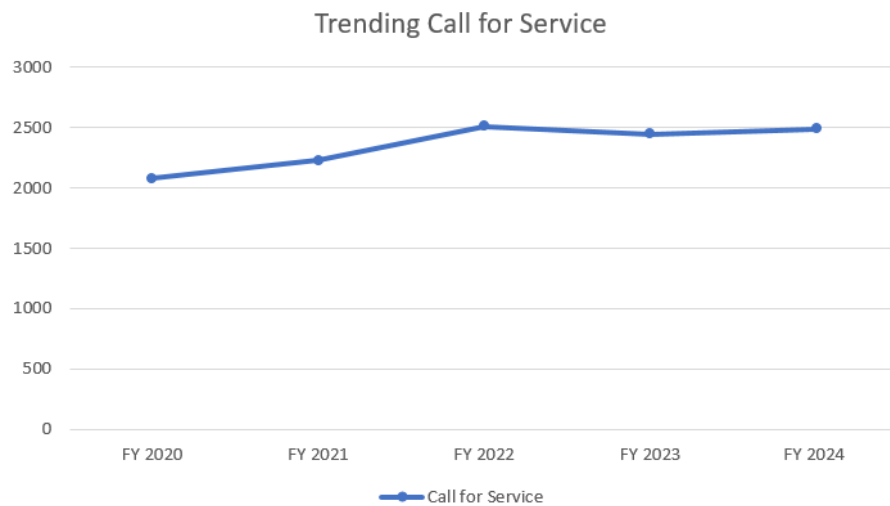
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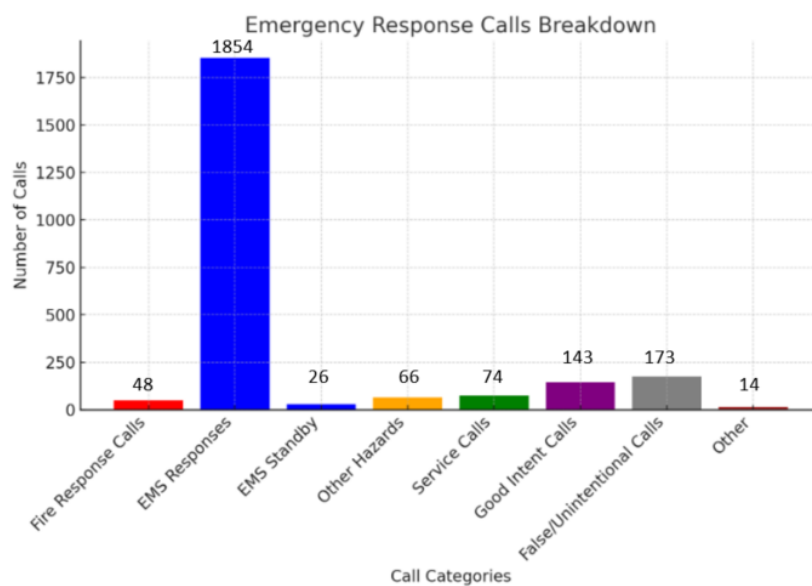
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Call Volume:

Over the past five years, our total call volume has remained relatively stable, with minimal fluctuations. On average, approximately 20% of our annual calls involve overlapping incidents, where two or more calls occur simultaneously. Given our current staffing levels, managing these overlapping calls relies heavily on backfilling and the support of off-duty personnel.



FY 24 Calls for services:





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Equipment Upgrades:

Ensuring our firefighters have reliable and up-to-date safety gear is a top priority. Firefighting suits, designed to protect against the hazardous conditions of a fire, have a lifespan of ten years. To prevent gear from expiring and maintain safety standards, we make annual purchases of a few sets rather than facing a large, budget-straining replacement all at once. Fiscal Year 2024 followed this approach, continuing our commitment to gradual, budget-conscious upgrades.

Additionally, a committee of department members was formed to evaluate new rescue air bags and hydraulic tools, commonly known as the “Jaws of Life”. The committee reviewed equipment from four different dealers, considering factors such as performance, service reliability, and fiscal responsibility. These lifesaving tools are essential for lifting, cutting, and spreading materials to rescue trapped victims. The previous set, last upgraded 20 years ago, had become outdated and lacked the power needed for modern vehicle extrications. The new tools, funded through the Capital Replacement Plan, offer significantly more power, operate more smoothly and efficiently, and enhance our ability to respond effectively when every second counts.

In Fiscal Year 2024, we also placed an order for a new ambulance to replace a 2008 model with over 100,000 miles—miles accumulated almost entirely within our four-square-mile coverage area. This upgrade is essential for maintaining operational readiness and ensuring we can respond to multiple medical emergencies simultaneously.

Community Engagement and Safety Initiatives:

The Barre City Fire Department is honored to be an active partner in our community, working closely with local schools to provide essential safety education and hands-on learning experiences. Our dedicated firefighters and the Fire Marshal make numerous school visits throughout the year, delivering fire safety tips, basic medical training, and even engaging students in hands-on activities such as raptor building. One of the most anticipated events is Field Day, where our staff enthusiastically participate in friendly tug-of-war matches with students and faculty, fostering camaraderie and community spirit.

Beyond the classroom, we are proud to collaborate with Police Chief Vail and the Barre City Police Department at the annual National Night Out event, held on the first Tuesday of August. This widely attended gathering provides residents with the opportunity to explore fire trucks, police cruisers, military vehicles, and heavy equipment provided by Barre Public Works. The



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event strengthens community relationships while promoting safety awareness in a fun, interactive environment.

In addition to our public engagement efforts, the Barre City Fire Department has taken a proactive approach to public health and safety with our Sharps Container Disposal Program. For over six years, this initiative has provided a safe and convenient way for residents to dispose of used needles, preventing hazardous waste from littering our streets and sidewalks. With five strategically placed collection sites throughout the city, we successfully collect and safely dispose of approximately 1,000 gallons of needles annually. By offering accessible disposal points, we help reduce environmental and public health risks while promoting responsible waste management.

Early access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is a critical factor in increasing survival rates for cardiac arrest victims. Every minute without defibrillation reduces the chances of survival, making it essential to have AEDs readily available in public and business spaces. Recognizing this need, we have actively collaborated with local businesses to improve access to AEDs. Through these partnerships, we help businesses acquire and place AEDs in their establishments, ensuring they are prepared to respond swiftly in the event of a cardiac emergency. By expanding AED availability, we enhance the safety of employees, customers, and the broader community.

The Barre City Fire Department remains committed to serving and protecting our community, not only through emergency response but also through education, engagement, and proactive public health initiatives. We look forward to continuing these efforts in partnership with our residents, schools, and fellow city agencies.

Acknowledgment and Gratitude:

We extend our sincere gratitude to the City Mayor, City Council, and the taxpayers of Barre City for their unwavering support. Your commitment to public safety enables us to maintain and enhance our emergency response capabilities. Through your backing, we have been able to upgrade essential equipment, and continue vital community initiatives. We deeply appreciate your trust in our department and our mission to protect and serve our community.

A Tribute to Our Dedicated Team:

Our team of dedicated staff are true heroes. Day in and day out, they respond without hesitation to emergencies—whether it is slips, trips, and falls, building fires, flooding, or any crisis imaginable. Every single day, this committed group shows up, fully aware that their service comes with personal sacrifices.



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They miss moments with their own families—a lost tooth, a birthday celebration, a sporting event, or even Holiday—so that they can serve our community and help make it the best it can be.

We also recognize the families at home, whose support makes this possible. Life does not pause when we go to work. Someone has to keep things running—getting the kids off to school, managing sporting events, handling bedtime routines, and even dealing with personal crises, like flooding in their own homes. While our staff are out helping the city, their loved ones hold everything together behind the scenes.

To those at home, and to every member of our team—thank you. No words can truly express the depth of our gratitude for your unwavering dedication and sacrifice.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Cushman, Chief of Fire & EMS



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Inspection & Compliance Overview:

In 2024, our inspection and compliance efforts remained a cornerstone of our commitment to public safety and code enforcement. Through a combination of proactive inspections, permit reviews, and follow-ups on violations, we ensured that residential, commercial, and public buildings met safety standards. Our team conducted a total of **1,736 inspections**, ranging from routine residential and business inspections to post-disaster assessments and life safety system compliance checks.

Beyond inspections, our workload extended to **433 permit reviews**, ensuring that new construction and renovations adhered to regulatory requirements. The department dedicated **76.5% of total working hours** to inspections and reporting, reinforcing our focus on safety and enforcement. Additionally, **10% of time** was allocated to ongoing training, allowing staff to stay current with evolving codes and best practices. The remaining **13.5%** of time supported critical office functions, including emergency response, administrative work, and public education initiatives.

This data underscores the essential role our department plays in maintaining safety and compliance across the community. By balancing fieldwork, training, and administrative responsibilities, we continue to enhance the effectiveness of our operations while adapting to the evolving needs of our city.

Inspection Activity Summary

- **Residential Buildings Inspected:** 159
- **Individual Units Inspected:** 561
- **Re-inspections Conducted:** 246
- **Post-Flood Disaster Inspections:** 132
- **Follow-Up Inspections for Life Safety System Violations:** 54
(Sprinkler, Fire Alarm, Hoods, etc.)
- **Time-of-Sale Inspections:** 25
- **Health & Complaint-Related Inspections:** 37
- **Business, Mercantile, Hotels & Lodging Inspections:** 112
- **Electrical Inspections:** 410
- **Total Inspections Conducted:** 1,736

Permit Reviews

- **General Permit Reviews:** 289
- **Building Permit Reviews:** 144



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Respectfully submitted,

Keith Cushman, Chief of Fire & EMS

Facilities and Grounds Department

Annual Report

The Building and Community Services department was renamed the Facilities and Grounds department. Facilities and Grounds consists of the Facilities Department and the Cemeteries and Parks Department.

The Facilities Department is responsible for overseeing all buildings and grounds owned by the City of Barre. This includes custodial and maintenance services for the following buildings: Municipal Auditorium, Alumni Hall, BOR, City Hall, Public Safety Building. We are also responsible for the mowing and upkeep of the following playgrounds and fields: Lincoln Field, Tarquinio Park, Garfield Playground, Mathewson Playground, Nativi Playground, Vine Street Playground, the Wobby Park area at the Public Safety Building, City Hall Park, Currier Park, Dente Park, and Canales Park located on Pleasant Street. We also maintain the Rotary Park area encompassing the pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, Skateboard Park, volleyball court, baseball field, and Charlie's Playground 2000. The Facilities crew also mows the two vacant lots on Hillside Avenue as well as the Route 62 entry at North Main Street up to the railroad crossing. We also maintain the areas on Brook Street and Reid Street that encompass the Gunner Brook Flood Remediation area. The Facilities crew also maintains the City "multiple use paths" by trimming and cleaning every two weeks. We also look after the trees on Main Street, as well as assisting with the seasonal decorations in the gazebo.

The Facilities Department provides assistance to groups that rent the Civic Center facilities, including set – up and custodial services for each event. Some of these events are repetitive such as, Red Cross blood drives, Vermont Foodbank and VeggieVanGo monthly food distributions in the parking lot, The Barre City Fire and Police Departments also utilize Alumni Hall for staff meetings and trainings. The Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles rents an office in Alumni Hall and conducts CDL testing in the parking lot one (and occasionally two) days a week. We host a men's basketball league that plays games on Sundays in the AUD from November to February. For 2 weeks in March the AUD also hosts the VPA high school basketball state tournament semifinal and finals for boys and girls divisions 2, 3 and 4.

The Cemeteries and Parks Department is responsible for the upkeep at Elmwood, Hope and St. Monica Cemeteries. We also maintain the small park at the corner of Elm and Summer Streets as well as the area surrounding the welcome

sign on North Main Street at the Granite Museum and the green space at the Green Mountain Power building across from the Beverage Baron. We also provide tours of Hope Cemetery for bus groups for a fee.

March saw the departure of several key members of the department. Building and Community Services director Jeff Bergeron retired after 17 years of service to the Barre community. Jeff oversaw the Facilities and Cemetery departments as well as being the city tree warden and serving as the city liaison with several committees. Assistant BCS director Stephanie Quaranta also retired in March after 37 years of service. Stephanie oversaw the Barre recreation department for several decades. HR director and Interim BCS Director Rikk Taft departed in September after 11 years of service. We wish them the best of luck going forward and thank them for their service to the city and surrounding communities.

I came on board in September. I was at Norwich University for 30 years in the Facilities Operations Department. I started on the Grounds crew. I moved on to Building maintenance Inspector, Maintenance scheduler, Custodial service Manager and finished up with Supervisor of Ground, Vehicle Maintenance and Transportation.

Looking forward to this coming year, we have several major projects planned, including a new header for the chilling system at the BOR, grant funded energy efficiency upgrades at City hall, and grant funded energy efficiency and accessibility improvements to the Auditorium. Beginning in the Fall, the AUD will be the home arena of the Vermont Coyotes of the American Basketball Association, with up to 10 home games per season.

Tom Baker
Director of Facilities and Grounds

PLANNING, PERMITTING & ASSESSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORT

2024 Annual Report

The Planning, Permitting & Assessing Department (PPA) saw an extremely challenging fiscal year, along with the other City Departments. Shortly after July 1, 2023, the City of Barre experienced the July 10th flood, which left parts of the City incapacitated. Along with the devastation of homes and some businesses from flooding, City Hall and the Public Safety Building experienced flooding as well. We were lucky enough to not lose files or workspace, so were able to continue operations. This Department was short a Permit Administrator from the Fall of 2021 until it was filled in March of 2023. Along with learning zoning, compliance and regulatory work, we were immediately immersed in flood recovery. December 18, 2023, another flood occurred, and the bulk of the permitting work for the entire fiscal year was largely about flood mitigation and recovery. With the City not having an Assessor from December 2020, we also were able to hire a contract assessing firm, Martin Appraisal Services out of Middlesex, VT. The Assessors work part-time in the office and have been working diligently to build back an equalized Grand List that reflects changes to properties in Barre City.

Our mission is to continue providing efficient, supportive and professional assistance to the Barre City community and beyond, regarding assessing, planning, zoning, community development, economic development, historic preservation, and energy, among many others. The Department accomplishes this by providing general and technical assistance to individuals and various commissions, committees, and property researchers reviewing and issuing zoning, building, electrical and flood hazard permits; analyzing and revising regulations, encouraging citizen participation; and assisting in the planning and designing for any future development.

The Planning staff are the liaisons for the Planning Commission, and the DRB (Development Review Board). The Director is the appointed Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's City Commissioner, and served on the Brownfields Advisory Committee, and on the Executive Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer. The Director and the Permit Administrator also act in an administrative capacity to the Code Enforcement Office of the Fire Department.

This Department could not do all that it does without the thoughtful and hard work by our staff, other staff within City Hall, and all the individuals who volunteer on commissions and committees. We appreciate the support from local officials, and the participation of our citizens outside of City Hall. We are very fortunate to have so many motivated, interested and skilled citizens willing to give of their time, their energy and themselves to try to make things happen in our City.

Planning

Planning efforts continue focusing on the need for additional housing, most especially since the July flood. The Unified Development Ordinance was revised for Accessory Dwelling Units to be less restrictive in parking and the number of bedrooms. We worked with the Planning Commission as they studied changes to and eventually adopted interim zoning for density revisions, changes in parking requirements for residential homes, dimensional standards and development review.

Grants

The City applies for many grants throughout the fiscal year, as well as partner with entities that need to utilize the City for pass-through grant work. The City, partnering with Downstreet Housing, wrapped up a grant for the Recovery Residence, of which \$1M was the grant award. The City and Turning Point Center of Central Vermont, Inc. continues to work toward a grant agreement for a new facility in the City, with a tentative award of \$500,000. We obtained a grant in 2021 to redevelop a pump station out on Rte 302 heading toward Berlin and Montpelier. That grant award was for \$116,667 of a \$1.5M project, and that work got under way. The Cow Pasture Committee, in working with the Director applied for and obtained a grant for \$50,600 to purchase 3 lots adjacent to the Cow Pasture to enhance trails add acreage to that parcel. Work will get under way next summer. The Department obtained two grants, one for assisting in revising the Unified Development Ordinance, and one for revisiting a master plan to update. Due to the flooding, consultants have been difficult to engage. The City, in working with Downstreet, obtained an implementation grant for \$500,000 to complete renovations to the Bromur Street apartments, and renovate the former Ward 5 School into 9 rental units. That work has begun and will be completed all through the next fiscal year.

Permitting

Permits issued this fiscal year were 71 zoning permits, 73 flood hazard permits, 136 building permits, 192 electrical permits, 9 vacant building registrations and 8 Time of Sale Inspections that generated \$63,847.18 to help offset the cost of reviews and processing. Following the July 2023 flood, the City Council waived all permit fees for those projects that involved flood damaged structures. The Development Review Board held 8 hearing dates to consider 9 cases. Staff also processed invoices for rental property registration and tracked delinquencies, which generated approximately \$111,376 in additional income. Rental Registrations are still not being paid either timely or at all by some of our landlords and property owners; so in the coming year, we will be working toward a more diligent method to receive their required fees, including assigning penalties and judicial tickets.

Permits are required for all land development, from grading and filling to renovating and building. We encourage anyone with questions to come in during the planning stage of a project so we can discuss your needs and assist you through the permit process. Regulations and applications are also available at www.barrecity.org under the planning and zoning department pages.

Assessing

The Assessing office is responsible for maintaining the current ownership information and the listing and Valuation of all real (exempt and taxable) in the City. Our Grand List is prepared as of April 1 of each year, and filed with the City Clerk in summer. Changes of Appraisal Notices are sent to owners of properties with value changes around that time. Building, electrical, flood hazard and zoning permits, property transfer tax returns, listings, and surveys are some of the tools used to update assessments.

According to the 2024 Equalization Study conducted by the Property Valuation and Review Division of the Vermont Department of Taxes, Barre City's CLA (Common Level of Appraisal) effective December 26, 2024 is 67.62%. This means that, on average, Barre City's properties are assessed at approximately 68% of current market value, according to the State's CLA analyses.

The State uses a 3-year average for their calculations, so the current CLA is lower than the CLA indicates.

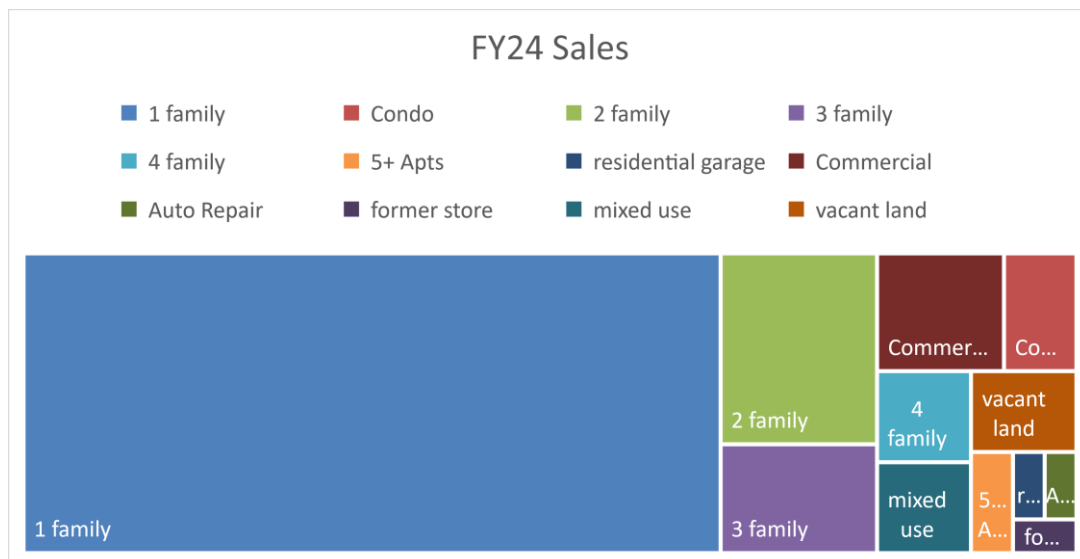
The COD (Coefficient of Dispersion) is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within a municipality. The current COD is 24.00%. A COD of 10% or lower is considered as indicating relatively good equity in assessments. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal and **the City of Barre is currently under instruction from the state to perform a re-appraisal**. The historical CLA and COD are as follows:

Barre City Equalization Results		
<u>Year</u>	<u>CLA</u>	<u>COD</u>
2024-2025	67.62%	24.00%
2023-2024	76.62%	23.78%
2022-2023	82.76%	20.60%
2021-2022	92.57%	13.67%
2020-2021	94.97%	12.20%

The CLA has decreased because the real estate values have increased while most assessments have remained unchanged.

New England Municipal Consultants, Ltd. of Lyndonville, VT was awarded the contract for the citywide reappraisal. **The reappraisal work has already begun with extensive fieldwork and data collection with the completion date of spring 2026.** For more information on re-appraisal please visit our website: <https://www.barrecity.org/assessment.html>

Property transfers for the fiscal year are represented:



Property Record (“Lister”) cards are available from the assessor’s office. Property Sales lists are updated monthly, previous Grand Lists and the link to our parcel mapping can all be found on the City’s website.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, and closed from noon to 1:00 pm for lunch. We can be contacted via email and/or telephone, which can be found on the City's website under the staff directory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet E. Shatney, Director
Permit Administrator | Grant Administrator | Interim Assessor
Planning, Permitting & Assessing Services

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

FY 2024

ANNUAL REPORT

The word for FY 2024 is FLOOD. On July 10th, the City of Barre experienced yet another devastating flood. As the new Public Works Director, the extent of the destruction was unimaginable to me. I am incredibly grateful to our staff, who weathered the storm and promptly began the cleanup efforts. Everyone should be amazed and appreciative of the dedication shown by our public works team. They worked long hours for many days to clean up and repair the damage, which ranged from erosion along road shoulders to the complete destruction of North Main Street.

We are fortunate to have generous neighbors in the State of Vermont. We received assistance from the Town of St. Johnsbury, the City of Burlington, the City of South Burlington, the City of Rutland, and the City of St. Albans. Although the Town of Barre offered help, it was not needed during this disaster. I want to express my gratitude to all our partners.

Additionally, we received support from a group of contractors, and I extend my thanks to them for adjusting their busy schedules to assist us in our cleanup and recovery efforts. To provide a clearer picture of the work accomplished, here are some key figures:

1. 26 dump trucks were used to remove silt.
2. 9 loaders were utilized to load the trucks.
3. Our Street Foreman got over 100 phone calls in a single day.
4. Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of silt and mud were removed from downtown.

As the Director, I want to thank my staff from top to bottom. They were the true heroes of this disaster and deserve all the appreciation. I could not have accomplished anything without their efforts.

We had to return to our regular Department of Public Works (DPW) activities. The paving bids have been sent out, and we made progress on as many projects as possible. This season, we successfully paved Warren Street, River Street, Center Street, Blackwell Street, Beckley Street, Pleasant Street, Richardson Road, Jorgensen Lane, and South Main Street. Due to flooding, we also had to pave North Main Street, and as a result of a water main break, we completed paving a section of Berlin Street. While we still have much more to do, I was very pleased with what we accomplished.

In our utility work, we recently completed the installation of a new water main on Warren Street. Additionally, sewer repairs were conducted on Merchant Street in advance of a planned paving project. Our crews typically handle 5 to 8 appointments weekly to repair or replace aging water meters. With approximately 4,400 customers to serve, maintaining up-to-date meters is an ongoing task.

Due to the flooding this year, our vactor truck was consistently busy cleaning drain lines and basins. We systematically cleaned every line affected by silt to ensure proper operation during rain events. Unfortunately, we also experienced several sewer backups and water main breaks. These issues often arise unexpectedly, but our crews are always prepared to respond at any hour of the day or night.

Notably, we encountered a major water main break on Berlin Street, where a 12-inch high-pressure line ruptured near the intersection with John Street. This break resulted in the loss of the entire roadway, including the sidewalk, from John Street to Railroad Street. Given the extensive repairs required for this water line over the last ten years, we opted to install a new main at this location. Our crew successfully installed the new main, poured a new sidewalk, and the contractor completed the paving of the street before winter set in.

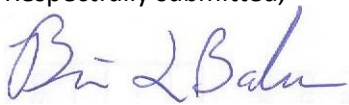
Our treatment plants operate autonomously, but under the recent leadership of Jacob Drown, who has been promoted to Superintendent of Water and Wastewater Treatment, they have started to function as a cohesive unit. Superintendent Drown has divided his time between the Water Treatment Plant in Orange and the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Willey Street. After the flood, we received a significant number of complaints about discolored water. Our team at the Water Treatment Plant, with assistance from our Water Department, conducted extensive flushing and testing until the issue was resolved. This is another testament to our staff's dedication and skill. Meanwhile, the Wastewater Treatment Plant continues to tackle daily emergencies while we are in the design phase of a new Headworks facility. This new process is expected to help our staff maintain all necessary treatment standards to protect the citizens and the environment of Barre.

Every year, winter arrives, and our plow crews perform their duties as expected. They ensure that both streets and sidewalks are clear for vehicles and pedestrians. During the fiscal year 2024, our crew used 1,450 tons of salt, which cost approximately \$130,000. At the end of the season, we upgraded two of our skid steers in April, allowing us to be better prepared for the next plowing season. While we are still waiting, we currently have three new plow trucks on order.

As spring arrived, our focus shifted from plowing to maintenance. Our street sweeper began its nightly patrol of the streets of Barre, clearing away the remnants of a long winter. We sent out paving bids for several streets: Merchant Street, Farwell Street, Brook Street, and Merchant's Row, all scheduled for completion this season. A low bid from Blaktop of West Lebanon was accepted by the City. This makes it crucial to complete our spring work before paving these streets. Typically, it requires all hands on deck to prepare, as all utilities—water, sewer, and storm—must be adjusted before paving can begin. It looks to be a very busy and productive construction season ahead.

On behalf of all the staff in the Public Work Department, I appreciate the support from the taxpayers in the City of Barre as well as the City Manager, Mayor and City Council, City Clerk, Finance Director, Planning and Zoning Dept., Assessors, Accounting Dept. and Facilities Dept. I also offer special thanks to all our City employees in the Street Department, Water Department, Sewer Department, Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Engineer's Office. We look forward to serving you and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office at (802) 476-0250.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian L. Baker

Director of Public Works and Engineering

Development Review Board

2024 Report (for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

The Development Review Board (DRB) for the City of Barre, VT consists of nine seats from the community, two from each of the three City Wards, and three at-large members. The Board members meet to hear Subdivision, Site Plan, Conditional Use, Variance, Waiver, curb cut request and Permit Administrator appeals, among other items. The DRB has a regular standing meeting on the first Thursday of every month, unless there are no applications to be heard or a date change to a special meeting is needed. Also, the DRB is a quasi-judicial board, meaning the hearing is conducted similar to a court proceeding, and requires findings of facts to reach conclusions of law that justify their decisions.

The board met a total of nine times this fiscal year for ten applications. Hearing requests included a façade changes to buildings along North Main Street; a major addition to a granite business office; two curbcut requests; two building demolitions; and the addition of a pellet silo to a business in the downtown.

August 2023 saw three members resign, and the fourth in October 2023. Through some moving of ward members to at-large seats, we were able to fill the vacancies easier throughout the year, and saw appointments beginning in June, September, October and November of 2023.

Our members as of the end of the fiscal year in June 2024 were

<u>Ward 1</u>	<u>Ward 2</u>	<u>Ward 3</u>	<u>At-Large</u>
Linda Shambo, Chair	Sarah Helman, Vice Chair	Katrina Pelkey	Vacant
Chrysta Murray	Jayme Bauer	Colin Doolittle	Kendall Schmidt
			Jessica Egerton

Elections took place for Chair and Vice Chair, as indicated above, and the Secretary role continues to be served by staff.

Vacancies on the DRB can be an issue when there is a major development happening in our City. When there are vacancies, I urge residents and professionals that live here in the City to give thought to becoming a member of this valuable Board.

The Permit Administrator is delegated the staff role to the DRB. This position was vacant from September 2021 through March of 2023 while the Director maintained status quo. Michelle La Barge-Burke joined the City Permitting team in March 2023, and now staffs this Board with backup always provided by the Director.

Choosing to be a DRB member brings a 4-year obligation, with a once-per-month evening meeting. The time it takes to review the packet of applicant materials sent and to be prepared for a hearing takes time and commitment. I would like to offer my thanks and support to the DRB Board Members who have volunteered their time in undertaking this responsibility for the City of Barre.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet E. Shatney, Director
Planning, Permitting & Assessing Services

Barre City Planning Commission
2024 Report (for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024)

The City of Barre Planning Commission is a seven-member board appointed by the City Council for a 3-year term each. Commissioners perform planning functions and duties as required by the City Charter, City Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, State Law (24 VSA §4325, and the City Council. Their mission is developing and planning future regulations and guideline with assistance from the City Planning Director.

The Planning Commission had standing meetings scheduled for the second Thursdays of each month. All meetings are open to the public. For updates and more information, visit <https://www.barrecity.org/planning-commission/>.

The Commission met ten times over the course of the year, focused on ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) changes to the zoning ordinance, as well as interim zoning changes in density, lot size and minimum parking requirements to change with the growing needs of housing in the City. Changes that were adopted in the next fiscal year (after a year of hard work) revised the zoning to be in alignment with HOME Act, or Act 47. These regulation changes allowed for dwelling unit density, changes to dimensional standards, changes to minimum parking requirements, and development review. With Act 47 in place, this allowed the Commission to lower the density requirements in our largest residential zoning district, and also allowed for changes to the number of dwelling units per lot.

Toward the end of the fiscal year, after the devastating floods of July 10, 2023 and December 18, 2023, the Commission also revised the Flood Hazard regulations to be in alignment with State law. We removed the substantial damage/improvement determination from someone spending 50% of their assessed value or \$50,000 whichever was less, to allow for only 50% of the assessed value, and appraisals to be used as well.

Over the year, the Planning Commission Chair and 12-year member Michael Hellein resigned in August 2023, and in June of 2024, Wendy Ducey joined the Commission, filling the vacant seat.

Barre City Planning Commission Members at the end of FY24:

David Sichel, Chair Becky Wigg, Vice-Chair Joe Reil, Secretary Rosemary Averill

Caitlin Corkins Raylene Meunier Wendy Ducey

Staff Liaison: Janet Shatney, Planning Director

Being a Commissioner takes a time investment and desire to see the City grow and flourish appropriately under state law, and this is a commitment. I would like to offer my thanks and support to the Commissioners who have volunteered their time in undertaking this responsibility for the City of Barre.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet E. Shatney, Director
Planning, Permitting & Assessing Services

BARRE CITY ANNUAL REPORT

Barre Area Senior Center

- *Barre City Voter Approved Donation for 2024-25: \$7,500*
- *Total Budget for 2024: \$126,000*
- *Website Address: www.barreseniors.org*
- *Telephone Number for Services: (802) 479-9512*
- *Physical Address: 131 South Main Street #4, Barre, VT, 05641*
- *Written Report/Job Title by: Kim Stinson, Director of Operations*

This year the Barre Area Senior Center (BASC) experienced growth in operations. The year started with the historic flooding in July which resulted in a total loss of our van. This was an enormous setback for us as the van was used for group trips throughout the state and beyond. This year also saw staff changes. Kim Stinson stepped into the Director of Operations role in August 2023, and in May 2024 Ilene, our Director of Programs retired. Throughout all of this, BASC continues to welcome community members from over 16 surrounding towns through our doors to participate in activities. BASC regularly serves approximately 400 individuals, with over 100 from Barre City alone.

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, dance, fitness, health & social services, technology, and nutrition. We partnered with more than a dozen organizations throughout the year to offer programs and educational seminars. We were able to offer Foot Clinics free of charge through February 2024 thanks to grant funding. In addition, we have continued to partner with the Community Harvest of Central Vermont to offer food distribution at the center. This program has proven to be an essential resource for so many people, and a great way to encourage a healthy diet. Additional community partners include Central Vermont Council on Aging, AARP, Central VT Career Center, and the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce. Community collaboration allows BASC to share knowledge and resources that benefit participants of BASC.

We have an active volunteer base that encourages community members to share their expertise in a variety of capacities. The dedication of our volunteers and participants make these programs successful through their support and participation. BASC is looking forward to the next year with enthusiasm to grow our supporters and participants, make new community connections, increase programming, expand our 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 events to our members and the Barre community.

Barre Area Senior Center
131 South Main Street #4
Barre, Vermont 05641
802-479-9512

Email: info@barreseniors.org
Website: www.barreseniors.org

2024 Annual Report

The Barre Partnership is a non-profit membership organization that works in both private and public sectors in our efforts to develop and coordinate strategies “to stimulate and sustain economic development in Barre’s historic downtown, ensuring a vibrant community that is the social, cultural and economic hub of the greater Barre area.” The Barre Partnership is a Designated Downtown Organization of the Vermont Downtown Program and provides downtown Barre building owners, lessees and the City of Barre with a variety of benefits including eligibility for historic, façade improvement and code improvement tax credits, qualifications for grant funding for projects in the district, and more. Since 2011, property owners have been able to access over \$1.5 million in tax credits which have leveraged over \$9 million in private development.

The end of fiscal year, June 30 2024, was a good year, even as the community recovered from the July, 2023 flooding. The Partnership was on the front lines immediately following the flooding. From going door to door asking businesses what they needed to spending time with staff and owners to help lift their spirits. The Partnership made sure to relay information to the community, businesses and was the go-between between the business community and City department heads. The Partnership was leaned on to relay information to the community.

The Partnership had to reschedule and plan the 2023 Barre Heritage Festival two times in 2023. Because of the July flooding, the July Heritage Festival was postponed to September. Despite only a few weeks to plan, the Partnership made sure the 2023 Barre Heritage Festival was bigger and better than ever, doing their best to uplift the spirits of the Barre community after the devastating flooding.

The Barre Partnership continued with to bring their annual events, which help bring people to the community! Barre Farmers Market, Concerts in Currier Park, Food Truck Thursdays, Merry Barre Holidays events, Halloween Events, Merry Barre Holiday Craft Fair, Halloween Trunk or Treat, Downtown Trick or Treat & more!

We depend on a core group of volunteers for our Board of Directors, committee teams and events and rely on one staff member to engage downtown stakeholders in helping to develop and deliver meaningful growth and impact within budget constraints. We look forward to working with the City of Barre and engaging Barre stakeholders in all that we do to further the mission of the Partnership.

Sincerely,



Tracie A. Lewis
Executive Director

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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Brandon Fowler

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Tracy Thomasson
Rebecca Smedy

Capstone Community Action 2024-25 Report to the Citizens of Barre City

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 help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. This year, Capstone Community Action served 10,500 people through Head Start and Early Head Start, business development, financial education, food and nutrition resources, housing counseling, tax preparation, teen parent education, emergency heating assistance, home weatherization, workforce training, transportation and more.

Programs and services accessed this past year included:

- 1169 individuals in 677 households accessed nutritious meals and/or meal equivalents at the food shelf.
- 226 family members in 104 households were able to heat their homes with help from our Crisis & Supplemental fuel programs as well as other utility costs.
- 241 individuals in 130 households worked with housing counselors to find and retain affordable, safe, secure housing.
- 41 individuals found help and support for connection to food stamps, flood relief, Farm to family coupons and other needed services.
- 64 children were supported to thrive in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- 9 pregnant and/or parenting teens received support services designed to help them achieve their high school diploma through our Brook Street High School Program.
- 8 households received emergency furnace repairs at no charge, making them warmer and more energy efficient for residents.
- 51 households were weatherized at no charge, making them warmer and reducing energy costs.
- 19 multi housing units were weatherized supporting 31 occupants.
- 41 people attended classes or met one-on-one with a financial counselor to be better able to manage and grow family finances.
- 13 entrepreneurs received counseling and technical assistance on starting or growing a business.
- 172 residents had their taxes prepared at no charge by Capstone's IRS certified volunteers ensuring them all the refunds and credits they were due.
- 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.

Capstone sends our thanks to Barre City residents 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 fifty-nine 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 88 Barre City residents last year. Nine (9) 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 454 people last year in the overall service area of Washington, Orange and Lamoille Counties. It currently costs CVAE \$3,701 per student to provide a full year of instruction. *Nearly all students are low income.* Almost 70 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



Supporting Central Vermonters to Age with Dignity and Choice

CVCOA Helpline: 1-802-477-1364

Central Vermont Council on Aging Annual Report of Services to Barre City (FY24 7/1/23-6/30/24) October 1, 2024

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. CVCOA supports caregivers and families as they help loved ones navigate aging. CVCOA connects aging persons in our communities to the network of benefit programs and services they need to thrive and implements special projects and programs to alleviate social isolation and loneliness. All services are made available to our clients at no charge without regard to health, income, or resources.

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. 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, and more.
- Community Programs help alleviate social isolation and loneliness and enhance social connection through exercise classes, veterinary services and pet food assistance, art activities, and technology training.



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The need for aging services continues to increase in Vermont. During the last fiscal year (7/1/23-6/30/24), Central Vermont Council on Aging provided one or more services to **433 (unduplicated) Barre City residents.**

Additionally, CVCOA provided nutrition counseling and education, caregiver training and respite funding, access to technology and resources, and opportunities to connect with volunteers for direct service, creativity, and technology assistance. CVCOA's case management staff provide information on a variety of topics, including elder abuse.

CVCOA served 4,531 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024.

CVCOA mobilized 247 Central Vermont volunteers who donated 18,000 hours of their time, valued at over \$600,000.

- 176 volunteers participating in our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Program volunteered more than 12,720 hours at our Central Vermont Nutrition site partners' Meals on Wheels programs.
- 75 volunteers donated nearly 4,500 hours to a wide-range of CVCOA-run volunteer efforts including leading wellness class, providing direct service support to clients, supporting special events, and more.
- 3 Senior Companions provided more than 760 hours of direct service support to nine (9) clients.

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

^[1] Central Vermont Council on Aging does *not* directly operate a nutrition site. The CVCOA Nutrition and Wellness Program provides federal funding, technical assistance and nutrition counseling/education to 12 nutrition sites. This program supports home-delivered Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, and grab and go meals.



Supporting Central Vermonters to Age with Dignity and Choice

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Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) 2024 Report for Barre City:

Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) is dedicated to the mission of supporting older Vermonters to age with dignity and choice throughout the 54 towns in Central Vermont. CVCOA services are available to those age 60 and up, caregivers, and to adults with disabilities. For more than 40 years, CVCOA has assisted older Vermonters to remain independent for as long as possible.

CVCOA makes a difference in the lives of older Vermonters by connecting them to the network of benefit programs and services that they need to thrive, free of charge. CVCOA utilizes town funding to provide individualized support to residents through case management, information and assistance, options counseling, resource and benefit enrollment, long-term care planning, health insurance counseling, family caregiver support, nutrition education, connection to wellness and social activities, and more.

CVCOA served 4,531 unduplicated clients from 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024, **433 residents of Barre City**. CVCOA mobilized 247 Central Vermont volunteers, who donated 18,000 hours of their time, valued at over \$600,000.

All of us at CVCOA extend our gratitude to the residents of **Barre City for their ongoing commitment to the health, well-being, independence, and dignity of older Vermonters in the Barre City community.**



2024 ANNUAL SERVICE REPORT

Barre City

Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice (CVHHH) is a full-service, not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) that provides intermittent, short-term medical care, education, and support at home to help Central Vermonters recover from an illness, injury, surgery, or hospital stay and manage their chronic disease. We serve 23 communities in Washington and Orange Counties and care for people of all ages. Our services include home health care, end-of-life care, and family and child health care. We also offer long-term care and private care services and free grief support groups.

CVHHH is guided by a mission to care for all Central Vermonters regardless of a person’s ability to pay, their geographic remoteness, or the complexity of their care needs. CVHHH embraces new technology and collaborates with other local providers to ensure that central Vermonters’ care needs are met. To learn more, visit www.cvhhh.org.

CVHHH Services to the Residents of Barre City| January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 *

Program	# of Visits
Home Health Care	5,463
Hospice Care	1,004
Long Term Care	4,140
Family Child Health	408
Palliative Care Consultative Service	65
TOTAL VISITS/CONTACTS	11,080
TOTAL PATIENTS	525
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	660

**Audited figures are not available at the time of report submission. These preliminary figures are annualized based on the number of visits from January 1, 2024 – August 31, 2024, and are not expected to vary significantly.*

Town funding ensures that CVHHH can continue to provide services in Barre City through 2025 and beyond. For more information contact Sandy Rousse, President & CEO, or Kelly Finnegan, Fund Development & Donor Relations at 223-1878.

Circle (formerly Battered Women's Services and Shelter)

- Barre Town voter Approved Donation for 2024: \$2,000
- Total Budget for 2023 – 2024: \$475,850
- Website Address: circlevt.org
- Telephone Number for Services: 1-877-543-9498
- Physical Address: Barre, VT
- Written Report/Job Title by: Karol Diamond, Co-Director

Circle provides services to victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Washington County, VT.

Circle's services include:

- SHELTER: Emergency Shelter for women and children fleeing from domestic and sexual violence
- SHELTER YOUTH PROGRAM: Available to children staying in shelter
- TOLL FREE 24-HOUR HOT LINE (1-877-543-9498)
- EMERGENCY, CIVIL and CRIMINAL COURT ADVOCACY
- SUPPORT GROUPS
- PREVENTION EDUCATION OFFERED TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY
- EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS: offered to civic organizations and businesses.
- INFORMATION AND REFERRAL: information about domestic and sexual violence and community resources, as well as individualized advocacy

All of these services are available to anyone in need of support throughout the county at no cost to them.

All voter-approved funds that we receive from Washington County municipalities are used to support our direct services.

Due to confidentiality issues, the majority of clients who call our hotline or request services from us do not disclose their town of residence. Because so many callers or clients do not identify themselves or the area from which they are residing in, it is difficult to report with any degree of accuracy the true number of Barre Town residents served.

During the previous fiscal year of 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) Circle provided the following services to 69 unduplicated individuals who self-identified as Barre Town residents:

- Advocates responded to 156 hotline calls and in-person meetings to people who self-identified as being Barre Town residents
- 8 individuals residing in Barre Town received assistance filing for temporary protection orders
- 5 individuals residing in Barre Town received support during their hearings for final protection orders
- 1 Barre Town resident received support as their (ex) partner faced criminal charges
- Advocates assisted 11 residents of Barre Town address housing issues
- Barre Town residents attended 54 support groups, including 2 who accessed additional economic literacy supports
- Civil legal advocacy was provided 9 times to Barre Town residents



FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

Elevate Youth Services Is An Important Resource To The Residents Of Barre City

During the past year (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024) Elevate Youth Services, (formerly the Washington County Youth Service Bureau) provided the following services to **103 young people and families** in Barre City (unduplicated total, 33 youth received multiple program services). A total of **1108 direct service hours** and **1976 nights of housing** were provided, and **97% of youth served received intensive services**:

- **2 Teens** participated in the **Basement Teen Center** in Montpelier that provides supervised drop-in time, leadership opportunities, research-based prevention programming, activities & events for youth ages 12-18.
- **44 Youths and their Families** were assisted by the **Country Roads Program** that provides 24-hour crisis intervention, short-term counseling, and temporary, emergency shelter for youth who have runaway, are homeless, or are in crisis.
- **40 Youth** were provided with **Substance Abuse Treatment** through the **Healthy Youth Program**. This service includes substance abuse education, intervention, assessments, treatment and positive life skills coaching. Support is also available for families. **187** direct services hours were provided.
- **31 Youth** received critical supports through the **Transitional Living Program** that helps homeless youth ages 16-21 make the transition to independent living. This program teaches life skills and budgeting; assists with employment and education goals; provides direct housing and rental assistance; and partners with community housing resources to strengthen housing options.
- **11 Young men** were served by **Return House** that provides transitional housing support and intensive case management services to young men who are returning to Barre City from jail. **615 nights** of supportive housing were provided.
- **16 Youth** were served through the **Youth Development Program** which provides voluntary case management services to youth ages 15-22, who are, or have been, in the custody of the State through the Department for Children and Families. **92** direct service hours were provided.

This year's funding request represents a cost of approximately \$48 per person served annually. This is only a small fraction of the cost of the services provided by Elevate Youth Services. Most of the services provided to Barre City residents have involved multiple sessions, were provided by certified or licensed counselors, and emergency temporary shelter included 24-hour supervision, meals, and transportation. Elevate Youth Services is a private, non-profit, social service agency. All programs and services are funded by foundations, state and federal grants, Medicaid and other insurance, private donations, area towns, and fundraising activities. Thank you for your support!

For Information and Assistance Call 802-229-9151 – 24 Hours a Day – 7 Days a Week

Barre City Annual Town Report



Organization: Good Samaritan Haven

Address: 105 South Seminary Street, Barre, VT 05641

Phone: (802) 479-2294

Hours of operation: 24 hours a day, year-round

Executive Director: Julie Bond

Our Mission

Good Samaritan Haven provides emergency shelter and support services, and offers stability, safety, and hope for people experiencing homelessness.

Narrative Description of Programs & Activities

Good Samaritan operates a network of shelters located in four different areas: Berlin, Barre City, Barre Town and our seasonal, low-barrier, winter shelter in Montpelier. We also provide support to guests at the Hilltop Inn who are housed through the state's motel program.

In addition to our emergency shelter facilities, we maintain a continuum of care for people experiencing homelessness in Washington County. This includes:

Case Management: Our case managers work closely with shelter guests to address a range of life goals, including healthcare, employment, treatment enrollment, housing, family reunification, and legal system navigation.

Street Outreach: Our street outreach team helps individuals living out-of-doors stay safe by providing essential items like tents, sleeping bags, tarps, cookstoves, basic first aid, food and water.

Food Program: Housing and food insecurity are intrinsically linked. Our food program is an essential part of our work, as we strive to provide warm meals and nourishing food to our guests.

Health & Safety: Our health and safety officer helps people in shelters and on the streets access healthcare. Visiting nurses provide weekly check-ups, and vaccination clinics are held to keep everyone safe.

Recovery Program: Our recovery program employs a peer-mentorship approach to assist guests at all points of their recovery path, providing a range of resources from group meetings to sober living environments.

Our Shelter Network Impact:

- 4 emergency shelters across 4 municipalities
- 83 beds across 4 shelters
- 339 unique individuals provided with shelter
- 30 individuals permanently housed
- 70 unique individuals served at the winter shelter
- 125 households supported at the Hilltop Inn
- 114 assisted by street outreach
- 17,900 meals provided
- 2,231 Covid tests provided
- 12 families with children supported

Who we serve: Good Samaritan serves individuals who are 18 years old and above. Historically, our emergency shelters have served individuals whose average age is between 25 and 50. Currently, 40% of our guests across our shelter network are over the age of 55. The increase in age of our guests is anticipated to continue, matching national demographic trends.

We serve a beautifully diverse population including people with developmental or physical disabilities, people with extensive medical conditions, those with mental/emotional diversity, people who are, or have a history of justice system involvement, those who are refugees/immigrants or are of racial, ethnic or linguistic diversity, those who are neurodiverse, those who have served in the armed forces, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and those in recovery or with active substance use disorder.



Mosaic Vermont's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024

- Over 2,300 direct responses to harm were provided.
- 200 individuals were served due to incidents of sexual violence. 35 were children.
- 414 people participated in Mosaic programs and over 4,500 people were reached by our programming.
- Mosaic engages in community-wide culture-change efforts to connect, share resources, increase accessibility to programming for all people, and to help end violence. This year, educators engaged over 1,200 youth and 600 adults throughout 9 schools in Washington County.

"I am so thankful for all the support you have provided. Emotional and practical during the chaos of getting out. I'm so glad that organizations like this exist."

- Mosaic Service User

Mosaic's work is led by the people who have been impacted by sexual harm. Through the provision of services such as our 24-hour helpline; safety planning; advocacy at Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations; support in court hearings or at crime related appointments or interviews; referrals to and support in accessing community resources; parent, friend, and caregiver support; and case management; we help people begin to heal. We provide additional, specialized services for people who have experienced sex trafficking, adult survivors of child sexual abuse, and children and youth who have experienced sexual violence.

Mosaic's services are highly confidential, and people are not required to disclose their town of residence to receive services. Many do not. We are deeply grateful to the cities and towns of Washington County for your continued support as our advocates undertake highly complex and confidential work. Your steady allyship and preservation of privacy have saved lives.

In hope and healing,

Anne Ward, MEd

Executive Director, Mosaic Vermont



OUR House of Central Vermont is a non-profit Children's Advocacy Center and Special Investigations Unit located in Barre, serving all of Washington County. Within OUR House, individuals of any age who have faced sexual abuse or other violent crimes are welcomed into a secure and comforting space. Our team of trauma-informed professionals ensures a supportive and child-friendly environment where those impacted can openly address their experiences. We offer free access to timely investigations and ongoing advocacy services to assist individuals affected by violence and abuse.

OUR House (One Unified Response) employs a multidisciplinary approach to addressing physical and sexual abuse. We work closely with the Department for Children and Families, law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC), MOSAIC, and other local organizations to ensure that investigations are conducted in a child-friendly environment with trauma-trained staff whenever possible. In addition to investigative support, we offer therapy referrals, case management, safety planning, training, and other referral services to children and adults.

Across Washington County, OUR House assisted with 104 cases in 2024. Some notable statistics include:

- 13 cases where the victim was under the age of 6
- 50 cases where the victim was aged 11-18
- 18 offenders under the age of 18
- 14 offenders between the ages of 13-17
- 53 in-house therapy clients
- 44 children who were victims of sexual abuse
- 293 instances of case management services provided

Although it is difficult to place a monetary value on abuse and assault investigations, national statistics show that traditional investigations are 36% more expensive per case than those conducted through Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs). This cost efficiency, combined with the specialized services we provide, underscores the importance of OUR House to Washington County. To continue offering these essential services free of charge to families and law enforcement, OUR House requests financial support from towns across the county. By funding OUR House, towns can avoid the need to provide these services independently, along with the associated staff and training costs.

Thank you for your support in our mission and your community!

Rebecca Duranleau, Executive Director

OURHouseBarreDirector@gmail.com / www.OURHouseCentralVT.com

802-622-0821 * 802-272-6312 *38 Summer Street, Barre VT 05641

People's Health & Wellness Clinic
Report to Barre City 2025

People's Health & Wellness Clinic (PHWC) provides free healthcare to uninsured and underinsured people in Central Vermont. Services include high quality medical, mental health, oral health, and bodywork services which are provided at no cost to patients. PHWC also continues to provide extensive case management, referrals, and assistance enrolling in health insurance and financial assistance programs.

The Clinic's oral healthcare program continues to grow in popularity and demand, due partly to a lack of dental insurance or available area dentists. Nearly half of the patients in 2024 saw our dental hygienist for cleanings, x-rays, maintenance, and referrals for more complicated procedures, including extractions and root canals.

As a federally deemed free clinic, PHWC cannot bill insurance companies, patients, or government healthcare programs and depends on grants, donations, and municipal funding. Our annual budget is approximately \$420,000. The funds will be used to pay the salaries of medical staff and for medications and clinical testing for our Barre City patients. We are grateful to the voters of Barre City for many years of support and are very pleased to be able to provide free and accessible healthcare to the Central Vermont community.

In 2024, PHWC cared for 654 unduplicated patients, 225 of whom were new to the clinic. Patients visited the clinic (in person and via telemedicine) for 646 medical visits and 434 dental visits. 85 patients received assistance in enrolling in Medicaid, another health insurance plan, and financial assistance programs. Patients came from 62 cities and towns in the region.

PHWC provided 211 Barre City residents with healthcare services in 2024 for a total of 668 different interactions, including visits with a doctor, consults, referrals, and application assistance. This also included 134 visits with a primary care physician and 105 visits with a dental hygienist. We have 10 volunteers from Barre City.



Report of Services for Town of Barre

During the 2024 Fiscal Year, The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired saw continued success in client services, innovative programs, and community outreach initiatives. Moving forward, it is exciting to imagine the strides we will make in enabling blind and visually impaired Vermonters to be more independent, develop adaptive skills, and improve their quality of life.

SMART Device Training Program: 584 Vermont residents received SMART training in FY24, the highest number in the program's five-year history. In order to fully fund SMART, VABVI has launched the several-year Second Century Endowment Campaign.

PALS (Peer-Assisted Learning and Support) Group: PALS Groups, held throughout Vermont, are monthly meetings where members share coping strategies and discuss the practical, social and emotional challenges of vision loss. While many clients have been pleased with the reintroduction of in-person meetings in FY24, opportunities to join virtually remain available for maximum flexibility. 90 clients attended PALS meetings in FY24.

HAPI (Helping Adolescents Prepare for Independence): The HAPI program enables Teachers of the Visually Impaired and Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapists to work one-on-one with students to practice daily living skills.

IRLE Summer Camp (Intensive Residential Life Experience): IRLE camp helps VABVI students develop social skills, meet fellow visually impaired peers, learn independent living skills, and improve self-advocacy skills. This June, IRLE brought 10 visually impaired students to Jay Peak Resort. Activities included beep baseball, disc golf, and ice skating. Fun was had by all!

Community Outreach

VABVI continues to innovate new projects which will connect the local community to our services and cause. After more than two years of development, an accessible tactile sign was installed in Burlington's Waterfront Park in June of 2024. Additionally, VABVI's New Americans Project has offered free vision screenings for local refugee community members.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the agency provided services to a total of 1,048 Vermont residents. This total includes 24 adults and 7 students in Barre, and 78 adults and 17 students in Washington County.

For more information about VABVI's services or volunteer opportunities, please contact Samantha Gougher, Development Associate, at sgougher@vabvi.org. Thank you very much for your support!

Washington County Diversion Program

Washington County Diversion Program Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2024 (ended 6/30/2024)

Serving the Communities of Washington County including Barre City since 1982.

Who We Are and What We Do:

The Washington County Diversion Program (WCDP) is a local non-profit organization that provides a range of restorative justice programs for the communities within Washington County. WCDP addresses unlawful behavior, supports victims of crime, and promotes a healthy community. We follow a balanced and restorative justice model that strives to put right the wrongs that have been done and address the needs of all stakeholders, including the victim, the community and those who violated the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible behavior.

WCDP runs six separate programs: Court Diversion (adult and youth), the Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program, the Balanced and Restorative Justice Program, the Tamarack Program, Pretrial Monitoring and the Driving with License Suspended Program. During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP worked with 573 participants across those programs.

Court Diversion

This restorative justice program is for youth with a delinquency petition and adults charged with a crime. Recognizing that people and relationships have been harmed when someone commits an offense, Diversion empowers all stakeholders to collectively address the needs of the victim, the community and the person who violated the law. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and engage in a restorative process aimed at repairing the harm. Completion of the Diversion Program results in a dismissal of the delinquency/criminal charge. During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP's Diversion Program worked with 226 participants, **60 were Barre City residents.**

Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP)

YSASP provides an alternative to the civil court process for youth who violate Vermont's underage alcohol or marijuana laws. YSASP helps young people understand the impact on themselves and others of using substances and to lower their risk of future use, while connecting those identified as using at high-risk levels to professional substance use clinicians. YSASP follows an approach known as Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP's YSASP Program worked with 94 youth **26 were Barre City residents.**

Balanced and Restorative Justice Program (BARJ)

These services are provided to youth who are charged with a delinquency, have been adjudicated delinquent or are at-risk for involvement in the juvenile justice system. BARJ services vary depending on each individual, but consist of restorative interventions that reduce and eliminate further involvement in the juvenile justice system such as: restorative panels, restitution services, risk screening, and restorative classes/skills development. During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP's BARJ Program worked with 60 youth **27 were Barre City residents.**

Tamarack

This restorative justice program is for adults charged with a crime who have a substance use or mental health treatment need regardless of their criminal history. Pretrial Service Coordinators quickly connect those referred to substance use, mental health and other supportive community-based services. Participants must take responsibility for their actions and engage in a restorative process aimed at repairing the harm. Completion of the Tamarack Program results in a dismissal of the criminal charge. During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP's Tamarack Program worked with 51 participants **24 were Barre City residents.**

Pretrial Monitoring

Pretrial Monitoring is for adults with substance use or mental health treatment needs who are going through the court process and awaiting case resolution. Monitoring may be ordered by the court. Individuals may also choose to engage with pretrial services. Pretrial Service Coordinators quickly connect people to substance use, mental health and other supportive community-based services. They also support individuals to meet conditions of release and attend scheduled court appearances. During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP's Pretrial Services program worked with 124 individuals **40 were Barre City residents.**

Driving with License Suspended

The Civil DLS Diversion Program works to restore people's privilege to drive by helping people to determine requirements for driver re-licensing and by providing alternative affordable means to satisfy those requirements whenever possible. Among other forms of assistance, staff file motions, including proposed reductions and payment plans, on behalf of participants with the Vermont Judicial Bureau (VJB) and collect payments for the VJB. During Fiscal Year 2024, WCDP's DLS program worked with 18 individuals. Unfortunately, this data is not tracked by town.

We continue to need - and deeply appreciate - your support!

The people we serve have complex lives. They arrive at WCDP with multiple barriers to success: mental health issues, substance misuse problems, low educational attainment, challenging work histories, poverty and/or homelessness. As a result, our engagement and case management with them is more intense as we work to connect them with the resources they need.

The town funds we receive from Barre City allow us to keep offering the level of services we do. Thank you!

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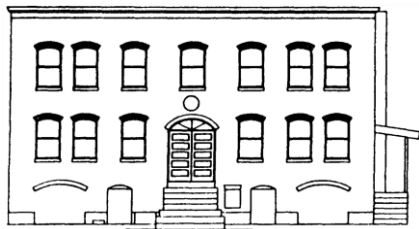
WASHINGTON COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- *Barre City Voter Approved Donation for **2023-2024**: \$10,000.00*
- *Total Budget for **2023-2024**: \$ \$65,836,185*
- *Website Address: WCMHS.ORG*
- *Telephone Number for Services: 802-229-0591*
- *Physical Address: 885 South Barre Rd. Barre, VT 05641*
- *Written Report/Job Title by: Heather Slayton Communications Coordinator*

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, WCMHS provided services to 3,100 residents of the City of Barre receiving 276,701 unique WCMHS services. WCMHS is grateful to the voters of the City of Barre for having approved funding in the amount of \$10,000.00.

WCMHS provides services to adults with serious and persistent mental illness, substance use disorder, persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, and children with serious emotional disturbances and their families. The agency is comprised of five primary divisions, with two additional agency-wide programs and a centralized administrative division. The Community Developmental Services (CDS) division serves people of all ages who have a developmental or intellectual disability. The Community Support Program (CSP) serves individuals above the age of 18 with a history of serious and persistent mental health challenges and co-occurring substance use disorders. Children, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) helps children and youth up to the age of 22 who are experiencing a serious emotional disturbance or autism spectrum disorder. The Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (CCPS) provides outpatient counseling, psychotherapy services, and Substance Use Disorder for children and adults. Intensive Care Services (ICS) provides 24/7 emergency services and brief, urgent care through short-term, intensive case management for adults and youth. Agency-wide Nursing and Psychiatry programs support clients in every division, and our administrative services include Maintenance, Information Technology, Communications and Development, and other business-related components. Almost all of these programs also provide Employment Supports. At WellSpace in Barre, Wellness initiatives are available both to the populations we serve and to the greater community, many born in an effort to reduce wait times for people needing to access services for the first time.

For 57 years, WCMHS has served our community through education, support, and treatment of individuals living with mental health challenges, intellectual and developmental disabilities, or substance use issues. Whether we are working with a child in a school system, providing therapy to an individual in an office setting, meeting someone in their home for an appointment or support, or assisting with a crisis response in our local hospital, we work towards successful outcomes and wellness for each individual and family served.



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LABOR HALL ANNUAL REPORT 2024



July 2024 brought back the challenges Barre has faced before – flooded streets! Coming almost exactly one year to the day after the previous flood of July 2023, the summer flooding of July 2024 made citizens feel more skilled than ever in flood mitigation and recovery. Once again, our neighbors and friends suffered the same catastrophe – and we, like many of them, were “bailed out” by volunteers from all over town and from away. The outpouring of help was an enormous encouragement to us, as it has been to so many, many others here in the city who suffered through the second flood, which undid some of the flood protection measures we had been able to put in place. Still, 2024 had many happy highlights and here’s a quick run-down of some of them, together with a warm and friendly invitation to get ready for more special events at the Labor Hall in the coming months of 2025!

Barre Winter Farmers Market, held for the first time in 2023, this extension of the popular Barre Farmers Market is held during the summer months in downtown Barre. Growers, farmers, bakers, cooks, and craftspeople sold their goods and produce to community members and other nearby folks to dress up the dinner table and home until spring. Plans are already in place for more markets this coming winter on the last Wednesday of January, February, March and April. We thank the Barre Partnership for offering us the chance to host these winter markets. Please stop by!

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. This year’s performance on March 30 was called “*The Hope Principle Show*.” 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 or two to honor

and celebrate the heritage of the Hall and the Italian graniteworkers who built it in 1900. This year our invited guest, Robin Ray, drew a capacity crowd for her lively talk. *"A Death at the Labor Hall: Elia Corti & the Cronaca Sovversiva-II Proletario Feud."* From Robin, we learned the details of one of the most famous incidents in the history of the Labor Hall – the shooting death of sculptor Elia Corti just inside the Hall in October 1903..

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.com

Since the two Floods we have had very generous 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.

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 baby shower, craft fair, birthday party, 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

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2025 Annual Report, November 2024

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District (CVSWMD) serves 19-member municipalities and just over 53,000 residents. CVSWMD's mission is to provide education, advocacy, and services for residents and businesses in reducing and managing their solid waste in order to protect public health and the environment. Barre City's appointed representative to CVSWMD's Board of Supervisors is Amy Galford. The appointed alternate is Peter Anthony. The per capita assessment has been established at \$1.25 for fiscal year 2026.

With your support, CVSWMD offers valuable programs and services to its residents, including:

- **Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC):** Our Barre recycling facility for special items that cannot go in your regular recycling accepts TVs, computers, architectural paint, household batteries, mercury bulbs, and thermostats from Vermont residents at no cost through the State's Extended Producer Responsibility programs. We also accept other electronics and hard-to-recycle materials. Unfortunately, our facility was flooded again on July 10, 2024, a year to the day since we were forced to close due to historic flooding in July 2023. Despite both floods, 139,678 lbs. of materials were collected through the ARCC and diverted from the landfill in FY24. We also continued to sell composting and recycling equipment to District residents at discounted rates once we re-opened.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** In FY24, we helped 639 households dispose of 53,616 lbs. of hazardous waste through seven single-day collections, including two special emergency collections in response to the July 2023 flood. We are planning to open our Eco-Depot in 2025, which will include the ARCC, our administrative offices, and our new year-round household hazardous waste facility in one convenient location in the Berlin industrial park.
- **Grants:** CVSWMD offers grants to towns, businesses, organizations, and schools for Organizational Waste Reduction and Reuse, Municipal Services, Emergency Solid Waste Response, and School Zero Waste initiatives. In FY24, CVSWMD awarded \$23,669 in grant funding across the District, including \$6,830 in non-competitive Green-Up Day grants.
- **Outreach and Education:** CVSWMD maintains a website, social media accounts, and a searchable A-Z guide with information on landfill-banned items, composting, blue bin recycling, special materials recycling, and household hazardous waste. We also send out monthly email newsletters to communicate relevant information and program updates to residents. In FY24, our School Zero Waste Program provided solid waste management support for 28 public and 3 independent schools. This included 1,871 students, pre-K-12, reached through 118 on-campus programs.

03/24/2025



To the citizens of Barre City,

In great appreciation of your support of our mission and services, Downstreet is delighted to share with you a summary of our past year's impact and outcomes that your contribution supported.

In Barre City specifically, Downstreet:

- ❖ provides **72** households and **111** Barre City residents with safe, decent, and affordable apartments, 94% of which are low-income housing
- ❖ stewards **35 single-family homes** in Barre City as part of our community land trust model that ensures that each of these homes is forever affordable in comparison to the surrounding real estate market.
- ❖ offers the award-winning **SASH®** (Support and Services at Home) program **to 250 seniors and disabled adults** in Barre City, improving health care outcomes in our elderly and disabled communities by getting participants the support they need to live longer at home.
- ❖ in the last year, has **served 24 Barre City households with homebuyer education** classes, post-purchase, credit score and budget counseling, and/or low-interest loans for health, safety, and energy upgrades to their homes.
- ❖ has administered the Rental Rehab and Vermont Housing Improvement programs, helping landlords **renovate 20 units with code violations** since January 2023. Once complete, landlords work with Downstreet and the Continuum of Care to rent the units to those experiencing homelessness, and agree to rent units at or below HUD Fair Market Rents for five years.
- ❖ rehabbed Bromur Apartments, **18 existing units of housing in Barre City**, and transformed historic Ward 5 School into the **Ward 5 School Apartments** into **9 new homes** with rent subsidies, making these homes truly affordable to our lower income neighbors.
- ❖ started predevelopment of **Seminary Street Apartments**, creating **31 new apartment homes** built above the flood plain.
- ❖ started predevelopment for **single family home development** at Wobby Park.
- ❖ remains actively involved in community development and efforts in the pursuit of forwarding growth and progress for Barre City, including engagement in the City's **Prospect Heights** housing initiative.
- ❖ is **headquartered in Barre City** and employs 50+ full-time staff, many of whom live in the Barre area.

Downstreet is a private, non-profit affordable housing developer and services provider that strengthens the health and future of our rural Vermont communities. Downstreet achieves this through the power of housing and its ability to connect people to the resources they need to thrive.

All of us at Downstreet are tremendously grateful for the support of Barre City citizens and look forward to continuing our mission work as we seek to strengthen the communities of Central Vermont.

With great appreciation,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Harbin".

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Downstreet Housing and Community Development

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Central Vermont FY24 Annual Report

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 medical and non-medical transportation service to those who qualify for Medicaid, Older and Disabled, non-Medicaid medical, human service and/or critical care funds. 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.

▪ Medical treatment	▪ Prescription and Shopping
▪ Meal site programs	▪ Social and Daily services
▪ Vermont Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired	▪ BAART Substance Use Disorder Clinic
▪ Reach Up	▪ Washington County Mental Health
▪ Central Vermont Substance Abuse	▪ Employment

General Public Transportation

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

In FY24, total GMT ridership for Central Vermont was 344,882. This general public transportation ridership was *in addition to* Special Service ridership as noted above, and is available through a variety of services including:

▪ Fixed Routes	▪ Health Care Shuttles
▪ Local Commuter Routes	▪ Demand Response Service
▪ Local Shopping Shuttles	▪ Regional Commuters to Chittenden and Caledonia Counties
▪ Seasonal Service	



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, and are the foundation of our special services. Drivers are reimbursed for the miles they drive and provide services under the management of GMT. 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.

Information

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.

Barre City Service Snapshot

FY24 ridership data reflects that GMT transported 51,490 riders on the City Commuter route, and 39,701 riders on the Barre Hospital Hill route during this most recently concluded fiscal year.

In addition, GMT also provides transportation for Barre residents to access medical appointments and personal needs trips such as accessing food shelves, for older and/or disabled residents, and Medicaid enrollees, who do not live along fixed routes. In FY24, GMT provided 14,849 special transportation services rides to residents of Barre City/Barre Town.

GMT also provides services through other public transportation routes, including, but not limited to, the Montpelier-Burlington LINK, Northfield Commuter, Waterbury Commuter, US 2 Commuter, and Montpelier MyRide. An unknown number of Barre City residents accessed these routes during FY24.

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – CITY OF BARRE

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, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024)

- Reviewed Barre City Stormwater Master Plan for potential clean water projects.
- Provided technical grant assistance to Friends of Mathewson Playground for Community Tree Planting Grant with VT Urban & Community Forestry Program.
- Engaged the City and Housing Task Force on a residential infill analysis.
- Provided technical assistance on flood recovery and resilience efforts. Included tracking of damages to aid response and maximize FEMA reimbursements for town and individual damages, participating in the After Action Review of 2023 flooding with local and state partners to identify possible improvements, and mapping potential property buyout locations.
- Worked with city council and municipal staff to determine flood hazard mitigation priorities and develop projects for the Resilience Initiative for Vermont Empowerment and Recovery (RIVER) Program.
- Completed 4 traffic counts for signal retiming at Rt. 14/Ayers Rd intersection after closure of W. Patterson.
- Drafted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, under contract. Draft submitted to State in August 2024.
- Oversaw Brownfields Correction Action Plan (CAP) completion and new Phase I Environmental Site Assessment completion for Turning Point property on So. Main Street.
- Evaluated Town Plan & Unified Development Ordinance using Low Impact Design / Green Stormwater Infrastructure scoring rubric.
- Worked with City and DuBois & King engineering to develop a final design for stormwater infrastructure at the Auditorium and Ice Rink complex to meet state 3-acre impervious surface rule standards.
- Facilitated Energy Assessments of the Barre Auditorium, Town Garage, City Hall/Opera House, Public Safety Building, & Wastewater Treatment Facility- provided application, assessment workflow, and technical assistance throughout as part of the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). Assisted the municipality to identify and apply for **\$499,752** in Implementation Phase MERP funding (Awarded FY25).

<p>Regional Commissioner Janet Shatney Transportation Advisory Committee Vacant</p>

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates that focus 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: Developing 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*