

City of Barre Annual Town Meeting 2025

	Tabulator W1	Tabulator W2	Tabulator 3	TOTAL
ANNUAL MAY MEETING	384	208	241	833

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.

EDDIE ROUSSE	173		
BETH HILGARTNER	201		
WRITE-IN	2	376	
O/V	1		
Under	7	384	Total

Ward 2: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.

JEFF BERGERRON	162		
WRITE-IN	14	176	
O/V	0		
Under	32	208	Total

Ward 3: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.

SAMN STOCKWELL	110		
DON ROUTHIER	124		
WRITE-IN	2	236	
O/V	1		
Under	4	241	Total

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?

	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	TOTAL
Yes	260	132	122	514
No	122	74	115	311
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	2	2	4	8

ARTICLE II

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

Yes	346	193	208	747
No	37	15	30	82
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	1	0	3	4

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.

Yes	153	84	101	338
No	226	123	133	482
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	5	1	7	13

(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:

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.

Yes	253	135	134	522
NO	123	72	98	293
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	8	1	9	18

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):

Yes	289	163	166	618
No	74	37	63	174
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	21	8	12	41

- 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

Yes	292	155	169	616
No	80	46	63	189

allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?

O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	12	7	9	28

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 Wash Co. Youth Servic	\$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?

Yes	270	148	146	564
No	102	53	86	241
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	12	7	9	28

ARTICLE VIII

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

Yes	296	159	167	622
No	75	44	66	185
O/V	0	0	0	0
Under	13	5	8	26