

Minutes of meeting of The Neighborly Barre Committee

Monday, May 11, 2026 Roosevelt Room Alumni Hall



Present: Tracie Lewis, Beth Hilgartner, Ernie Drown, Joanne Reynolds

Not Present: Ginger Cloud and Marjorie Strong.

Guests: No Guests

Meeting called to order at 1:04.

Minutes approved.

No visitors or communications.

Adopt a Drain Saturday May 30 at 11 am kickoff. Tracie showed the flyer. Beth and Tracie met with Amanda and learned how to do it. Tracie will create a brochure or handout about the Committee to hand out to people who come.

MiChelle has a volunteer fair at the Granite Museum on Saturday....handouts for that too?

Mail from the Career Center about student helping.

Old business. Pay It Forward. Conversation with downtown merchants May 28 by Tracie. Will create a one page handout.

Volunteer sign up link is up. This info will go on the handout.

A table at the Heritage Festival Saturday July 25. Ernie will pay for the table.

Adjourned at 1:39.

NEIGHBORLY BARRE COMMITTEE VISION STATEMENT **(from City's website)**

The City Council created a Neighborly Barre Committee, and charged it with generating ideas and enthusiasm for volunteer-driven efforts to create community, build connections and engagement among residents, and boost simple projects (like picking litter, or "adopting" a bus stop) to beautify and care for our physical spaces. The Committee's role will be to generate ideas that provide opportunities for residents of all ages to come together to model the type of community we want to be; to collaborate with other organizations or committees (eg. The Barre Partnership, the Barre Rivers Collective etc.) when projects overlap; and to encourage resident engagement in the City, its people, and its businesses and organizations.

The committee will initiate programs and products based on needs, including the unhoused, civic beautification and building social capital. A welcoming Barre where neighbors feel connected, supported, and proud to call our community home.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Welcoming First

We believe everyone deserves to feel seen, included, and at home in Barre, whether they are new to the community or have lived here for generations.

Connection Builds Community

Strong relationships are the foundation of a thriving city. We create opportunities for meaningful, low-pressure connections among neighbors.

Inclusive & Accessible

We strive to design programs and initiatives that are accessible, inclusive, and reflective of Barre's diverse residents, backgrounds, and experiences.

Community-Driven

Our work is guided by the voices, needs, and ideas of the community. Collaborate, promote & support other community committees and organizations to facilitate support of programs already in motion.

Positive & Neighborly

We lead with kindness, respect, and optimism, fostering a culture of care and mutual support throughout Barre.

Building Social Capital

We foster trust, relationships, and shared experiences that strengthen social networks, encourage civic engagement, and build a more resilient Barre.

Pride in Place

We celebrate Barre's people, neighborhoods, and shared spaces, encouraging community pride and a sense of belonging.