

CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board/task force: Transportation & Public Works Committee

Date of meeting: Thursday, 6/4/2026 at 4:30pm **Location of meeting:** City Hall Council Chamber

Members in attendance: Art Bombardier, Joanne Reynolds, Jayme Bauer, Kenneth Bauer; Steve MacKenzie arrived at 4:47pm

Members absent: Brian Baker

Others in attendance: Beth Hilgartner

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm
- 2) **Adjustments to the Agenda:** The Committee is not reviewing and finalizing a case for a four way stop at Hill Street and Camp Street for City Council. Motion by Joanne and 2nd by Kenneth. Passed unanimously.
- 3) **Public Comment:**
- 4) **Approval of Minutes:** Slight adjustment from Joanne- Item 5, 2nd paragraph should say painting not pairing. Art made a motion to approve the minutes with the adjustment and seconded by Kenneth. Passed unanimously.
- 5) **Continuing Agenda items:**
 - a) **Hill Street Speed Control Update (Brian Baker- not present)**
(See item b)
 - b) **Discussion/Action of a 4 way stop at Hill and Camp**

Joanne Reynolds suggested the City write a grant application for funding to do a study of the traffic data. Beth Hilgartner asked about the remedies available for accident avoidance as opposed to traffic calming. She added that the Committee has the data and they know there have been 12 accidents in 5 years at the Hill/Camp intersection. She said there is an overall bias by the City for more traffic, not less, which would improve safety and quality of life. Art Bombardier replied that a study would inform the Committee of viable options for the intersection.

Beth Hilgartner asked if a study was worth it since the city has the data. Steve MacKenzie said that the community was hitting a wall and hopefully an engineering study will open up opportunities. He added the following points:

- He will reach out to Brian for contacts who conducted similar studies. He also would have the Committee review the contracts and scopes of work.

- The Committee would develop a Request for Proposals for review by the City.
- VTRANS and the Northern Border Regional Commission could be sources for grant funds for a study.

Steve said that not much would happen without an engineering study, and that it's extremely important to engage the neighbors once the study is complete. Joanne suggested that whoever does the study should spend time on the ground observing the traffic on the street.

New Agenda Items: No Discussion

6) Public Works Director Report/Update: N/A- Brian was not at the meeting.

7) Round Table: No Discussion

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary)

1) Motion Write a grant application to obtain funding to do a traffic engineering study.

Mover/Seconder: Moved by Joanne Reynolds and 2nded by Jayme Bauer.

Result of vote (how many yes, how many no, pass, didn't pass): It passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 5:20 PM

Mover/Seconder: Moved by Joanne Reynolds and Seconded by Kenneth Bauer.
Unanimously approved.

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): June 25, 2026 at 4:30PM at City Council Chambers, City Hall

Person filing Minutes:

Jayme Bauer