City of Barre, Vermont August 27, 2026, 4:30pm

Department of Public Works

Transportation & Public Works Report

Department Activity

- **Water Distribution**
    - Water system flushing has started.
- **Fire Hydrant evaluation.** (No update)
- **Sewer Manhole evaluations** (No update)
- **Drain Basin Evaluations** (No update)
- **Cobble Hill Water Main**
    - FEMA contribution $100k, project cost $400k
    - Did not make the funding line for DWSRF
- **Ayers Street Water Distribution Main**
    - Did not make the funding line for DWSRF
- **Berlin Street Water Main Crossing**
    - Avery Construction started August 17th.
    - Additional bond money available:
        - Water main to be extended on Berlin St to the bridge.
        - Avery to replace basins and manholes
- **Wastewater Treatment Facility**
    - Headworks Project
        - Bid opening September 2nd
    - Digesters
        - CDS money approved for transfer, working to complete paperwork.
    - 20 Year WWTF Evaluation
        - Ongoing with the consultant
    - Collection System Evaluation
        - Ongoing with the consultant
    - Intermunicipal Agreement and Rate Study Review
        - Ongoing with the consultant.
- **Paving**
    - Camp Street
        - Utilities and sidewalk have been repaired/replaced
        - Base coarse pavement was installed 8/24/2026
        - Top to be finished the week of Labor Day
        - New signage has been purchased and will be installed.

- Spaulding Street
  - Utilities have been repaired/replaced
  - Paving completed 8/26/2026
  - Light poles have been ordered for Church Street and new power feed to be installed.
- Seminary Street
  - Waters Construction is completing the water main installation
  - Avery Excavation has replaced the basins and hydrants
  - Paving planned for 1st week in October
- Plain Street
  - Paving planned for 1st week in October
- Auditorium Hill
  - New light poles and bases have been ordered.
  - DPW crews will start sidewalk replacement after light pole bases are installed.
  - Paving planned for 1st week in October
- Berlin Street
  - To be completed after Avery is done with utility replacements
  - DPW to replace sidewalks prior to paving
  - Paving planned for 1st week in October
- South Main Street
  - Prospect Street to City line to be shimmed, minus the section near Cumberland Farms that was shimmed in 2023.
  - To be done at night after Labor Day
- Washington Street
  - Elm Street to Hill Street to be shimmed.
  - To be done at night after Labor Day

- **Dagmont Avenue Culvert** (No update)

- **DPW Garage**

  - Design team continuing with final design and permitting. (Banwell Architects, Dewolfe Engineers, DEW Construction)
  - ACT 250 hearings are complete, waiting on a decision
  - Zoning permit has been appealed by neighbor, Appeal was dismissed by VT Environmental Court. Neighbor has appealed the dismissal to VT Supreme Court. (possible 4 month delay)

- **FEMA Projects** (Ongoing, no update)

- **Orange Street Outfall**

  - Residents concerned about drainage outfall at the SE end of Orange Street
  - PW Superintendent and Street Foreman visited site and determined a repair that can be made without accessing the large ravine at the end of the street.
  - Area to be excavated to the outfall area to allow it to be reinforced with large stone to help reduce the erosion.
  - On repairing the road/driveway area, paving around drain basin will be re-shaped to promote proper collection into the drain basin instead of overland flow to reduce erosion.
  - Planned for this fall and should be completed before the paving plants close (November 1st).