CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES
(APPROVED)

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

Date of meeting: Thursday, 8/27/2026 at 4:30pm **Location of meeting**: City Hall Council Chamber

Members in attendance: Art Bombardier, Steve Mackenzie, Jayme Bauer, Brian Baker, Joanne Reynolds, Kenneth Bauer

Members absent: N/A

Others in attendance: CPL Frey, Sandy Perry, Brian Cherry, Janelle Starr, City Counselor Beth Hilgartner. Connie Godin

1) **Call to Order:** 4:37 PM.

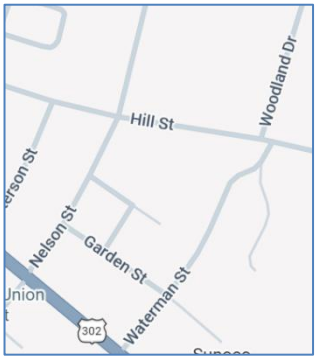
2) **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.



3) **Public Comment:** Sandra Perry stated that there should have been a 6-month update for Prospect Street and Berlin Street study and resolution. She added some recommendations were completed and others were not. Steve Mackenzie asked Sandra to send him a list of the unfinished items.

4) **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes were approved with Minor revisions. Joanne Reynolds made the motion and Kenneth Bauer seconded the motion; it was approved unanimously

5) **Continuing Agenda items:**
a) Review of Status of Hill Street Traffic Study RFP: Steve said that once the city receives funding for the Request for Proposals and a company is hired to do the study; the Committee and City can look at the recommendations and create a plan. Joanne Reynolds said that the RFP should focus on improving safety and accident prevention rather than calming traffic.



Janelle Starr asked if the RFP impacted getting a grant to implement the recommendations. Steve replied that get funding for remediation is hit or miss but a professional assessment is needed. Beth Hilgartner said that a study would greatly help with funding asks from the City.

Joanne stated that Hill Street was the 8th busiest street in the City of Barre according to a 2020 report by the State of Vermont. Janelle added that Hill Street is zoned residential.

Joanne recommended the following revisions to the RFP:

- Revise “Speed Limit Compliance” to “Traffic Safety Analysis”.
- Suggest a median with water collection.

Beth said the study should consider counting “near misses” for pedestrian safety and added that the stop sign is still missing at the Camp/Hill intersection. Steve said he would follow up with Brian about reinstalling the stop sign.

6. New Agenda Items: 131 Orange Street Draining/Erosion Issue

Steve stated that Public Works Update included Orange Street. Brian Cherry lives at 131 Orange Street and said there was a broken storm sewer discharging on the side of the hill that was causing erosion. The storm sewer just gushes water.

Sandy asked if Orange Street was included in the flood remediation plans. Brian Cherry said he was not sure. He added that the storm sewer almost creates a river and the road is eroded past the guard rail and is going down the hill. These conditions will make snow removal challenging for the City.

Steve asked if there was an extra Jersey barrier available to place as a safety barrier?. Brian Baker said yes and will double check to see if something more substantial is needed.

Brian Cherry asked if repairing the pipe was in the city’s repair plan. Brian Baker said they will build up the area around the pipe to stabilize it and will put stone down to prevent further erosion. The schedule is to complete this repair before winter.

Sandy asked if the work would be similar to what was done on Berlin Street. Brian Baker replied that it would be similar to work done at Berlin Street and Highgate Street.

7. Public Works Report (Attached)

7. Round Table: None

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary): N/A

Meeting adjourned: 6:05pm

Mover/Seconder: Joanne made the motion and Kenneth seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): City Council Chamber; 4:30 pm, Thursday, September 24, 2026.

Person filing Minutes: _Jayme Bauer_____r_____