

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council -Draft
Held September 1st, 2026, at 5pm
Council Chambers-Barre City Hall**

The warned Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 4:58 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Sonya Spaulding and Beth Hilgartner; from Ward II, Councilor Jeff Bergeron and Councilor Amanda Gustin; and from Ward III, Councilor Michael Deering and Don Routhier. City staff members present were Clerk Cheryl Metivier

Adjustments to the Agenda – Strike item 8C from New Business

Motion to approve of the agenda dated 9/1/2026 moved by Councilor Gustin, Seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved.

.Executive Session – City Manager Search; Joined by City Manager Search Committee members Carol Dawes(City Treasurer) Tracie Lewis, Renita Marshall, Josh Jerome, Acting Manager Brad Vail, Jeanne Galiani (HR Administrator), Brian Baker DPW Director and Dominic Cloud (Saint Albans Manager)

Motion for finding for executive session moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Hilgartner, approved

Motion to enter executive session moved by Councilor Deering, Seconded by Councilor Hilgartner, approved

Video paused at 5:02pm

Motion to exit executive session moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Spaulding, approved
Executive session ends at 5:55pm.

Visitors & Communications –

Bern Rose-Wants to see BUUSD election on electronic sign & sandwich board at CH
The Flynn Theater presents "Playing Fields" an outdoor activity for all ages, at BCEMS on Tues Sept 8, 6-8 pm More info on the Flynn theater website. Free and open to the public.

Hoping failed storm drains are replaced as paving is being done, and ditching is put in on steep hills.
Allen st continues to wash out, even with the stone fill, which DPW has to replace each storm. Thanks to DPW for putting stones back, but they continue to go into my neighbor's yard and lawn.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

- i. Regular Meeting of 8/25/26 w/ corrections

B. Ratify Adam McCullough's appointment as Tree Warden

C. Approve Resolution #2026-13: Apply for Tier B Status with the Land Use Review Board

D. Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits – none

E. Authorize the Acting Manager to execute contract(s) (as needed)

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Motion to approve Consent Agenda moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved.

4-a. Approve City Warrants

A. Approve week of 9/2/26

Motion to approve city warrants moved by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved.

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

The Barre Unified Union School District budget revote is Tuesday, Sept 15th. Elections will again be at Alumni Hall from 7am-7pm. All ballots must be returned by 7pm to count.

BUUSD 2026-ABSENTEE ballots issued 449 – returned 156
BUUSD MARCH 2026 ABSENTEE-issued 338-returned 237

1st Quarter tax payment is due Tuesday Sept. 15th. The payment must be in the Clerks office by 430pm on the due date. The city is no longer excepting postmarks as timely.

Water & Sewer Bills were mailed Friday, August 28th. The due date is Wednesday Sept. 30th. All payments must be received by the Water Dept by 430pm on that date to be considered timely.

BYSA FOOTBALL is scheduled to hold a Coin Drop - Saturday 9/5/26

Liquor / Cannabis Control Boards – none

Managers' Report-(given to Council prior to meeting. Acting Manager was not present)

- The new Executive Assistant to the Manager, Alberta Miller started Monday, August 31st.
- Thank you to Janet Shatney and team on composing and submitting the CDBG-DR (Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery) application.
- The purchase of 9 River St is complete.
- The 2nd round of FD Deputy position continues.
- Paving Rt 14 & 302 will be done soon.

New Business;

A. Appoint Barre Representative to VCRD VT Community Leadership Summit

A few names suggested by Council members, but no one was chosen at this time. The choice will be made after consulting with people about their availability.

B. Update on Auditorium Renovations Project (Tom Baker, facilities director)

Due to an 8+ week delay of approval in the plans from the Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) has upgrades and repairs have been on hold, thus pushing the expected use date farther back than originally stated. Facilities Director Tom Baker will be in contact with the USDA for more information.

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~~C. Flood Resiliency Update (Councilor Gustin)~~

D. Manager Search Committee Update (Councilor Gustin)

The search team met with Council during an executive session and was able to share the success of gaining ground on making choices to narrow down the candidates. An in-person interview is in the very near future. The team will keep the Council and public informed as much as possible.

Up Coming

Mayor Lauzon – Naming a City manager / Paving Routes 14 & 302 / CDBG-DR results will be in October

Round Table

Mayor Lauzon – Looking forward to hiring a new City Manager.

Councilor Routhier –. Positive about all the work being done, with visible gains seen.

Councilor Spaulding – Excited about the chatter on FPF & FB about the “Adopt-A-Drain” program
Thank you to all that made the connection of the lost chainsaw, and to get it back to the rightful owner, her husband Kevin.

Councilor Bergeron- Attended the Overdose Awareness Ceremony and gained a better perspective of the magnitude of it and how widespread this problem is.

Councilor Gustin – saddened to hear the passing of Dolly Parton

Councilor Hilgartner – Thank you to the DPW for the work on Camp St., but please install the STOP sign again
There have been many close calls at the intersection.

Councilor Deering- The new school year has begun. The enthusiasm is vibrant, in hopes of showing a new story for the school, teachers and students.

Executive Session - none

Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for September 2nd, 2026, at 6pm.

The open portions of the meeting were recorded on the video platform.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk