

To be approved at the 11/18/2025 Council meeting.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-Corrected
Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 2025, 6:00pm
IN PERSON LOCATION: Council Chambers, City Hall
6 N. Main St., Barre, VT

Item 1. Call to Order; 6:02 PM

Item 2. Adjustments to Agenda;

Item “4(F): Prospect Street Heights – redesign contingent on CBDG-DR award. The Manager would like documents bid ready.

Add update on 3squares/SNAP benefits.

Motion to approve the agenda dated November 5th, 2025, moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Hilgartner, approved by all.

Item 3. Visitors & Communications; none

Item 4. Consent Agenda;

A. Approval of Minutes- 10/28/25-corrected

B. Clerk’s Office Licenses & Permits - none

C. Authorize \$15,000 allocation for the adopt-a-storm-drain program.

D. Appoint Fred Pond as the Barre City representative to the regional bike share pilot program steering committee.

E. Approve retroactive \$5,000 allocation from Brusa Trust to support SNAP benefits for children of Barre.

E. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

Prospect Street Heights – redesign contingent on CBDG-DR award.

Motion to authorize the approval of the Consent Agenda dated 11/5/2025 moved by Councilor Hilgartner, Seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved by all.

Item 4a. Approve City Warrants;

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- i. Approve week of 11/05/25

*Motion to approve City Warrants moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Hilgartner, approved. Approved * Councilor Spaulding abstained.*

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Item 5. City Clerk Report;

The Barre City bond elections went well. Both articles passed, with article II passing with a larger margin. Total voters 1208.

The CVCC election comingling of ballots will be Thursday, November 6th at Alumni Hall. Barre Town Clerk Tina Lunt will be leading the process.

Item 6. Liquor / Cannabis Control Boards;

None.

Motion to approve Liquor/Cannabis licensures moved by Councilor _____, seconded by Councilor _____, approved by all. Liquor & Cannabis Board closed.

Item 7. City Managers Report;

The Bond Vote was a success. The City staff does not take the gesture for granted and promises to be responsible with the funds. These funds will create great projects for the City.

Thank you to the City's TIF Administrator and Treasurer, Carol Dawes for her diligence and legal knowledge of posting timelines and requirements. Her services were a huge asset to this bond process.

FEMA buyouts are back on track. Properties on Scampini and Harrington St will close on the 21st on the month, and a property on River St. will follow soon.

The first ice event at the BOR on Halloween, was a success. The ice opened officially November 1st and the schedule is full. Please log into our website for all the activities and events scheduled both public and private.

Item 8. New Business;

8(A) Flood Resiliency Plan – strategic riverbed maintenance (Gustin) Roy Schiff, Principal Water Resources Engineer & Scientist at SLR Consulting, discussed strategic riverbed maintenance efforts, benefits, and risks. The process is sometimes necessary, however it should be done in a responsible way to avoid causing erosion to riverbanks and areas downstream due to the increased flow speed. The studies coming soon will give solid evidence for possible future actions. When sediment maintenance (dredging) is considered, three points are studied in depth, risk & safety, water quality and wildlife habitat.

8(B) Update on implementation of public conduct ordinance

Chief Vail provided the City Council with data pulled reflecting the interactions since the ordinance was put in place. Overall, the majority of interactions in City Hall park, 17 of the 28, resulted in verbal warnings and 14 of the 17 at the BOR resulted in verbal warnings.

Bottom line, the ordinance has given officers an additional tool to use when these encounters occur. In addition to the ordinance the establishment of the Situation Table has been effective and shown promising results. The goal is to change behaviors not punish.

8(C) The Manager offered a template the City of St. Albans has used for their nuisance ordinance. The discussion began during the initial conversations about a public conduct ordinance, the Council considered a draft that included a nuisance property provision. A nuisance ordinance would hopefully add

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a tool to box when dealing with problem renters, landlords and property owners. If the property is deemed unsafe, legally problematic or unkept the ordinance will provide official with the power to issue fines, levies and landlords the assistance in the eviction process. The purpose of this agenda item is to review the St. Albans ordinance and get feedback from the City Council before we draft a Barre City-specific proposal for 1st Reading.

D. Create Neighborly Barre Committee (Spaulding/Hilgartner)

At the last council meeting Councilor Hilgartner requested the creation of the Neighborly Barre Committee. The purpose of the committee will be to create, sponsor or assist in local neighborhood geared activities. The Manager will issue appointment notices Thursday.

The motion to approve the creation of Neighborly Barre Committee with no less than (5) members, no more than (9) majority of appointed members with Councilor Hilgartner as council liaison was moved by Councilor Hilgartner, seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

Item 9. Upcoming Business;

Mayor Lauzon;

Round #2 for CDBG-DR grants are approaching.

Councilor Deering;

Councilor Hilgartner;

Councilor Gustin;

Item 10. Round Table;

Mayor Lauzon;

Since the announcement of SNAP benefits delay, the City as a whole, has raised \$18,000 in donations to supplement food insecurities for Barre City residents. With some of the funds, \$25 gift cards are being handed out to EBT card holders. Enough Ministries and Capstone will keep their food shelf open 7 days a week.

Applause is warranted for the 75 years of service Boisvert Shoes Store has provided for the City of Barre and central Vermont. The Boisvert family has been an integral part of Barre city and we wish them well.

Councilor Deering;

Attended BYSA 7&8 grade football State Title game last Saturday in Colchester, though losing the game, the experience was great for the team.

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The Coyotes basketball team had Sat & Sun games, losing the first. Fun to attend.

Councilor Hilgartner;

Manned the polls serving as a BCA member. Enjoyed the roll of assisting voters correct addresses, verify addresses or register to vote.

Councilor Gustin;

It has been a good week for Barre City, with the bonds election passing and the raising of funds for food assistance.

Councilor Spaulding;

Manned the polls serving as a BCA member. Enjoyed the role of assisting voters capturing most accurate information such as, correcting addresses, verify addresses or register to vote.

Councilor Bergeron –

Councilor Routhier

Happy the Vikings won.

Item 11 Executive Session –

Real estate

Motion for finding for executive session moved by Councilor Spaulding, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved

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

Motion to exit executive session moved by Councilor Spaulding, Seconded by Councilor Routhier, approved

Item 12 Adjournment;

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

Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 16th, 2025, at 6pm.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk

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