

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council – draft
Held April 7th, 2026, at 6pm
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 6:00 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 City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro, Clerk Cheryl Metivier, Treasurer Carol Dawes

Adjustments to the Agenda – none

Motion to approve of the agenda dated 4/7/2026 moved by Councilor Bergeronr, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

2-a. Resolution #2026-05 – In recognition of Spaulding High School’s state wrestling championship

Motion to approve recognizing Spaulding High School’s State Wrestling Championship and placing in Barre City’s permanent records was moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved.

Visitors & Communications –

Bern Rose shared her annual tick safety information. Kindly leaving pamphlets and posters to display.

James McGowan, a former Barre City police officer read a statement in regard to the use of excessive force case against him, brought by the City of Barre, but later dismissed with prejudice by multiple outside agencies.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

i. Meeting of 4/7/2026

B. Clerk’s Office Licenses & Permits-none

C. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s);

Colonial Municipal Group- Cruiser/hybrid vehicle \$61,125.61

All State Construction Inc – \$1.2 million TIF improvements-Stevens Branch apartments

TBD- FY27 Paving - \$800,000

Motion to approve of the consent agenda dated 4/7/2026 moved by Councilor Bergeron, Seconded by Councilor Gustin, approved.

4-a. Approve City Warrants

i. Approve week of 4/8/26

ii. Ratify week of 4/1/26

Motion to approve city warrants moved by Councilor Bergeron, seconded by Councilor Deering – (Councilor Spaulding abstaining) approved.

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City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

The Annual Town Meeting election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th. Absentee ballots should be requested now if you have not already done so.

My goal is to have the ballots ready for mailing or in office voting by the week of the 13th. We are working with L Brown printing and trusting they will keep up with the prompt service.

The temporary polling place for the Town Meeting is 2nd floor alumni hall. We will go above and beyond, to give clear direction on election day and many reminders through multiple social media forums, times argus and the City website.

Liquor/Cannabis Boards-none

Managers' Report-

Stevens Branch Apartment project is moving forward
Cemetery digitalization project is making gains
Nuisance Ordinance in effect as of April 3rd
2nd round CDBG-DR applications were denied
Executive Assistant Roxanne Pike is retiring.

New Business;

A. 1st reading warned 6:15PM: Public Nudity Ordinance –

Motion to move the Public Nudity Ordinance to a hearing was moved by Councilor Gustin, seconded by Councilor Deering, approved.

B. Volunteer appointment – Cow Pasture Stewardship

Ryan Horvath has applied for appointment to the Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee. The Committee has one seat open with expiration June 30, 2026. In order to not require this individual to reapply by the end of the month, the Council may opt to appoint this person through June 30, 2028 (i.e. the full 2-year term that opens up on June 30).

Motion to approve Ryan Horvath appointment as – Cow Pasture Stewardship to finish this term and serve the next full term of (2) years was moved by Councilor Gustin, Seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved.

C. Consider the VT Center for Independent Living's request to be placed on the Town Meeting Day ballot for voter-approved assistance.

Linda Schindler made the statement, due to scheduling and personal circumstances, the application submission was delayed, but with the long-standing relationship with the city and serving the city, the Center for Independent Living would like to be placed again on the ballot.

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D. Discuss FY27 paving plan expansion

With the voter approved \$800,000 the city hopes to finish the connector streets, and start moving into neighborhood cluster. The additional funds from last years total the City hopes to put a big Band-Aid on S. Main St. and finish the bottom of Prospect.

E. Approve May 12, 2026 annual town meeting warning F. Flood Resiliency Plan (Gustin)

The Council reviewed each article for clarity and approval; the Council took the measure to vote.

A motion to approve the 2026 Annual Town Meeting warning was moved by Councilor Gustin, seconded by Councilor Bergeron, approved.

F. Flood Resiliency Plan (Gustin)

A verbal update on some events happening;

3D Digital mapping of rivers in Central VT beyond Barre City

Commercial building flood resilience and flood mitigation

River access site creation

Discussion of purchasing properties outside of Barre City boundaries to use as flood plains.

Up Coming

Mayor Lauzon – Election – having neighborhood council gatherings

Councilor Gustin – launch of adopt a Storm Drain program

Round Table

Councilor Deering- Parks & Rec committee are doing a lot of good things. Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Councilor Hilgartner- Neighborly Barre would like to incorporate Career Center- assisting with the Storm Drain Project.

Councilor Spaulding – Barre Rivers Collective- trivia at the Barre Social Club on April 14th – 6 to 8pm
Survey as well.

Executive Session-none

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Next regular meeting is scheduled for April 21st, 2026, at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk