

CITY OF BARRE
Police Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026

6:00 pm
Public Safety Building
15 Fourth Street
Barre, VT 05641
Join Zoom Meeting
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Telephone 1 929 205 6099
Open to the Public

Present: Steve England, Sandy Rouse, Poa Mutino
Staff: Chief Vail, Amanda Gustin – Council Representative

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:08pm

2. Consider approval or adjustments of the agenda

None

3. Consider approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion made by Poa Mutino to approve the July 9, 2025 meeting as presented, seconded by Sandy Rouse. Motion approved.

4. Receive guests

None

5. Councilor Gustin's report

Nuisance property ordinance – Council reviewed owner vs rental properties in a bit more detail and made suggested changes. City attorney reviewed and noted suggested changes were in accordance to law to assist law enforcement in addressing these issues. Neighborhood watch will be

lifted in areas to also assist in identifying properties that are violating the ordinance.

6. Chief Vail's report

Three officers going to Police Academy February 2nd for 17 weeks for Level 3 training.

One officer in the National Guard was deployed until October 2026.

One officer going to Level 2 Academy in March and Level 3 in August 2026

Abby used to sit on the interview board – if a member is interested in participating in this please let Chief Vail know. Poa Mutino expressed interest in sitting on the interview board. Chief Vail to contact Poa with more information and discuss next steps

Three positions are open.

Discussion related to vacant positions and how are those positions covered.

Chief Vail noted that current officers must backfill positions to meet minimum staffing requirements resulting in overtime.

7. Discuss results of updated City Civil Conduct Ordinances and Enforcement

Twelve incidents – 7 at City Hall Park

Most were verbal warnings

There were 2 arrests – one received a 180-day notice. The other was an arrest for trespassing. The individual had the notice and had prior frequent contacts with law enforcement.

The individual arrested after the 180-day notice had prior contact with law enforcement for nuisance crimes such as trying to get into vehicles.

There has been a drop in small property crime but hasn't been determined to be directly related to the ordinance although some could be due to the weather and vouchers issued for the winter.

8. Discussion on Advertising for additional committee members

There are several options to consider such as Front Porch Forum.

Members did discuss some options and reach out will be made.

9]Miscellaneous, next mtg March 11, 2026

Situation Table that covers Barre, Montpelier and Berlin is active and meeting weekly to address some of the individuals who use public service responder services often, i.e., EMS, police, etc. There has been some impact in reducing calls.

10] Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Sandy Rouse and seconded by Poa Mutino.

Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Rouse