



City of Barre, Vermont

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Dear VSARA,

Please find enclosed copies of the following documents related to the charter changes approved by voters of the City of Barre at the May 14, 2024 annual town election, including:

- Minutes from March 12, 2024 Council meeting, where public hearings were warned.
- Charter draft language filed in the Clerk's office on April 1, 2024.
- Warning of first public hearing published on April 5, 2024.
- Minutes from April 11, 2024 Council meeting, when the 1st public hearing was held, as well as, the language and warning for annual town meeting election were approved.
- Warning of annual town meeting election approved by Council at its April 11, 2024 meeting.
- Minutes from April 23, 2024 Council meeting, where 2nd public hearing was held.
- Warning of annual meeting published in Times Argus February 12-13, 2022.
- Sample ballots, wards 1, 2 & 3.
- Official election results.

I hereby certify the above referenced documents to be true copies, as appear by the record and files of this office, this day examined and compared by me.

If there are any questions, you may contact me at the phone number or email address above.

Regards,

Cheryl A. Metivier
City Clerk/Treasurer

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held March 12, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Acting Mayor Michael Boutin at 6:01 PM at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Emel Cambel and Thom Lauzon; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin (serving as Acting Mayor) and Teddy Waszazak; and from Ward III, Councilors Michael Deering and Samn Stockwell. City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro, Assistant City Manager Dawn Monahan, Public Works Director Brian Baker, Homelessness and Housing Coordinator Tess Taylor, and Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes.

Absent: Mayor Jake Hemmerick

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Manager Storrellicastro reviewed some editing changes to the contracts being considered under the consent agenda. The Manager also noted there will be an executive session for real estate and personnel issues.

Visitors and Communications:

Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee chair Joelen Mulvaney read the committee's annual report, covering the period from August 2022 through December 2023. The report highlighted committee progress and barriers.

Bernadette Rose said she attended last week's local hazard mitigation plan public meeting, and noted the staff members who participated in the meeting were well informed, and the event was well done.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Regular meeting of February 27, 2024.
- B. City Warrants as presented:
 1. Ratification of Week 2024-10, dated March 6, 2024:
 - i. Accounts Payable: \$360,467.15
 - ii. Payroll (gross): \$142,939.87
 2. Approval of Week 2024-11, dated March 13, 2024:
 - i. Accounts Payable: \$226,462.51
 - ii. Payroll (gross): \$155,170.15
- C. 2024 Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits:
 - i. Entertainment Licenses:
 - i. Union rally, City Hall Park, Saturday, March 23rd, from 11AM – 2PM. Zoe Jeka (applicant)
- D. Approve documents and resolution for Municipal Climate Recovery Fund loan
- E. Authorize the Manager to execute contracts
 - i. Public Works: Berlin Street culvert; Wastewater Treatment Facility roof, and 20-year review amendment; 2024 paving
 - ii. Flood Recovery: Wastewater Treatment Facility fence

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

City Clerk/Treasurer Dawes reported on the following:

- Official election results from last week's BUUSD, CVCCSD, and presidential primary elections are posted on the City website.
- Information on offices up for election, nominating petitions and procedures for Barre City's

annual meeting on May 14th, are posted on the elections page of the City website.

- Water/sewer bills went in the mail March 1st, and are due by April 1st.
- Dog licenses are available. All dogs must be licensed by April 1st.

Liquor Control Board/Cannabis Control Board –

Council approved the following license renewals on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Deering. **Motion carried with Acting Mayor Boutin abstaining.**

License holder	1st class license	2nd class license	3rd class license	outside consumption permit	tobacco	tobacco substitutes
American Legion	yes		yes	yes		
Cumberland Farms (N Main Street)		yes			yes	yes
Cumberland Farms (S Main Street)		yes			yes	yes
Jiffy Mart		yes			yes	yes
Ladder 1 Grill	yes		yes	yes		
The Meltdown	yes			yes		
Mulligan's	yes		yes	yes		
Mutuo	yes		yes			
Walgreens		yes			yes	

City Manager’s Report –

Manager Storellicastro reported on the following:

- Public meeting on hazard mitigation plan revisions was held last week. Next steps are to create and review a draft. There is a survey on the City website for public input.
- The assessors are conducting inspections of properties in the flood areas. They have re-assessed 50+ properties, and have updated more than 150 permits.
- The new BOR turf is expected to be installed by April 8th. There will be times in the schedule for general public access.
- There is a meeting scheduled with the proposed Seminary Street parking lot developer and the TIF consultant to explore TIF options.

There was discussion on enforcement of minimum housing ordinances in the north end, and reviewing the assessments of flood-damaged properties, including those outside of the flood zones.

New Business –

A) Approve use of ARPA to fund N. Main Street sewer lining.

Public Works Director Brian Baker reviewed a video of the inside of sewer piping along N. Main Street, highlighting sections of pipe that are cracked or broken. Mr. Baker showed an sample of a product for lining the pipes with a rigid material that will stabilize the system and extend the life of the pipes. It will also stop the inflow of groundwater into the system. The cost is much less expensive than tearing up the street and replacing the pipes. There was discussion on how much time it will take for installation, and the need to install a pump bypass for North Barre Manor to handle the changeover time.

Council approved allocating ARPA funds for the N. Main Street sewer lining project on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

B) Audit presentation.

Sullivan Powers auditor Rick Brigham and Assistant City Manager Dawn Monahan reviewed the FY23 audit. Mr. Brigham said Sullivan Powers issued an unqualified opinion, and there were no material weaknesses or deficiencies. There was discussion on transfers from the general fund to the capital fund, and development of a 5-year plan for enterprise funds and services.

Council accepted the FY23 audit, with thanks to the finance department, on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

Acting Mayor Boutin took the opportunity between agenda items to present Clerk Carol Dawes with the Public Service Award from Vermont Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas, acknowledging the Clerk's 16 years of service in advance of her planned retirement following the May 14th annual meeting elections. Those in attendance give Clerk Dawes a standing ovation.

C) Barre Up report.

Barre Up board members Shawna Trader and Pam Wilson, and Construction Manager Prem Linsky gave a 6-month report on the long-term recovery group's work. There was discussion on case management work with people impacted by the flood, preparing for future disasters, building organizational capacity, construction and rebuilding cases, partnerships with Youthbuild and other supporting groups, statistics and lessons learned.

Alex Raeburn said Barre Up has played a crucial role in providing resources and support while he has been dealing with the destruction of his home.

D) Warn Charter Change hearings.

Clerk Dawes reviewed her memo, and suggested Council warn the 1st charter change public hearing for April 11th, and the 2nd one for April 23rd. The meeting on April 11th, which is a Thursday, will be in lieu of the usual Tuesday meeting that week, and will include approval of the warning for the May 14th annual meeting elections.

The Clerk noted her memo included the various proposed charter changes, and input from the City Attorney. She said Council should schedule time for discussion on the language before April 11th, as that date will mark approval of the finalized proposals that will be printed on the ballot. The Manager will place the proposed charter changes on the April 23rd agenda for discussion.

Sue Higby said she is looking for a white paper with background on the proposed changes and why they're being considered.

Council approved the charter change public hearing dates of April 11th and April 23rd on motion of Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

E) Approve Stitzel, Page & Fletcher to conduct Barre City's tax sales for 2024.

Clerk Dawes reviewed her memo, asking Council to approve Stitzel Page to conduct tax sales. Council approved Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C. to conduct Barre City's tax sale processes commenced in 2024 on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Deering. **Motion carried.**

F) Approve MOU to accept assignment of real estate option for Prospect Heights and authorize NBRC grant application.

Manager Storellicastro said Prospect Heights Development Incorporated has secured an option to purchase property from Fecteau Residential, Inc. The memorandum of understanding would assign the option to the City of Barre, which will strengthen the application for a Northern Borders Regional Commission Catalyst Program grant to assist in developing the property. Barre Area Development Corporation executive director Aimee Green noted the Prospect Street project has been named the number one priority on Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's projects list. The Manager noted there are no out-of-pocket costs for the City under the terms of the MOU or option.

Councilor Lauzon noted he serves on the Prospect Heights board, as does Manager Storellicastro.

Approved at 03/19/24 Barre City Council Meeting

Councilor Lauzon made the motion, seconded by Councilor Stockwell, to:

1. Authorize Acting Mayor Michael Boutin to execute the MOU subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney; and
2. Authorize the City of Barre to submit an application under the NBRC Catalyst Program.

Council voted on the motion as presented. **Motion carried.**

G) Flood recovery updates.

Manager Storellicastro gave a Powerpoint update on flood recovery efforts. The Manager noted the legislature has included \$1M in local economic damage grants for the City in the FY24 budget adjustment bill. There will be updated budget presentations at the March 26th and April 2nd Council meetings. The state issued its RFP today for river engineering support services, which will be available to municipalities impacted by the flooding, and there's an EPA Community Change grant opportunity that might assist with flood mitigation efforts.

There was discussion on approaching properties that haven't yet expressed an interest in being bought out. Ben Charette asked when there will be more information on mitigation efforts on River Street. The Manager said the river engineers will be contracted by the state until July, and the contract will likely be extended until later in the year. The hope is to have information from the engineers later this summer.

H) First Reading Warned 8:00 PM: Ord. #2024-01: Police ordinance modernization.

Acting Mayor Boutin opened the public hearing at 8:01 PM. Manager Storellicastro reviewed the proposed revisions which primarily remove redundant language from the ordinance that is already covered in the collective bargaining agreement or policy. Council approved the first reading and scheduled the second reading for the next Council meeting on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

Upcoming Business –

Manager Storellicastro said the March 26th meeting will include a discussion on the FY25 budget. Councilor Waszazak asked to restart talks around ARPA allocations. Councilor Lauzon asked to hold an informal Council discussion on housing next Tuesday evening, with additional discussions on the Council's off nights. There was discussion on requesting legislative assistance around an additional extension for the TIF district, allowing tax stabilization agreements in the TIF district, and revising City zoning ordinances to mirror the state's definition of substantial damage.

Councilor Lauzon made the motion to meet on "off" Tuesday evenings to discuss housing, seconded by Councilor Deering.

Amy Galford said there should be outreach to those impacted by the flooding to invite their participation in the discussions.

Bernadette Rose said there should be more community-building events to engage and get community buy-in.

There was discussion on concerns around holding housing discussions, and the dangers of letting people stay in the floodway.

Council voted on the motion as presented. **Motion carried with Councilors Cambel and Stockwell voting against.**

Round Table –

Councilor Deering said he is now a permanent substitute teacher at Barre City Elementary School.

Approved at 03/19/24 Barre City Council Meeting

Executive Session – Councilor Stockwell made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of real estate and personnel issues to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussions be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 8:29 PM to discuss real estate and personnel under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 on motion of Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. Manager Storrellicastro was invited into the executive session. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 8:45 PM on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM on motion of Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy, as appears by the record and files of this office, this day examined and compared by me.

ATTEST:



Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk, Barre, Vermont

DATE: 5/13/24

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 11, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Mayor Jake Hemmerick at 6:00 PM at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Emel Cambel and Thom Lauzon; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Teddy Waszazak; and from Ward III, Councilors Michael Deering and Samn Stockwell (arrived approximately 6:45 PM). City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro, Assistant City Manager Dawn Monahan, and Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes.

Absent: NONE

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Add consent agenda approval of lease purchase finance agreement with Municipal Leasing Consultants LLC for purchase of plow truck and excavator, resolution #2024-05.
- Remove discussion on water and wastewater municipal agreements from new items.
- Add executive session on real estate.

Visitors and Communications:

Joelen Mulvaney thanked Mayor Hemmerick for his service guiding the City through difficult times and changing the tone of leadership.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Regular meeting of April 2, 2024.
- B. City Warrants as presented:
 - 1. Ratification of Week 2024-15, dated April 10, 2024:
 - i. Accounts Payable: \$114,474.16
 - ii. Payroll (gross): \$152,800.51
- C. Clerk's Office Licenses and Permits: NONE
- D. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)
 - 1. Bobcat
- E. Ratify Council assignment of ADA charge to the JEDIB Committee
- F. Accept resignation of Linda Couture from the Parks & Rec Committee
- G. Approve resolution #2024-05: lease purchase agreement with Municipal Leasing Consultants LLC (added under adjustments)

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

City Clerk/Treasurer Dawes reported on the following:

- The Board of Abatement held hearings before tonight's Council meeting. This will be the last batch eligible for state reimbursement of the education portion of abated taxes. Application for reimbursements must be submitted to the state by April 26th.
- Monday was the deadline for submission of nominating petitions, and there is now a full slate of candidates for all offices up for election except clerk/treasurer. Ballots will be ordered tomorrow and should be delivered by the end of next week.

There was discussion on cross-referencing lists of flood-impacted properties, and outreach to property owners.

Liquor Control Board/Cannabis Control Board – NONE

City Manager’s Report –

Manager Storellicastro reported on the following:

- Met with Vermont Emergency Management to discuss buyouts through the Swift Current Program. Five properties have been identified to date.
- The Barre Town yard waste drop site will open for the year on April 20th.
- There was a ribbon cutting last Saturday for the new turf laid in the BOR. There are opportunities to schedule time on the turf.
- Barre Area Development Corporation has received word the joint application on the Prospect Heights housing project has been invited to apply for the next phase of possible financing.
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission will present the infill development study report to Council at the June 4th meeting.
- Several projects were submitted in the congressional spending application.

Pat Moulton, Central Vermont Flood Recovery Officer, said the state submitted a \$51M request through the congressional spending application process to support housing development in the north end to include a child care center, grocery store and walkable neighborhoods.

There was discussion on the vacancies in the Buildings and Community Services Department with the retirements of Jeff Bergeron and Stephanie Quaranta. Manager Storellicastro said the priority has been continuation of services, including planning for the summer meals programs traditionally offered at the municipal pool.

New Business –

A) Approve FY25 Budget.

Manager Storellicastro reviewed his PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget, and noted the projected property tax rate increase stands at 4.93%. The Manager said two portable toilets have been added as a pilot program at the behest of the Homelessness Task Force, starting in July.

Homelessness Task Force member Steve Finner said they are gathering information from other communities that have public portable toilets with regards to their experiences on how placement and operations work.

There was discussion on moving away from a Microsoft-based system to a Google-based system as a possible cost saving measure. Bernadette Rose said she doesn’t like Google. Ms. Rose asked when the new equipment is being installed at the Garfield Playground. The Manager said it’s going in next week.

Connie Godin said April 15th is tax day, and Barre should remember how much federal FEMA money and state funds have benefited the City since the July 2023 flooding.

Councilor Lauzon made the motion to approve the FY25 budget numbers as presented, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

- \$14,873,780 general fund budget
- \$10,187,152 amount to be raised by taxes

B) Discuss water and wastewater intermunicipal agreements.

This item was deferred under adjustments.

Councilor Cambel had left the meeting by this point.

C) 1st hearing warned 7:00 PM: Charter changes.

Mayor Hemmerick opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM and invited comments from the public and Council. There are four categories of charter changes being proposed:

1. Moving the annual meeting from March to May;
2. Separating the positions of clerk and treasurer, and making the treasurer position appointed;
3. Removing references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District;
4. Allow youth voter participation in local elections, except school elections.

John LePage said he soundly endorses the youth voting proposal that would allow 16 and 17 year olds to vote in local elections except school votes. Mr. LePage said the proposal to move the annual meeting elections from March to May is a bad idea, and would lower participation and double the costs associated with holding elections.

Bernadette Rose said she agrees with Mr. LePage. Ms. Rose said youth voting would involve parents, and youth voters would encourage tenant residents to participate.

Steve Mackenzie said the youth voter language should be dropped, as 16 and 17 year olds are outside the age of majority, and they don't have a stake in the game when it comes to voting on City budgets.

Councilor Boutin said he supports moving the annual meeting to May, and does not support youth voting.

Tina Routhier said she doesn't support youth voting, as she wouldn't give a blank check to her grandchildren on the municipal budget.

Barbara Druge said she is opposed to the youth voter language and they should not be making decisions for property owners. Ms. Druge said 16 and 17 year olds' minds are not developed enough to make decisions on things like drinking, smoking and voting.

Hearing no additional comments, Council approved including on the annual meeting ballot the proposal to remove school-related language from the charter on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

Council approved including on the annual meeting ballot the proposal to move the annual meeting from the first Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in May on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Deering. **Motion carried with Mayor Hemmerick and Councilor Stockwell voting against.**

Council approved including on the annual meeting ballot the proposal to allow youth voters on motion of Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin voting against.**

There was discussion on the proposed charter change to separate the clerk and treasurer positions. Bernadette Rose said no future clerk/treasurer will be anything like Clerk/Treasurer Dawes. Sonya Spaulding asked about the lack of candidates running for the clerk/treasurer position. Clerk Dawes said Council will appoint someone to the position following the annual meeting elections, if nobody is elected through write-in. Council approved including on the annual meeting ballot the proposal to separate the clerk and treasurer positions and making the treasurer appointed on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

D) Approve May 14, 2024 annual town meeting warning.

Council reviewed the draft warning as presented by the Clerk. Councilor Lauzon asked to revise Article II to increase the requested amount for the street reconstruction, sidewalk improvements, and capital improvement funds to \$450,000. Council approved the warning as revised on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

Upcoming Business –

- Second charter public hearing will be held at the April 23rd meeting.
- Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission's infill development report will come to Council at the June 4th meeting.
- Councilor Lauzon asked for a vote to designate the ARPA funds as spent so as to remove date restrictions. It will be added to the April 23rd agenda.

Round Table –

Councilor Boutin said he attended the ribbon cutting for the BOR turf, and recommended people walk on the turf barefoot.

Councilor Lauzon said the turf is a great example of community collaborations between Barre City, Barre Town, and Barre Youth Sports Association.

Mayor Hemmerick said the Vermont Bond Bank held their annual capital forum in Barre City today.

Executive Session – Councilor Boutin made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of real estate issues to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussions be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

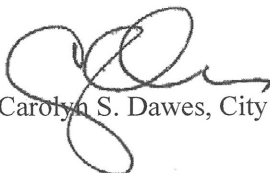
Council went into executive session at 7:44 PM to discuss real estate under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 on motion of Councilor Boutin, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. Manager Storellicastro and Clerk Dawes were invited into the executive session. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 7:48 PM on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

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

Respectfully submitted,


Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

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Cheryl A. Metivier, Barre City clerk/Treasurer

DATE: 05/22/2024

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Cheryl A. Metoyer, Barre City Clerk/Treasurer
DATE: 05-22-2024

and a life of service.
And your substance use disorder—your history of addiction, the things you may have done that you are not proud of—will one day be small enough to deal with while allowing you space to live this life of joy.
Hold on.
We are not the sum of our scars but rather a beautiful mosaic of the life they hold together.
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Carolyn S. Dawes
Barre City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGES

The Barre City Council has warned a First Public Hearing for proposed charter changes for THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024, 7:00 PM in the Barre City Council Chambers, Barre City Hall, 6 N. Main Street.
Proposed Charter Changes to be considered at the May 14, 2024 Annual Meeting elections are as follows. Each section will be voted upon separately. Bold/underlined sections are additions, and bracketed/deleted sections are deletions. NOTE: Language can be amended between now and completion of the hearing on April 11, 2024. The second public hearing will be held on TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024.

PROPOSAL #1
Amend Chapter II, Section 202 of the Barre City Charter to change the date of the annual meeting elections.
Sec. 202. Time of elections and meetings.
(a) The annual city meeting of the city for the election of officers, the voting of budgets, and any other business included in the warnings for said meeting, shall be held on the first ~~second~~ Tuesday in (March) May, unless otherwise legally warned by the council.

PROPOSAL #2
Amend the Barre City Charter to separate the positions of Clerk and Treasurer, and change the Treasurer position to appointed: Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.
Sec. 111. Bonding of city officials
The Mayor, councilors, members of the Police Department, City Manager, Finance Director, Superintendent of Public Works, Tax Collector, [and] Clerk, and Treasurer shall annually be bonded to the City for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, as provided by state statute and the expense of said bonds to be paid by the City.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.
Sec. 205. Officers elected.
(a)(1) The legal voters shall elect biennially a Mayor [and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer] and a Clerk.

Chapter III, City Council.
Sec. 301. (Governing body).
(b) Appoint and remove a Treasurer and such Assistant Treasurers as shall be deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the performance of all duties as required of a municipal treasurer in Vermont Statutes Annotated, Titles 24 and 32, and all other enactments related to the duties of a municipal treasurer.

(fb) (c) Assign additional duties to offices, commissions or departments established by this charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, commission or department duties assigned to a particular office, commission or department established by this charter.

(fe) (d) Make, amend, and repeal ordinances.
(4f) (e) Adopt an official seal of the City.

PROPOSAL #3
Amend the Barre City Charter to remove references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District.
Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.
Sec. 110. Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the City [and the City School District] shall begin the first day of July and end on the last day of June of each calendar year. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget and accounting year as used in this charter.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.
Sec. 203. Special city [and school district] meetings.
Special city meetings [and special school district meetings] shall be called in the manner provided by the laws of the state and the voting on all questions shall be by the Australian ballot system [except that ballot votes as provided in section 207(d)].
Sec. 205. Officers elected.
(3) Annually, the legal voters shall elect three school commissioners to serve for a term of three years, as follows:
(a) at the 2018 annual City meeting; and each successive three-year cycle after that, three school commissioners;
(b) at the 2021 annual City meeting; and each successive three-year cycle after that, two school commissioners;
(c) at the 2024 annual City meeting; and each successive three-year cycle after that, two school commissioners;

(fb) The legal voters shall elect annually Spaulding Union High School District School Board members in the manner, number, and term limit as is specified in the Barre City-Barre Town Union High School Agreement, dated November 30, 1986, or any such successor document;

Sec. 206. Vacancies.
(a) In case of a vacancy of any elected municipal officer, except a councilor [or school commissioner], occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member for the Council.

(fc) In case of a vacancy of any school commissioner, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation, or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the School Board until the next annual election; in such case, nomination may be made by any member of the School Board;

Chapter III, City Council.
Sec. 315. (Compensation of City officials.)
Compensation of Mayor, councilors and other appointees and City officers.

(c) When the legal voters have authorized an annual City [and school] budget, the City Council, School Board, and/or the City Manager shall not authorize appropriations, expenditures or payment in excess of the amount voted. Deficit spending shall be prohibited by the City of Barre and the City of Barre Schools.

Chapter IV, City Officials.
(See 416 School District).
The City Treasurer shall be treasurer of the City of Barre School District and shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities of a treasurer of a town school district, except as otherwise provided;

Chapter V, Departments and Boards.
ARTICLE IX. BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
Sec. 546. Powers and duties.
(a) Except as otherwise provided, the school commissioners, elected as herein before provided, shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities as prescribed for school directors of town school districts; they shall compose the board of school commissioners of the City of Barre School District with the same duties, powers and liabilities as the board of school directors of a town school district. The board of school commissioners shall consist of seven members, each serving a term of three years:

(b) The board of school commissioners shall have the care and custody of all the property belonging to or used for the public schools located in the city. Payments due on or to become due on bonds and interest thereon, used by the city of Barre for school purposes, shall be paid by the City of Barre School District.

(c) No later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting date each year, the board of school commissioners shall present to the city council its budget requests for the next fiscal year.
(d) The board shall appoint from among its members, a clerk who shall have the same duties and responsibilities as prescribed by statute.

Sec. 547. Appointment of superintendent and principal; compensation; term.
The school commissioners shall annually appoint a superintendent of schools and a principal of high schools and shall fix their compensation which shall be paid by the school commissioners in the same manner as other expense for the support of schools; and for cause of incapacity, negligence or misconduct, they may remove such officers and shall by appointment fill any vacancy in such office as herein provided; the superintendent shall perform all such duties in connection with the public schools of the city as shall be assigned him by the board of school commissioners and as may be prescribed by law. He shall annually report to the city council such statistics as are required by law and such other information as the school commissioners shall direct;

PROPOSAL #4
Amend Chapter II, Section 205 of the Barre City Charter to allow youth voter participation in local municipal elections.
Sec. 205. Officers elected.
(a)(1) The legal voters and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old shall elect biennially a Mayor, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer. (Amend. of March 2, 2021)

(2) Annually, the legal voters and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old of each ward shall elect from among the legal voters of their respective wards one councilor for a term of two years.

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I hereby certify the above to be a true copy, as appears by the record and files of this office, this day examined and compared by me.
ATTEST:
Cheryl A. Metivier,
Barre City Clerk/Treasurer
DATE: 05/23/2024

CITY OF BARRE
WARNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The legal Voters of the Wards of the City of Barre are hereby Warned to meet at the respective polling places of said wards at the central polling place in the municipal auditorium on Auditorium Hill on the 4th day of May, 2024 from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
At the same time and place and during the same voting hours, the voters of the City of Barre will meet for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot the following:
One Mayor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
One Clerk and Treasurer to serve for a term of two (2) years.
At the same time and place and during the same voting hours, the voters of the Wards will meet for the purpose of electing by Australian Ballot one Councilor for each of the Wards as follows:
Ward 1: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
Ward 2: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
Ward 3: One Councilor to serve for a term of two (2) years.
At the same time and place and during the same hours, the legal voters are Warned to meet for the purpose of acting, by Australian Ballot, on the following articles. The polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE I
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of \$14,873,780 of which an amount not to exceed \$10,187,152 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

ARTICLE II
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$450,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

ARTICLE III
Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to change the date of the annual meeting elections from March to May (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/stripped out is deleted).
Sec. 202. Time of elections and meetings.
(a) The annual city meeting of the city for the election of officers, the voting of budgets, and any other business included in the warnings for said meeting, shall be held on the [first] second Tuesday in [March] May, unless otherwise legally warned by the council.

ARTICLE IV
Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to separate the positions of Clerk and Treasurer, and change the Treasurer position to appointed (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/stripped out is deleted):
Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.
Sec. 111. Bonding of city officials.
The Mayor, councilors, members of the Police Department, City Manager, Finance Director, Superintendent of Public Works, Tax Collector, [and] Clerk, and Treasurer shall annually be bonded to the City for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, as provided by state statute and the expense of said bonds to be paid by the City.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.
Sec. 205. Officers elected.
(a)(1) The legal voters shall elect biennially a Mayor, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer and a Clerk.
Chapter III, City Council.
Sec. 301. (Governing body).
(b) Appoint and remove a Treasurer and such Assistant Treasurers as shall be deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the performance of all duties as required of a municipal treasurer in Vermont Statutes Annotated, Titles 24 and 32, and all other enactments related to the office of a municipal treasurer.
(c) Assign additional duties to officers, commissions or departments established by this charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, commission or department duties assigned to a particular office, commission or department established by this charter.
(d) Make, amend, and repeal ordinances.
(e) Adopt an official seal of the City.

ARTICLE V
Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to remove references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District (bold/underlined is added; bracketed/stripped out is deleted):
Chapter I, Incorporation and General Provisions.
Sec. 110. Fiscal Year
The fiscal year of the City [and the City School District] shall begin the first day of July and end on the last day of June of each calendar year. The fiscal year shall constitute the budget and accounting year as used in this charter.

Chapter II, Elections and City Meetings.
Sec. 203. Special city [and school district] meetings.
Special city meetings [and special school district meetings] shall be called in the manner provided by the laws of the state and the voting on all questions shall be by the Australian ballot system, except for budget votes as provided in section 207(d).

Sec. 205. Officers elected.
(c)(1) Annually, the legal voters shall elect three school commissioners to serve for a term of three years; as follows:
(a) the 2024 annual city meeting; and each successive three-year cycle after that; three school commissioners;
(b) the 2025 annual city meeting; and each successive three-year cycle after that; two school commissioners;
(c) the 2026 annual city meeting; and each successive three-year cycle after that; two school commissioners;

(b) The legal voters shall elect annually, Spaulding Union High School District School Board members in the manner, number, and term limit as is specified in the Barre City/Barre Town Union High School Agreement, dated November 30, 1985, or any such successor document;

Sec. 206. Vacancies.
(e) In case of a vacancy of any elected municipal city officer, except a councilor [or school commissioner], occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member for the Council.
(f) In case of a vacancy of any school commissioner, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the School Board until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member of the School Board.

Chapter III, City Council.
Sec. 315. (Compensation of City officials.)
Compensation of Mayor, councilors and other appointees and City officials:
(c) When the legal voters have authorized an annual City [and school] budget, the City Council, School Board, and/or the City Manager shall not authorize appropriations, expenditures or payment in excess of the amount voted. Deficit spending shall be prohibited by the City of Barre and the City of Barre School Board.

Chapter IV, City Officials.
Sec. 443. School District.
The City Treasurer shall be Treasurer of the City of Barre School District and shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities of a treasurer of a town school district, except as otherwise provided;

Chapter V, Departments and Boards.
ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
Sec. 444. Powers and duties.
(a) Except as otherwise provided, the school commissioners, elected as herein before provided, shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities prescribed for school directors of town school districts. They shall compose the board of school commissioners of the City of Barre School District with the same duties, powers and liabilities of the board of school directors of a town school district. The board of school commissioners shall consist of seven members, each serving a term of three years.

(b) The board of school commissioners shall have the care and custody of all the property belonging to, or used for, the public schools located in the city. Payments due or to become due on bonds and interest thereon, used by the City of Barre for school purposes, shall be paid by the City of Barre School District.
(c) No later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting date each year, the board of school commissioners shall present to the city council its budget requests for the next fiscal year.
(d) The board of school commissioners shall have the same duties and responsibilities as prescribed by statute.

Sec. 517. Appointment of superintendent and principal; composition; term.
The school commissioners shall annually appoint a superintendent of schools and a principal of high schools and shall fix their compensation which shall be paid by the school commissioners in the same manner as other expenses for the support of schools; and for cause of incapacity, negligence or misconduct they may remove such officers and shall by appointment fill any vacancy in such office arising from any cause; the superintendent shall perform all such duties in connection with the public schools of the city as shall be assigned him by the board of school commissioners and as may be prescribed by law. He shall annually report to the city council such statistics as are required by law and such other information as the school commissioners shall direct.

ARTICLE VI
Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to allow youth voter participation in local municipal elections (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/stripped out is deleted).
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(a)(1) The legal voters and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old shall elect biennially a Mayor, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer.

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Table with 2 columns: Agency Name and Amount. Includes Barre Area Senior Center (\$7,500), Barre Heritage Festival (\$5,000), Capstone Community Action, Inc. (\$3,000), Central Vermont Adult Education (Barre Learning Center) (\$7,000), Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSPV (\$18,000), Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (\$28,000), Circle (formerly Battered Women's Shelter and Services) (\$2,000), Community Harvest of Central Vermont (\$1,500), Downstreet Housing and Community Development (\$5,000), Elevate Youth Services (formerly WashCo. Youth Serv. Bureau) (\$5,000), Family Center of Washington County (\$3,500), Good Beginnings of Central VT (\$1,000), Good Samaritan Haven (\$1,500), Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team) (\$2,500), OUR House of Central VT (\$500), People's Health & Wellness Clinic (\$3,000), Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (\$1,000), Vermont Center for Independent Living (\$1,000), Washington County Diversion Program (\$2,500), Washington County Mental Health (\$10,000).

ARTICLE VII
Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for Rainbow Bridge Community Center?
Adopted and approved by the Barre City Council on April 11, 2024.

Jake Hemmerick, Mayor /S/
Carol S. Davies, City Clerk /S/
Michael Boutin, Ward 2 Councilor /S/
Ernel Cambel, Ward 1 Councilor
Michael Deering II, Ward 3 Councilor /S/
Thomas J. Lauzon, Ward 1 Councilor /S/
Sams Stockwell, Ward 3 Councilor /S/
Edward Waszczak, Ward 2 Councilor /S/

NOTICE TO VOTERS

VOTING IN BARRE CITY: All voting in Barre City is by Australian ballot, and voting takes place at the Municipal Auditorium on Auditorium Hill. Polls are open from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM.
REGISTER TO VOTE: You may register at the City Clerk's office, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), the Secretary of State's website, a voter registration agency (Department of Social Welfare, Department of Health (WIC), Department of Aging & Disabilities (home health, adult day care, etc.).
To register on-line through the Secretary of State's website, visit https://clerk.vermont.gov/.
You may also register at the polls on Election Day.
EARLY/VASSINETTE BALLOTS: The latest you can request ballots is 4:00 PM in the Clerk's office the day before an election. The voter or family member may request an early or absentee ballot in person, in writing, by telephone, email or on-line through the Secretary of State's website: https://imoa.vermont.gov/. Other authorized persons may apply for the voter in person, in writing or by telephone. If you are sick or have a disability, contact the Clerk's office (802) 476-0242 to find out about other opportunities to cast a ballot.
INFORMATION ABOUT BALLOT ITEMS: Visit the elections section of the Barre City website at www.barrecity.org for additional information.
CONTACT INFORMATION FOR BARRE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: You may reach the Clerk's office by calling (802) 476-0242, or by email to cmetivier@barrecity.org.

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held April 23, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Mayor Jake Hemmerick at 6:00 PM at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Emel Cambel and Thom Lauzon; from Ward II, Councilors Michael Boutin and Teddy Waszazak; and from Ward III, Councilors Michael Deering and Samn Stockwell. City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro, Homelessness and Housing Coordinator Tess Taylor (arrived 6:30 PM), and Clerk/Treasurer Carol Dawes.

Absent: NONE

Adjustments to the Agenda:

- Add an executive session for real estate.
- Move the committee terms item under new business to the consent agenda.

Visitors and Communications:

Ellen Kaye offered congratulations to the Central Vermont Medical Center staff nurses and technicians for successfully negotiating their new union contract.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Council approved the following consent agenda items on motion of Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Regular meeting of April 11, 2024.
- B. City Warrants as presented:
 1. Ratification of Week 2024-16, dated April 17, 2024:
 - i. Accounts Payable: \$320,714.12
 - ii. Payroll (gross): \$150,756.61
 2. Approval of Week 2024-017, dated April 24, 2024
 - i. Accounts Payable: \$360,203.15
 - ii. Payroll (gross): \$155,204.29
- C. Clerk's Office Licenses and Permits: NONE
- D. Ratify Council's 4/11/24 approval of a lease finance agreement
- E. Accept warranty deed from Marilyn Ford for purchase of Duffy Avenue lots
- F. Authorize the Manager to execute an LOI with DEW to develop the Seminary Street and Campbell Place parking lots
- G. Stagger committee terms to provide appointment balance (moved from new agenda items)

There was discussion on how committee terms will be staggered, and confirming enough sewer capacity for the proposed Seminary Street housing project.

City Clerk & Treasurer Report –

City Clerk/Treasurer Dawes reported on the following:

- Annual meeting ballots are available. Nearly 500 of them went in the mail today. Sample ballots are posted on the City website.
- Annual meeting elections will be held on May 14th. Polls will be open at the auditorium from 7AM – 7PM. The elections will include all City business, and revote on the Barre Unified Union School District budget.
- The City has submitted an application to the state for reimbursement of \$44,483 in flood-related

education tax abatements. Any approved reimbursement will be deducted from the final school payment made by the end of the fiscal year.

- Green-Up Day bags are available in the Clerk’s office.
- Fourth quarter property taxes are due by May 15th.

Liquor Control Board/Cannabis Control Board –

Taylor Beaudet, new owner of Campo di Vino, appeared before the Council to introduce herself. Ms. Beaudet said she also owns Taste Vermont, which specializes in charcuterie and catering. She plans on co-locating her businesses at the Campo de Vino location in the Wall Street complex, and expanding to include food and drink service. Councilors welcomed her to the City.

Council approved the following liquor and tobacco licenses on motion of Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Lauzon. **Motion carried with Councilor Boutin abstaining.**

License holder	1st class	2nd class	3rd class	outside consumption permit	tobacco	tobacco substitute
Asian Gourmet	yes		yes	yes		
Campo di Vino	yes	yes				
Beverage Baron		yes				
Champlain Farms (169 Wash)		yes			yes	yes
Champlain Farms (15 SMS)		yes			yes	yes
Dente's Market		yes				
North End Deli Mart		yes			yes	yes
Paramount Theater	yes					

City Manager’s Report –

Manager Storrellicastro reported on the following:

- Continue to work with Vermont Emergency Management on buyout applications for the Swift Current program. Applications are due to be submitted by April 30th.
- The Barre Town yard waste drop off site is now open and available to Barre City residents on Saturdays. See the flyer on the City website for details.
- A new playground structure has been installed at the Garfield Playground, and was opened to the public this past weekend.
- There is a department head flood after-action review on May 7th led by Vermont Emergency Management and Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission.
- The police department has started using body-worn cameras.

New Business –

A) VLCT Welcoming & Engaging Communities cohort presentation.

Joelen Mulvaney, chair of the Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee, said the City is participating in VT League of Cities & Towns’ welcoming & engaging communities cohort. The cohort defines a problem and strategic plans to address the problem. The issue identified is civil discourse. Councilors Deering, Stockwell, & Waszazak are participating. Councilor Stockwell gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Kindness Campaign work, and noted restoring trust and making people feel welcome is important to fostering a sense of community. Three actions have been identified:

1. Listen more than speak;
2. Ask questions that welcome conversation;
3. Move forward to solutions, not backwards to blame.

The cohort is a six-month program, and there may be opportunities for the City to participate again in the future.

B) Authorize buyout applications of landslide-impacted properties.

Manager Storellicastro recommended Council authorize buyout applications for the properties impacted by landslides during the July 2023 flooding and severe rain events. The properties are 5 Portland Street, 25 Oswald Street, and 106 Currier Street. If purchased through the FEMA buyout program, the properties would be owned by the City, and be forever green spaces. They would be removed from the grand list, and there would be no opportunity to redevelop the parcels, even with mitigation efforts to stabilize the landslides. The Manager said there's no commitment yet from the state to cover the required local matches.

State Geologist Ben DeJong said he visited the properties to demonstrate imminence based on FEMA standards, and on all three properties he determined it would be prohibitively expensive to mitigate the landslides. Mr. DeJong recommends the three properties be offered FEMA buyouts.

There was discussion on possibly moving the house at 106 Currier Street to another location, the stability of the old railroad bed along the west side of the City, recent tree removals done by Green Mountain Power, addressing storm water accumulations in the swale that runs alongside the old railroad bed, and repairing or replacing culverts under the railroad bed.

Andrea Young, owner of 106 Currier Street, said there are cracks along the second floor of her home, and it might not be structurally sound enough to move the building.

Amy Galford said she used to walk along the old railroad bed, and said the quality of the fill in that area is questionable.

Ellen Kaye asked what happens to the lots once they go through the FEMA buyout program. Manager Storellicastro said they would be permanently owned by the City, and would remain forever greenspaces with very limited options for use. Clerk Dawes said there are seven such properties in Barre City; two on Hilltop Avenue and five in the Brook Street area where the flood mitigation project is located.

Council approved authorizing buyout applications for 5 Portland Street, 25 Oswald Street, and 106 Currier Street on motion of Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Boutin. **Motion carried.**

C) Stagger committee terms to provide appointment balance.

Moved to consent agenda

D) 2nd hearing warned 7:00 PM: Charter changes.

Mayor Hemmerick opened the 2nd charter change public hearing at 7:00 PM and invited comments from the Council and public.

Sonya Spaulding asked about the proposed charter change that would move the annual meeting from March to May. Manager Storellicastro said it would facilitate building the budget, as more data would be available later in the fiscal year.

Ellen Kaye asked what the turnaround time would be if a budget failed at a May annual meeting, noting the fiscal year ends June 30th.

Lisa Liotta said a May annual meeting date would allow additional time and data to craft a budget, but there could be substantial changes to the make-up of the Council following an election, and the new

Council would be responsible for creating a new budget proposal in a short amount of time. There was discussion on similar circumstances surrounding the current March annual meeting date, and allowing the Manager the time necessary to draft a responsible budget.

Mayor Hemmerick said he will vote against the proposed May annual meeting charter change, as the March date is a state holiday, and the May date could have a negative impact on local businesses, and suppress voter turnout.

Amy Galford asked when the state primaries are. Clerk Dawes said the presidential primary is held in March every four years, and the state primary is held in August every other year. Ms. Galford asked about the impact of early or late development on the budget. Manager Storrellicastro said early development has less current year actual numbers to inform the draft, and therefore the proposed budget tends to be more negatively conservative. Mr. Galford asked about the impact on bond votes and infrastructure projects of moving to May. Clerk Dawes said there's no impact, as access to voter-approved funds can be had through bond anticipation notes, which are readily available in advance of submitting bond applications to the municipal bond bank.

Councilor Boutin said he doesn't support the charter amendment that would allow youth voting in local elections.

With no additional comments or questions from the Council or public, Mayor Hemmerick closed the public hearing at 7:17 PM.

Upcoming Business –

There will be a report from the police department at the May 7th meeting, and discussion on use of the ARPA funds.

Andrea Young asked what the next steps are for the FEMA buyouts. Manager Storrellicastro said the property owners will receive the application forms via email. Once the forms are completed, they'll be submitted to VEMS for processing through FEMA.

Round Table –

Councilor Deering said the schools are closed for April vacation, and he cautioned people to be safe on the streets with kids out of school.

Councilor Stockwell said there's a coordinated effort to do Green-Up cleaning in ward 3.

Councilor Boutin read an excerpt from Kristin Tousignant, who is not seeking reappointment to the Police Advisory Committee. Ms. Tousignant offered kudos to the members of the committee and Chief Vail for the work they're doing reviewing and adopting policies. Councilor Boutin reminded people of next weekend's Blow Up to Glow Up event on Saturday, May 4th.

Mayor Hemmerick announced the following:

- Barre Area Senior Center is holding a fundraiser at the Elks Club on May 4th
- Flood recovery data was presented to the Housing Task Force at last night's meeting
- Zachary Lyle-Delong is the new Salvation Army Corps. Officer. The City welcomes him and his wife Caitlin to the community.
- The Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC) in the north end has reopened.

Approved at 05/07/24 Barre City Council Meeting

Executive Session – Councilor Lauzon made the motion to find that premature general public knowledge of real estate issues to be discussed would clearly place the City of Barre at a substantial disadvantage should the discussions be public. The motion was seconded by Councilor Stockwell. **Motion carried.**

Council went into executive session at 7:33 PM to discuss real estate under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313 on motion of Councilor Lauzon, seconded by Councilor Deering. Manager Storrellicastro and Clerk Dawes were invited into the executive session. **Motion carried.**

Council came out of executive session at 7:37 PM on motion of Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM on motion of Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Waszazak. **Motion carried.**

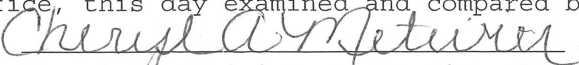
The open portions of the meeting were recorded on the video platform.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn S. Dawes, City Clerk

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy, as appears by the record and files of this office, this day examined and compared by me.

ATTEST:  DATE: 05.22.2024
Cheryl A. Metivier, Barre City Clerk/Treasurer

Posted in Barre City Clerk's office 4/1/24

Possible charter changes for voter consideration May 2024. There are four categories:

1. Charter changes associated with elimination of school district language;
2. Charter changes associated with moving Town Meeting Day to May
3. Charter changes to allow 16 & 17 year olds to vote in local elections (except school-related elections);
4. Charter changes related to separating the clerk and treasurer positions, and making treasurer appointed

Changes below are in chapter order, and are color coded to match the categories above.

CHAPTER 1

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CHAPTER 2

Sec. 202. Time of elections and meetings.

(a) The annual city meeting of the city for the election of officers, the voting of budgets, and any other business included in the warnings for said meeting, shall be held on the ~~[first]~~ **second** Tuesday in ~~[March]~~ **May**, unless otherwise legally warned by the council.

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Special city meetings ~~[and special school district meetings,]~~ shall be called in the manner provided by the laws of the state and the voting on all questions shall be by the Australian ballot system, ~~[except for budget votes as provided in section 207(d)].~~

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of their respective wards one councilor for a term of two years.

~~[(3) Annually, the legal voters shall elect three school commissioners to serve for a term of three years, as follows:~~

- ~~(A) at the 2019 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year cycle after that, three school commissioners;~~
- ~~(B) at the 2020 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year cycle after that, two school commissioners;~~
- ~~(C) at the 2021 annual City meeting, and each successive three-year cycle after that, two school commissioners.]~~

~~[(b) The legal voters shall elect annually Spaulding Union High School District School Board members in the manner, number, and term limit as is specified in the Barre City/Barre Town Union High School Agreement, dated November 30, 1986, or any such successor document.]~~

Sec. 206. Vacancies.

~~[(a)]~~ In case of vacancy of any elected municipal city officer, except a councilor ~~[or school commissioner]~~, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the City Council until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member for the Council.

~~[(c) In case of a vacancy of any school commissioner, occasioned by death, removal from the City, resignation, or inability to serve, such vacancy, unless herein otherwise provided, shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the School Board until the next annual election. In such case, nomination may be made by any member of the School Board.]~~

CHAPTER 3

Sec. 301. {Governing body.}

The City shall be governed by an elected Council and by an appointed City Manager and by such other officers and employees as may be duly appointed pursuant to this charter, City ordinances or general laws of the State of Vermont. (Amend of 5/8/12)

(1) The City Council shall consist of the Mayor and two (2) councilors for each ward who shall serve for a term of two (2) years. (Amend of 5/8/12)

(2) Within the limitations of the foregoing, the council shall have the power to:

(a) Appoint and remove the City Manager and supervise, create, and abolish offices, commissions or departments other than the offices, commissions or departments established by this charter.

~~(b) Appoint and remove a Treasurer and such Assistant Treasurers as shall be deemed necessary. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the performance of all duties as required in Vermont Statutes Annotated, Titles 24 and 32 and all other sections related to the duties of a municipal treasurer.~~

~~(b)~~ (c) Assign additional duties to offices, commissions or departments established by this charter, but may not discontinue or assign to any other office, commission or department duties assigned to a particular office, commission or department established by this charter.

~~(e)~~ (d) Make, amend, and repeal ordinances.

~~(d)~~ (e) Adopt an official seal of the City.

Sec. 315. {Compensation of City officials.}

Compensation of Mayor, councilors and other appointees and City officers:

- (a) The Mayor and councilors shall receive compensation in an amount as may be voted by the voters of the City at a meeting duly warned for said purpose.
- (b) The City Council shall fix the compensation of all other appointees, and employees, except as otherwise provided in this charter.
- (c) When the legal voters have authorized an annual City ~~[and school]~~ budget, the City Council~~],~~ ~~School Board,~~ and/or the City Manager shall not authorize appropriations, expenditures or payment in excess of the amount voted. Deficit spending shall be prohibited by the City of Barre~~[and the City of Barre Schools].~~

CHAPTER 4

[Sec. 413. School District.

~~— The City treasurer shall be treasurer of the City of Barre School District and shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities of a treasurer of a town school district, except as otherwise provided.]~~

CHAPTER 5

[ARTICLE IX. BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

Sec. 516. Powers and duties.

~~— (a) Except as otherwise provided, the school commissioners, elected as herein before provided, shall have the same duties, powers and liabilities prescribed for school directors of town school districts. They shall compose the board of school commissioners of the City of Barre School District, with the same duties, powers and liabilities of the board of school directors of a town school district. The board of school commissioners shall consist of seven members; each serving a term of three years.~~

~~— (b) The board of school commissioners shall have the care and custody of all the property belonging to, or used for, the public schools located in the city. Payments due or to become due on bonds~~

~~and interest thereon, used by the city of Barre for school purposes, shall be paid by the City of Barre School District.~~

~~(c) No later than 45 days prior to the annual meeting date each year, the board of school commissioners shall present to the city council its budget requests for the next fiscal year.~~

~~(d) The board shall appoint from among its members, a clerk who shall have the same duties and responsibilities as prescribed by statute.~~

~~Sec. 517. Appointment of superintendent and principal; compensation; term.~~

~~The school commissioners shall annually appoint a superintendent of schools and a principal of high schools and shall fix their compensation which shall be paid by the school commissioners in the same manner as other expense for the support of schools; and for cause of incapacity, negligence or misconduct, they may remove such officers and shall by appointment fill any vacancy in such office arising from any cause. The superintendent shall perform all such duties in connection with the public schools of the city as shall be assigned him by the board of school commissioners and as may be prescribed by law. He shall annually report to the city council such statistics as are required by law and such other information as the school commissioners shall direct.]~~

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy, as appears by the record and files of this office, this day examined and compared by me.

ATTEST: Cheryl A. Metivier
Cheryl A. Metivier, Barre City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE: 05/22/2024

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***OFFICIAL RESULTS ***

At the Annual City and School District Meeting legally warned and holden in the several wards of the City of Barre, Vermont, on the second Tuesday of May 2024, various questions having been duly taken, sorted, counted and also tabulated, the following had the number of votes annexed to their names/items, respectively, for the several offices and items stated:

<u>Voted Item</u>	<u>Ward I</u>	<u>Ward II</u>	<u>Ward III</u>	<u>Totals</u>
MAYOR				
Two-Year Term				
THOMAS LAUZON	415	244	243	902
SAMN STOCKWELL	243	220	182	645
Write-ins	0	0	0	0
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	5	4	9	18
Totals	663	468	434	1565

CLERK & TREASURER				
Two-Year Term				
Write-ins				0
CAROL DAWES	14	15	10	39
CHERYL METIVIER	131	90	87	308
Other	23	19	17	59
Overvotes				0
Undervotes	495	344	320	1159
Totals	663	468	434	1565

COUNCILOR				
Two-Year Term				
EDMOND "EDDIE" ROUSSE	318	-----	-----	318 ward I
SONYA SPAULDING	332	-----	-----	332 ward I
MICHAEL BOUTIN	-----	228	-----	228 ward II
AMANDA GUSTIN	-----	235	-----	235 ward II
MICHAEL DEERING II	-----	-----	240	240 ward III
JEREMY SPIRO-WINN	-----	-----	172	172 ward III
Write-ins	3	0	0	3
Overvotes	1	2	0	3
Undervotes	9	3	22	34
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article I-Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of \$14,873,780 of which an amount not to exceed \$ 10,187,152 is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

Yes	369	279	234	882
No	284	177	195	656
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	10	12	5	27
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<u>Voted Item</u>	<u>Ward I</u>	<u>Ward II</u>	<u>Ward III</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Article II- Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$450,000 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?				
Yes	578	421	367	1366
No	80	42	65	187
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	5	5	2	12
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article III- Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to change the date of the annual meeting elections (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	362	281	256	899
No	283	167	168	618
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	18	20	10	48
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article IV- Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to separate the positions of Clerk and Treasurer, and change the Treasurer position to appointed (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	446	318	290	1054
No	176	123	125	424
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	41	27	19	87
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article V - Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended as follows to remove references to the City school district, which has been replaced by the Barre Unified Union School District (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	450	330	281	1061
No	162	103	124	389
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	51	35	29	115
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article VI - Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to allow youth voter participation for local municipal elections and offices (complete text of proposed revisions on ballot):

Yes	182	150	133	465
No	465	301	287	1053
Overvotes	1	0	0	1
Undervotes	15	17	14	46
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<u>Voted Item</u>	<u>Ward I</u>	<u>Ward II</u>	<u>Ward III</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Article VII- Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$111,200 to be allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?				
Barre Area Senior Center			\$7,500	
Barre Heritage Festival			\$5,000	
Capstone Community Action			\$3,000	
Central Vermont Adult Education			\$7,700	
Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP			\$18,000	
Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice Circle			\$28,000	
Community Harvest of Central Vermont			\$2,000	
Downstreet Housing and Community Dev.			\$1,500	
Elevate Youth Services			\$5,000	
Family Center of Washington Co.			\$3,500	
Good Beginnings of Central VT			\$1,000	
Good Samaritan Haven			\$1,500	
Mosaic Vermont			\$2,500	
OUR House of Central VT			\$500	
Peoples Health and Wellness Clinic			\$3,000	
VT Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired			\$1,000	
VT Center for Independent Living			\$3,000	
Washington Co. Diversion Program			\$2,500	
Washington Co. Mental Health			\$10,000	
Yes	500	371	303	1174
No	145	80	115	340
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	18	17	16	51
Totals	663	468	434	1565

Article VIII - Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for Rainbow Bridge Community Center?

Yes	376	297	232	905
No	271	165	197	633
Overvotes	1	0	0	1
Undervotes	15	6	5	26
Totals	663	468	434	1565



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<u>Voted Item</u>	<u>Ward I</u>	<u>Ward II</u>	<u>Ward III</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Barre Unified Union School District				
ARTICLE I - Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$58,160,337, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$11,415 per Long Term Weighted Average Daily Membership (LTWADM) per pupil spending.				
Yes	340	265	218	823
No	318	196	214	728
Overvotes	0	0	0	0
Undervotes	5	7	2	14
Totals	663	468	434	1565

At the Polling Places of this municipality, the foregoing persons/items received the number of votes indicated on the page of this Official Return of Votes.

Carolyn S. Dawes, Presiding Officer /S/

Brenda Martineau, Assistant Clerk /S/

May 14, 2024
 Date

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy, as appears by the record and files of this office, this day examined and compared by me.

ATTEST: Cheryl A. Metivier
 Cheryl A. Metivier, Barre City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE: 05/22/2024



WARD 1

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
BARRE CITY, VERMONT
MAY 14, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. DO NOT USE PENCIL.
To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line. Please use block letters and stay within the box provided for write-ins.
Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.
If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. DO NOT ERASE.

Form containing ballot questions and candidate names:
MAYOR (2 YEARS) - THOMAS LAUZON, SAMN STOCKWELL
CLERK/TREASURER (2 YEARS) - EDMOND G "EDDIE" ROUSSE, SONYA SPAULDING
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Instructions to Voter: a. TO VOTE FOR the article, fill in the oval to the right of the word "YES". b. TO VOTE AGAINST the article, fill in the oval to the right of the word "NO". c. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

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Chapter III, City Council.
Sec. 315. {Compensation of City officials.}
Compensation of Mayor, councilors and other appointees and City officers:
(c) When the legal voters have authorized an annual City [and school] budget, the City Council [, School Board,] and/or the City Manager shall not authorize appropriations, expenditures or payment in excess of the amount voted. Deficit spending shall be prohibited by the City of Barre [and the City of Barre-Schools].

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[ARTICLE IX: BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS

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YES

NO

ARTICLE VI

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to allow youth voter participation for local municipal elections and offices (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

(a)(1) The legal voters and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old shall elect biennially a Mayor, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer.

(2) Annually, the legal voters and Barre City youth ages 16 and 17 years old of each ward shall elect from among the legal voters of their respective wards one councilor for a term of two years.

YES

NO

ARTICLE VII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$111,200 to be allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?

Table with 2 columns: Agency Name, Amount. Includes Barre Area Senior Center (\$7,500), Barre Heritage Festival (\$5,000), Capstone Community Action, Inc. (\$3,000), Central Vermont Adult Education (Barre Learning Center) (\$7,700), Central Vermont Council on Aging/RSVP (\$18,000), Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice (\$28,000), Circle (formerly Battered Women's Shelter and Services) (\$2,000), Community Harvest of Central Vermont (\$1,500), Downstreet Housing and Community Development (\$5,000), Elevate Youth Services (formerly WashCo. Youth Serv. Bureau) (\$5,000), Family Center of Washington County (\$3,500), Good Beginnings of Central VT (\$1,000), Good Samaritan Haven (\$1,500), Mosaic Vermont (formerly Sexual Assault Crisis Team) (\$2,500), OUR House of Central VT (\$500), People's Health & Wellness Clinic (\$3,000), Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (\$1,000), Vermont Center for Independent Living (\$3,000), Washington County Diversion Program (\$2,500), Washington County Mental Health (\$10,000)

YES

NO

ARTICLE VIII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for Rainbow Bridge Community Center?

YES

NO

2024 BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

ARTICLE 1

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ATTEST: Cheryl A. Metivier
Cheryl A. Metivier, Barre City Clerk/Treasurer

DATE: 05/22/2024

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