

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council
Held July 23, 2024
Council Chambers-Barre City Hall**

The 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, Councilor Sonya Spaulding and Councilor Emel Cambel; from Ward II, Councilor Amanda Gustin and Teddy Waszazak; and from Ward III, Councilors Michael Deering (6:18pm via remote) and Samn Stockwell. City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storellicastro (via remote), and Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Metivier, Tess Taylor.

Absent: none

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Combine Items 7 & 8A

8B will be the request for approval of the EPA Community Change Grant –Downstreet Housing & Community Development.

Visitors & Communications: none

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Regular meeting of July 16th, 2024. ****Corrected****
- B. Clerk's Office Licenses and Permits; none
- C. Authorize the Manager to execute contracts; none

Moved for approval by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Spaulding. Approved

4-a. Approval of warrants from Week of July 24th, 2024

Moved for approval by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Stockwell. Approved

City Clerk & Treasurer Report – none

Liquor Control Board/Cannabis Control Board – None

City Manager's Report/Storm Up-date

Dumpsters have been reduced and some have been moved to other areas in addition to hot spots.

Hazmat collection is at the Auditorium-back parking lot continues

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DPW have been working to clean streets of mud and debris, clearing trash racks, Paving Brook St. and are circling around to neighborhoods for those who did not get there sludge out prior.

Sink hole on Lawrence Ave has been repaired to gain one lane traffic.

Condition of rental homes have improved, less red tags.

Reminder permits are mandatory. Fees are waived, but permits must be applied for.

Buyouts have increased, with a fresh round applying with this round of flooding. Please call to have your name place on our list. This gets you an evaluation of possible option, no guarantees.

Barrecity.org has a lot of resources for seeking assistance.

Update-Pam Wilson

Properties are flagged on a map, red flag means request for help have been received, yellow means the case has been assigned, green flag means the needs have been addressed or resolved.

Approx 130 unique resident outreaches.

211 calls – 85 call

70 cases of crisis clean-up

30 properties mucked out immediately

Manager and Council -Discussion of additional VAC equipment could be something FEMA would assist with. Manager stated a pool of municipalities would benefit from additional service, as well as using a private vendor would be covered by FEMA funds.

Estimate of cost for 2024 have not yet been determined at this point.

This flood has solidified projects that need to be done.

Councilor Spaulding-Mapping the projects would be beneficial to ty projects together, for better understanding of things that can be done simultaneously possibly saving money.

Councilor Stockwell-Would lowering parking lots that abut riverbanks be feasible in creating resting places for water.

New Business –

A) Authorize the Mayor to execute a purchase option with Downstreet for development of Wobby Park.

The hope is to build (3-5) net-zero homes for affordable ownership. Ideally prioritizing flood effected families would be placed at the top of the list for ownership.

Motion to move by Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Stockwell

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B) Request for approval of the EPA Community Change Grant –Downstreet Housing & Community Development

Motion to move by Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Gustin

Upcoming Business –

Councilor Spaulding- Introduce the new BUUSD Supervisor.

Councilor Stockwell-ask the Planning Commission to look into Conservation Zoning

Next Council meeting is August 6th, 2024.

Round Table – none

Motion to adjourn was moved by Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Cambel. Approved by all

Adjourned at 6:42pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk