

CITY OF BARRE
WARNING FOR ANNUAL MAY MEETING

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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.

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ARTICLE I

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize a General Fund Budget of \$14,800,120 of which an amount not to exceed ~~\$10,724,825~~ is to be raised by local property taxes for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026?

NR ~~\$10,724,825~~ \$10,762,686

ARTICLE II

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$463,500 for Street Reconstruction and Sidewalk Improvements, and the Capital Improvement Fund?

ARTICLE III

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to make the Clerk an appointee of the City Council (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 205. Officers elected.

(a)(1) The legal voters shall elect biennially a Mayor~~[, and one person to serve as Clerk and Treasurer]~~.

(2) Annually, the legal voters of each ward shall elect from among the legal voters 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. 301. {Governing body.}

The City shall be governed by an elected Council and by an appointed City Manager and by such other

The City Council may authorize the sale or lease of any real or personal estate belonging to the City, and all conveyances, grants or leases of such real estate shall be signed by the Mayor, the City Manager, or any councilor duly authorized by an action of the City Council.

ARTICLE V

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to authorize the City to retain an amount equal to one month's worth of general fund expenses as an undesignated fund balance (bold/underlined is added, bracketed/struck out is deleted):

Sec. 601. Payment of taxes.

(b) At the close of the fiscal year **audit**, any unexpended funds remaining from the City budget may be retained, if approved by vote of the City Council, as an undesignated fund balance for future use. Any funds retained pursuant to this provision shall be limited to an amount not greater than ~~[five percent]~~ one month's worth ^{ten percent} ~~(1/12)~~ of the City **general fund** budget **expenses for the most recent voter-approved fiscal year.** Any amount remaining in excess of ~~[five percent in the City budget]~~ such amount must be used in the subsequent budget to ~~[cut]~~ **reduce** the tax rate.

ARTICLE VI

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the sum of \$105,200 to be allocated to the following social service agencies and organizations as indicated?

Barre Area Senior Center	\$7,500
Barre Partnership – Heritage Festival	\$5,000
Capstone Community Action, Inc. (FKA CVCAC)	\$3,000
Central VT Adult Education (Barre Learning Center)	\$7,700
Central VT Council on Aging/RSVP	\$18,000
Central VT Home Health & Hospice	\$28,000
Circle (formerly Battered Women's Shelter & Services)	\$2,000
Community Harvest of Central Vermont	\$1,500
Elevate Youth Services (formerly WashCo Youth Services Bureau)	\$5,000
Family Center of Washington County	\$3,500
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
Rainbow Bridge Community Center	\$3,000
VT Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired	\$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 \$15,000 for the Vermont Granite Museum?

ARTICLE VIII

Shall the Barre City Voters authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 for Youth First Mentoring?

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(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.

(2) Within the limitations of the foregoing, the ~~[council]~~ Council shall have the power to:

(e) Appoint and remove at Council's pleasure the Clerk, who may or may not be the same individual as the Treasurer.

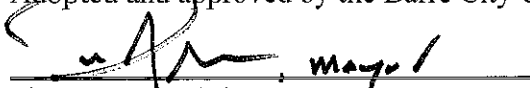
(4) All full- or part-time City employees~~[-to include full-time and part-time,]~~ are prohibited from holding the office of councilor or mayor.

ARTICLE IV

Shall the Barre City Charter be hereby amended to authorize the Manager and City Councilors so authorized by an action of the City Council to sign conveyances, grants or leases of any such real estate sale or leases
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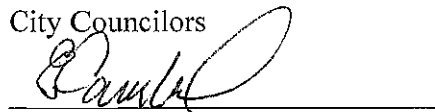
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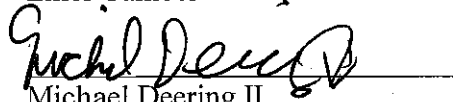
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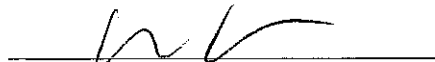

Thom Lauzon, Mayor

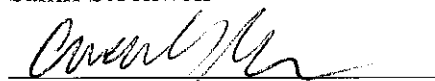

Cheryl Metivier, City Clerk

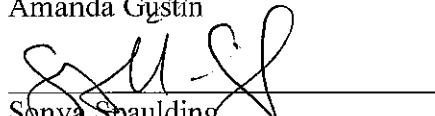
City Councilors

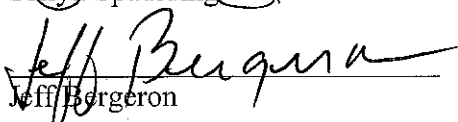

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