

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6:00pm

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Ground Rules for Interaction with each other, staff, and the general public

- Rules may be reviewed periodically
- Practice mutual respect
 - Assume good intent and explain impact
 - Ask clarifying questions
 - If off course, interrupt and redirect
- Think, then A.C.T.
 - Alternatives – Identify all choices
 - Consequences – Project outcomes
 - Tell your story – Prepare your defense
- Ethics checks
 - Is it legal?
 - Is it in scope (Charter, ordinance, policy)?
 - Is it balanced?
- “ELMO” – Enough, Let’s Move On
 - Honor time limits
 - Be attentive, not repetitive
- Be open-minded to different solutions or ideas
 - Remarks must be relevant and appropriate to the discussion; stay on subject
 - Don’t leave with “silent disagreement”
 - Decisions agreed on by consensus when possible, majority when necessary
 - All decisions of Council are final
- No blame
 - Articulate expectations of each other
 - We all deeply care about the City in our own way
 - Debate issues, not personalities
- Electronics
 - No texting, email, or videogames during the meeting



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MEMO

TO: City Council
FROM: The Manager
DATE: 2/21/2025
SUBJECT: Packet Memo re: 2/25/2025 Council Meeting Agenda Items

Councilors:

The following notes apply to packet support materials for the Subject Council Meeting Agenda.

Adjustments to the Agenda

None at this time.

4-C Ratify Council's 2/11/25 approval of PVR Form-4155

The form, which requires Council approval and signature, is included in the packet.

4-D Approve PILOT agreement for 173 S. Main Street

Downstreet Housing & Community Development plans to purchase the Quality Inn. As a result of their future ownership, the City and Downstreet have negotiated, and are seeking Council approval for, an MOU creating a PILOT. The PILOT agreement would be baselined at the current taxes paid and grow by 2 percent per year.

4-E Approve financing for new firetruck

The packet includes a detailed memo and financing plan for the acquisition of a new firetruck to replace a 1993 engine, which has long surpassed its expected 20-year life expectancy.

4-F Approve allonge agreement for MCRF loan

The packet includes a detailed memo and the agreement which requires Council approval and signature. This agenda item is necessary to extend the terms of our Municipal Climate Recovery Fund loan. The City sought and was granted this loan to provide cash flow assistance after the 2023 and 2024 funds. We have had some confusion about whether to "refund" or "repay" the loan. This allonge extends the terms of the loan to allow us to work with the Vermont Bond Bank on the best solution for Barre.

4-G Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

There are no contracts for approval this week.

8-A 2nd Reading Warned 6:20 P.M. Ord. # 2025-01: Open Meetings Law updates

At the direction of the City Council, the proposed amendments include those only directly related to aligning ordinance with the State's open meetings law.

8-B Public Hearing Warned 6:30 P.M.: Headworks project finding of no significant impact

This hearing related to our headworks upgrade is required by State law. Michael Mainer from Aldrich + Elliot will be present to provide a presentation to the Council and public.

8-C Volunteer appointment – JEDIB Committee

Carlos Pereira's application to join the JEDIB Committee is included in the packet. The committee has two vacant seats, one expiring June 30, 2025 and one expiring June 30, 2026.

8-D Approve execution of the Purchase and Sale agreement for the City's purchase of the property at 277 Morrison Road in Barre Town, subject to the final review and approval of the Agreement's terms by the City Attorney

-and-

8-E Authorize the City Manager to submit an AUD application to Barre Town Planning Commission related to the acquisition of the property at 277 Morrison Road

The City has reached terms to acquire 277 Morrison Road to become our new public works garage and campus. The packet includes a detailed presentation about this project. This proposed acquisition will be a generational solution to a problem that we have long recognized but have never yet managed to solve.

8-F FY26 budget

The packet includes a presentation that I will use to guide discussion on our ongoing budget deliberations.

8-G Flood Resiliency Plan (Gustin)

The packet includes a presentation prepared by Councilor Gustin related to neighborhood walks and educational programs.

8-H Warn charter change hearings

The packet includes a memo with proposed dates for Charter change hearings. While no Charter changes have been formally proposed, by warning hearings, Council allows for future changes to be considered.

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 5:00pm

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Agenda Item

1. Call to Order – Councilor Samn Stockwell called the meeting to order at 5p.m.
2. Executive Session – real estate

Finding for executive session was moved by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Deering-approved

Motion to enter executive session was moved by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Cambel

Invited to executive session;

DPW Director Brian Baker
Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro

Motion to exit executive session made by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Stockwell

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Spaulding, seconded by Councilor Deering.

3. Adjournment

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Agenda Item

1. Call to Order – 6:00PM
2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Remove 4.F

Replace 4f with PBR –Closing Grand List

Tentative Removal of 8D

3. Visitors & Communications

State Representatives Michael Boutin and State Representative Teddy Waszazak

As promised, these gentlemen gave the Council and viewer a review of what is in the works, and what bills or projects they are currently working on.

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

Charter changes duly considered. Lobbyist want to make it an easy thing to do.

TIF reimbursement of 437,000 in committee now with Ways & Means committee

SPARC- Project specific TIF – would be beneficial for the North End or Prospect Heights

Submitted a bill setting restrictions of persons repeating crimes in buildings

Would like to change the balance of municipality share of Local OPT from 70-30(state) to 80-20(state).

Governor's Budget -1 million dollar proposal for Prospect Heights

Money for flood recovery

Campaigning for a fleet of VACTOR trucks.

Recapped the Governors proposed School Education spending package and plan.

Christian Meyer-Director of the Regional Planning Commission.

Wanted to reach out to Washington county members in regards to conversation about transfers of the Green Mountain Transit service to another operator. The conversations are happening at the Legislator and the Department of Transportation. The services would remain in place for areas including Barre City, and would reduce costs.

*Joelen Mulvaney- please place visitors on agenda for preparation of questions.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

i. Meeting of 1/28/25

B. Clerk's Office Licenses & Permits

Entertainment;

Barre Historical Society

American Legion

Barre Elks Club

Gusto's/JWD Corp

Ladder One Grill

Vermont Granite Museum

Barre Partnership

Pearl Street Pizza

Barre Pride-Baked with Love-ratified

Summer Street Tavern

*Erica Reil asked about the approval of her permit for an event in June. Stated her email went unanswered.

Fireworks;

Barre Partnership

Waste Services;

MK Trucking

Casella Waste

Myers Containers

*Councilor Deering would like the waste services to be sent the ordinance reminder in regards to timelines.

C. Ratify Council's 1/28/25 appointment of HR Administrator as ethics liaison

D. Approve 2025 coin drop schedule;

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

- Granite City Blast – 4/5/25
- Project Graduation – 5/3/25
- Barre Community Baseball – 6/7/25
- American Legion – 7/5/25
- BCEMS-PTO – 9/20/25
- Barre Elks Lodge – 11/8/25
- Christmas for Kids 12/6/25

E. Lift waiver of all planning department application and recording fees for 2024 flood damage

F. PBR - 4155

G. Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)

- i. 10-wheel dump truck: \$100,000
- ii. A+E Step II headworks final design amendment: \$247,000

H. Approve Vermont State Revolving Loan Fund applications

- i. Wastewater Plant rate study: \$151,600
- ii. Wastewater Plant collection system 20-yr evaluation: \$216,500
- iii. Wastewater Plant headworks replacement: \$254,500

**Motion to approve consent agenda moved by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Stockwell-
approved**

4-a. Approve City Warrants

- i. Ratify week of 2/5/25
- ii. Approve week of 2/12/25

**Motion to Approve City Warrants moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Cambel-
approved**

Councilor Spaulding –abstained

5. City Clerk & Treasurer Report

Ward II Caucus is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th, 2025. This is an in person event. Nominations are named, nominations are closed. The Candidates will have the opportunity to speak and answer questions.

*Joelen Mulvaney wanted viewers to be assured the vote is private.

*Caitlyn Burnham wanted to be sure the Clerk’s office educated that absentee ballots are not part of the Caucus process.

Third quarter tax installments are due, TUESDAY, February 18th, 2025. Our office is closed Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents Holiday.

The BUUSD/CVCC elections are Tuesday, March 4th at the Barre Auditorium from 7am to 7pm. Absentee ballots have been mailed out.

6. Liquor/Cannabis Control Boards

Liquor License;

Class 2– Emsley’s Florist

Cannabis;

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting
Terrapin Gardens-Tier 1 Indoor Cultivator
Emerald Peak Cultivation – Tier 1 Small Indoor Cultivator

Motion to approve the Renewal of the Liquor & Cannabis Licenses moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Stockwell – approved.

7. Managers' Report –

*Winter Ban Tonight

*Recurring towing some are repeats. Please sign up for the “Regroup App” this is the best way to be notified of The parking bans in place.

*Looking for future Warming Shelters that may be mobilized more frequently.

*Announce the receipt of the Cozzi Trust funds – 2.6 million for Hope Cemetery
1.4 million of Capital Improvement

These funds have been invested for now. The interest on the account will produce extra revenue for the City.

*A security camera has been replace on the front of City Hall. This is a pilot program, which may develop into additional security cameras.

*Jeremy Winn-Spiro, Lisa Liotta, Ellen Kaye voiced concerns on policy, privacy, monitoring purposes and would like future discussion on the agenda inviting Chief Vail from BCPD.

*Michael Boutin supports the camera.

8. New Business

A. 2nd Reading Warned 6:20 P.M. Ord. #2025-1: Open Meetings Law updates

Discussion brought the decision to re-warn the 2nd reading addressing only OML updates and pronouns to the next Council meeting and address the stricken/abolished “Rec. Department” language and more comprehensive review with a committee considering the equity assessment tool at a later date.

*Joelen Mulvaney want more review of all ordinances using the equity assessment tool.

*Lisa Liotta concerned of the elimination of the Recreation Department.

*Jeremy Spiro-Winn keeping with the purpose, re-warn the reading to next week.

*Councilor Cambel withdrew her second of the motion, therefore the motion to move lags momentum to move forward.

*Councilor Spaulding proposed warning for Article 1 – OML changes only next meeting.

B. Approve 2024 TIF Annual Report Certification (Dawes)

Carol Dawes – TIF manager for Barre City outline the annual report, the area the TIF district covers and how TIF funds can be used.

Motion to Approve 2024 TIF Annual Report Certification moved by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Deering – approved.

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C. FY26 budget kickoff and survey results

The Manager outline the expenses and revenues for the City.

Most expenses are fixed – wages, benefits, and a smaller amount for fixed discretionary expenses. The revenues are primarily property taxes and Pilots (76%), city generated funds (22%), State assistance (2%)

A briefing of the Budget Survey results were outlined. Most participants were homeowners, with incomes over \$70,000, which does not represent the residents of Barre City accurately.

D. Flood Resiliency Plan Update (Gustin) – Differed to a later date due to illness.

E. Discuss charter change regarding appointment of Clerk (Stockwell)

Councilor Stockwell outlined her reasons for presenting the charter change to having an appointed City clerk vs. an elected.

Viewers commented and voice their thoughts briefly before the meeting was bombed by explicit content. The video feed had to be shut down. More public discussion will be brought up another Council meeting.

9. Upcoming Business

Mayor Lauzon – Housing project list
Councilor Stockwell – DPW staffing workload
Dept. Heads recap of staff and activity

10. Round Table

Councilor Stockwell-deaths of people sleeping in hallways, unoccupied housing is tragic
Councilor Spaulding – Ward II Caucus, Thursday, February 13th 7pm at Alumni Hall
Black Lives Matter exhibit at the SPA w/ Sue Higby
Councilor Deering – BCEMS is looking for full time substitute's – some classrooms are having to shut down on some days.

11. Executive Session – personnel, legal

Findings for the need for executive session were moved by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Cambel-approved

Motion to move into executive session were moved by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Deering-approved

Motion to exit executive session were moved by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Spaulding-approved

Motion to adjourn meeting moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Stockwell- approved

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting
Next regular meeting is scheduled for February 25th, 2025 at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk

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Permit List to Council



Planning, Permitting & Assessing Services
6 N. Main Street, Suite 7 ~ Barre, VT 05641
December 28, 2024 to February 21, 2025

Street #	Street Name	Permit#	Permit Type	Work Description	Issue Date	Owner Name
15	Wellington Street	E24-000289	Electrical Permit	EM-04068 Rewire burned out apartment/ Refeed & repair damaged circuits	12/30/2024	B&E Real Estate, LLC
24	Averill Street	Z24-000086	Zoning Permit	Install generator & ATS	01/01/2025	Choice Enterprises LLC
20 & 25	Auditorium Hill	E24-000300	Electrical Permit	EM-05858 New receptacle in snack bar and switch for exhaust fan (25 Auditorium)	01/02/2025	City of Barre
23	Bassett Street	E24-000291	Electrical Permit	EM-08101 Remodel of whole house	01/02/2025	23 Bassett, LLC
11	Brooklyn Street	E24-000298	Electrical Permit	EJ-08269 - Wire up electric water heater, relocating 2 panels from basement and moving meter 1 foot above the Base Flood Elevation	01/02/2025	Brenda N Rivera
97	Washington Street	E24-000299	Electrical Permit	EM-07756 Fan swap and receptacle for gas range & stairwell lighting (Apt 4)	01/02/2025	Mopar Apartments LLC
172	N Main Street	E24-000272	Electrical Permit	ES- 05691 Replace current FACP to allow for elevator recall	01/06/2025	Robert & Linda Nelson
98	Smith Street	E25-000001	Electrical Permit	EM-07378 Re-energize building, from pipe flood in basement.	01/06/2025	98 Smith Street LLC
98	Smith Street	E25-000003	Electrical Permit	ES-01537 Replace water damaged furnace and water heater	01/08/2025	98 Smith Street LLC
2	Foster Street	E25-000004	Electrical Permit	EM-07756 New service with house panel, relocate panels and new apartment up to NEC code	01/09/2025	Kseniya Ursu & Dawa Tamang
26	Franklin Street	E25-000006	Electrical Permit	EM-04097 Working in all 3 units to add new smoke/CO detectors, replace existing smoke/CO detectors and install GFCI receptacles.	01/09/2025	At Ease Properties LLC
22	Hill Street	E25-000005	Electrical Permit	EM-07756 New Home Construction to include permanent service, subpanel, stationary appliances, lights, switch, CO & Smoke detectors.	01/09/2025	Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity
16	Averill Street	E25-000009	Electrical Permit	EM-06293 Replace Unit 1 panel and move upstairs	01/13/2025	Bruce Goodwin & Joan G Fox
32	Burnham Street	E25-000008	Electrical Permit	EM-04097 Install new lighting and receptacles in warehouse.	01/13/2025	Capital Cancy Co., Inc.
85	S Main Street	E25-000007	Electrical Permit	EM-04097 Install new lighting, receptacles and potentially fire alarm devices with store remodel and replacing outside lights under overhang.	01/13/2025	Metro Development, LLC
20	Garfield Avenue	E25-000010	Electrical Permit	Adding outlets in both units of the duplex building	01/15/2025	DLXRRST, LLC
30	Granite Street	E24-000297	Electrical Permit	EM-04851 Add an outside EV car charger.	01/15/2025	Resource: A Nonprofit Community Enterprise, Inc.
36	Circle Street	E25-000011	Electrical Permit	EM-06503 Install new service on outside, move panels to first floor.	01/17/2025	Howard Parrotte
172	N Main Street	F25-000002	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Replace outdated fire alarm panel (180 N Main & 172 N Main)	01/21/2025	Robert & Linda Nelson
83	Elmwood Avenue	E25-000012	Electrical Permit	EM-08289 Installation of two Tesla Powerwall 3 storage batteries.	01/22/2025	Joseph Cyriac & Cathleen Fitzpatrick (Trust)
887	N Main Street	B25-000002	Building Permit	Adding 8'x40' Conex container to safely store oil barrels, located up above the garage in the back. Please see added conditions on the permit.	01/23/2025	891 N Main Property LLC
41	Perrin Street	E24-000247	Electrical Permit	EM-05829 Solar roof install 7 Qcell 410s, 1 Solar Edge Inverter, 2.87 kw	01/24/2025	Peter J & Diana L Beyerle
41	Perrin Street	B24-000129	Building Permit	Install 3.8kw roof mounted solar panels. 7 modules.	01/24/2025	Peter J & Diana L Beyerle
15	French Street	Z25-000001	Zoning Permit	Change of Use: Single Family Home to a Duplex	01/28/2025	Kevin Mudgett
34	Beacon Street	B25-000006	Building Permit	Add a first floor 3/4 bath in preexisting pantry and boxing in chimney.	01/30/2025	John Kish
34	Beacon Street	E25-000013	Electrical Permit	Adding an outlet and light in new 3/4 bath on first floor.	01/30/2025	John Kish
30	Granite Street	F24-000092	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Wiring electric vehicle charging station to support ReSOURCE electric vehicles.	01/30/2025	Resource: A Nonprofit Community Enterprise, Inc.
75	N Main Street	F25-000001	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Renovation of vacant building into commercial and residential space.	01/30/2025	75 North, LLC
28	S Main Street	B25-000001	Building Permit	Replace/repair exterior porch supports, framing, stairs and decking.	01/30/2025	LVE Properties LLC
69	S Main Street	Z25-000002	Zoning Permit	Installing a 3' x 6.40' wall sign equaling 19.20 square feet. AMENDED 2-20-2025 to add a 24" x 36" sandwich board and a shielded sign light with 4 front of building down shielded facade lights to light the walkway.	01/30/2025	Seventy Four South Main Limited Company
95	S Main Street	E25-000014	Electrical Permit	EJ-08269 Install car charger in garage and pull wire.	01/30/2025	Anthony Ross & Anne Kristy Dy
147	Seminary Street	E25-000015	Electrical Permit	EM -02271 Run wire for bath fan and light and new light switch in all 3 apartments. Add a sub panel for apartment 3 & arc fault breaker.	01/30/2025	Ross & Ross LLC

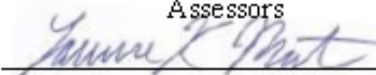
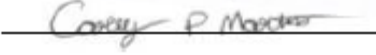
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159	N Main Street	E24-000192	Electrical Permit	EM-06369 Adding 400 amp service, 2 fixed heading/AC units, 2 panels, 1 roof generator.	01/31/2025	SMC Holdings, LLC
167	S Main Street	E25-000016	Electrical Permit	EM-07640 Install new 400A service and devices	02/03/2025	Wayne Fontanella
24	Maple Avenue	E25-000002	Electrical Permit	EJ-06334 Move and replace unit #1 electrical panel 1 foot above base flood elevation.	02/04/2025	Lorena N Neironi Rossi & Leandro O Bustos Zdanowski
14	N Main Street	B25-000007	Building Permit	Framing in 7 rooms with metal studs and sheet rock on the second floor Suite 2010.	02/04/2025	Granite City Developers, LLC
105	N Main Street	E25-000018	Electrical Permit	EM-06749 Electrical work for new space on 1st floor Suite 100.	02/05/2025	Malone 210 College St. Properties, Inc.
50	Parkside Terrace	Z25-000003	Zoning Permit	Construction of a stormwater treatment system comprised of a subsurface chamber with sand filter system and proprietary isolator row for pre-treatment.	02/05/2025	BARRE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - Barre Elementary School
7	Jones Brothers Way	B25-000008	Building Permit	Installing 9 low walls to separate exhibit areas within the building as well as replacing 4 sets of stairs and hand rails onto the main stage.	02/06/2025	Vermont Granite Museum of Barre, Inc.
23	Bassett Street	B24-000146	Building Permit	Removal of non-supporting beam, removal of kitchen window and some shoring up in the basement and new beam.	02/07/2025	23 Bassett, LLC
14	N Main Street	E25-000019	Electrical Permit	EM02750 Tenant Fit Up for Suite 2010.	02/07/2025	Granite City Developers, LLC
15	Cottage Street	Z24-000076	Zoning Permit	Installation of 6' fence between buildings.	02/08/2025	C/O Richard Davis Esq Downtown Barre Development
105	Summer Street	E25-000021	Electrical Permit	Install & wiring of electric water heater.	02/12/2025	Anne Ward
86	Brook Street	E25-000022	Electrical Permit	84 Brook - Install receptacle in basement.	02/19/2025	Downstreet Housing & Community Development, Inc
86	Brook Street	E25-000023	Electrical Permit	86 Brook - Install receptacle in basement.	02/19/2025	Downstreet Housing & Community Development, Inc
24	Maple Avenue	F25-000003	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Moving electrical panel to first floor 1 foot above base flood elevation.	02/19/2025	Lorena N Neironi Rossi & Leandro O Bustos Zdanowski
75	N Main Street	Z25-000008	Zoning Permit	Seeks design review approval for facade; Design Review Overlay, Historic Structure Overlay, Special Flood Hazard Area, UC-1 Zoning District.	02/19/2025	75 North, LLC
69	S Main Street	E25-000024	Electrical Permit	EM-06930 Install 5 exterior lights. One shielded sign light and 4 front of the building shielded down facing lights for the sidewalk.	02/20/2025	Seventy Four South Main Limited Company
19	Warren Street	B25-000005	Building Permit	Adding a shower in the half bath and replacing the exterior deck staircase with compliant rise/run, guards and footings.	02/20/2025	Dolsa Properties, LLC
20	Garfield Avenue	Z25-000004	Zoning Permit	Adding a 1 bedroom unit above garage. CHANGE OF USE: Duplex to Triplex	EFF: 02/27/2025	DLXRRST, LLC
23	Brook Street	F25-000006	Flood Hazard Area Permit	Replaced 4 furnaces and 4 water heaters following the July 2024 flood. The items are suspended 40" above the floor. Flood insurance paid for replacing the existing units in their existing location.	EFF: 03/07/2025	23 Brook St. Barre LLC
162	N Main Street	Z25-000006	Zoning Permit	One circular projecting sign for Dance & Movement Center located in the rear of the building for Suite 103.	EFF: 03/07/2025	162 North Main Street LLC
114	S Main Street	Z25-000007	Zoning Permit	Include the entire first floor for the machine shop. CHANGE OF USE: 785 sq ft Retail Thrift Shop to full Machine Shop use.	EFF: 03/08/2025	Pique Properties LLC

Form PVR-4155
CERTIFICATE - NO APPEAL OR SUIT PENDING

We hereby certify that on this date there are not any appeals pending from action of the Listers nor suits pending to recover taxes paid under protest relating to the April 1, **2024** grand list of **The City of Barre**, Vermont.

Given under our hands at _____ in the County of _____, State of Vermont, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Assessors	City Council
 _____	_____
 _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Attested this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____, City Clerk

Attach to final grand list lodged with the town clerk.

32 V.S.A. § 4155. Certificate and attestation - No appeal or suit pending
When no statutory appeal as provided by law from the appraisal of the listers and no suit to recover taxes paid under protest is pending on the first Tuesday of February following such lodgment, the select board and listers of a town or the mayor and assessors of a city shall endorse a certificate to that effect upon the grand list and the same shall be attested by the town or city clerk with the date of such attestation.

32 V.S.A. § 4156. After appeal and suit determined
When any such appeal or suit is then pending, such certificate shall be made as soon as such appeal or suit has been finally determined.

32 V.S.A. § 4157. Effect of such certificate
From the date of endorsing such certificate upon the grand list as aforesaid to the effect that no such appeal or suit is pending, when offered in evidence in any court in this state, such list shall be received as a legal grand list of such town or city and its validity shall not be put in issue by any party to any action in any hearing or trial in any court.



City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/25/25

Agenda Item No. 4-D

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approve PILOT agreement for 173 S. Main Street

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT/PERSON: Manager Storlicastro

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Quality Inn currently operates primarily as a General Assistance hotel, renting rooms to State of Vermont agencies who then use those rooms to provide shelter to households experiencing homelessness. Downstreet Housing & Community Development is planning to purchase the hotel and to continue to operate it as a hotel for a purpose similar to its current use for the period of the time that the need for this type of short-term shelter continues to exist in Washington County. When the need for short-term shelter is reduced, Downstreet intends to convert the building into permanently affordable, multi-family housing. The type of housing will be determined by a future market study identifying local demand.

While the property will continue to have a similar use in the short-term, Downstreet intends to make renovations, including the creation of a communal kitchen and dining area that will allow for improved meal preparation options for people experiencing homelessness, and to coordinate more robust on-site social services designed to help people stabilize and secure permanent shelter. The Department of Children and Families has identified an ongoing need for shelter capacity in Washington County for the next several years and both the Economic Services Division and the Office of Economic Opportunity have expressed interest in booking hotel units in a Downstreet owned and operated hotel. Multiple area service providers have expressed interest in providing on-site services and Downstreet anticipates hiring 1 FTE Services Coordinator staff and providing 24/7 staffing or security services to the building. The building has a robust camera system, which will be enhanced upon purchase.

As part of the acquisition, the City and Downstreet have negotiated a PILOT agreement which would hold the City harmless to the potential grand list value, and continue to grow the taxes paid by the current owners at 2 percent per year. Absent a PILOT agreement, Downstreet would likely be eligible for exemptions that would otherwise reduce its contributions to the City.

EXPENDITURE AND FUNDING SOURCE: The grand list value of the parcel is \$896,400, which this year resulted in \$19,006.34 in municipal taxes and \$16,274.14 in education taxes. The PILOT agreement would grow these payments by 2 percent per year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Move to authorize the Manager to execute a PILOT agreement with Downstreet Housing & Community Development for purposes of creating a 2.5 percent annual escalator for 173 S. Main Street.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT AND
DOWNSTREET HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENT (PILOT)**

Property Owner: Downstreet Housing & Community Development (“Downstreet”)

Subject Properties: 173 South Main Street

Downstreet Housing & Community Development (“Downstreet”) and the City of Barre, Vermont (“City,” or, together with Downstreet, the “Parties”) agree as follows:

WHEREAS, Downstreet is the owner of the lands and premises commonly known as Speranza Inn in the City of Barre (formerly listed as “Quality Inn” and hereinafter called “Speranza Inn”) hereinafter sometimes called the “Property;” and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into a Pilot Agreement and to establish for payment in lieu of taxes;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. With respect to 173 South Main Street, commencing with the City’s tax year that begins on July 1, 2025, in lieu of all taxes, Downstreet shall pay to the City a PILOT payment equal to the property tax payment for the previous tax year plus an escalator equal to 2.0% of the property tax payment for the previous tax year. For each succeeding year, in lieu of all taxes, Downstreet shall pay to the City a PILOT payment equal to the PILOT payment for the previous tax year plus an escalator equal to 2.0% of the PILOT payment for the previous year.
2. PILOT payments shall be made in four equal quarterly installments within

thirty (30) days of invoicing on or around September 1st, December 1st,
March 1st, and June 1st of each tax year.

City of Barre, Vermont

Downstreet Housing & Community Development

_____ Date: _____
Nicolas Storellicastro, City Manager
As Authorized by the Barre City Council

_____ Date: _____
Angie Harbin, Executive Director
and authorized agent



City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/25/25

Agenda Item No. 4-E

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approve financing for purchase of new firetruck

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT/PERSON: Manager, Assistant City Manager Monahan, and Fire/EMS Chief

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City’s current Capital Improvement Plan contemplated purchase of a new firetruck to replace a 1993 engine. Fire engines typically have a life expectancy of 20 years.

Based on the planned purchase of the new firetruck, a committee was formed by Chief Cushman in 2023 to develop specifications for the replacement engine. The specifications were sent to dealers representing manufacturers nationwide. The process was unfortunately delayed by the 2023 and 2024 floods.

Following staff deliberations, a search for available stock units began. We evaluated options from four manufacturers with stock units available for 2025 delivery, using the specifications developed in 2023 as a benchmark. Two manufacturers were eliminated due to pricing or inability to meet essential specifications, leaving two finalists—both reputable manufacturers with in-state or nearby dealerships.

After thorough evaluation, we selected Desorcie Emergency Products in St. Albans, representing E-One fire apparatus. This choice provides several advantages, including local service and support, with technicians based in Washington County, reducing costly travel time for maintenance. Additionally, E-One offered the most economical purchase. Their fire engines are already in service in multiple municipalities, including Montpelier, Waterbury, Burlington and Colchester, with upcoming deliveries planned for South Burlington and Williston.

The recommended fire engine will cost \$900,000, a significant but necessary investment. In comparison, a fully custom-built truck would cost approximately \$1.2 million with a delivery time exceeding three years. By selecting a stock unit, the City saves substantial funds while ensuring timely delivery and operational readiness.

The City recommends lease financing for this purchase. We have sought and received lease finance quotes and are seeking approval to execute a lease finance agreement for the purpose of acquiring these assets. The fire engine we are seeking to replace is part of critical operations, and failure to lock in a replacement now will result in (a) higher costs, (b) longer delivery timeframes, and (c) risks of failure of aging equipment.

The City recommends a \$900,000 loan for a 10-year term with a nominal annual rate of 5.49 percent. The total cost of financing to the City would be \$1,178,698.40.

EXPENDITURE & FUNDING SOURCE: Capital Fund debt service payments per attached schedule

LEGAL AUTHORITY/REQUIREMENTS: City Charter

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Move to authorize the purchase of a replacement firetruck and authorize the Manager to execute a lease finance agreement pursuant to the attached schedule.

City of Barre - 10-year

Compound Period : Monthly

Nominal Annual Rate : 5.490 %

CASH FLOW DATA

Event	Date	Amount	Number	Period	End Date
1 Loan	02/01/2025	900,000.00	1		
2 Payment	02/01/2026	90,000.00	10	Annual	02/01/2035
	Fixed Principal (+Int.)				

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE - Normal Amortization

Date	Payment	Interest	Principal	Balance
Loan 02/01/2025				900,000.00
2025 Totals	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1 02/01/2026	140,672.44	50,672.44	90,000.00	810,000.00
2026 Totals	140,672.44	50,672.44	90,000.00	
2 02/01/2027	135,605.19	45,605.19	90,000.00	720,000.00
2027 Totals	135,605.19	45,605.19	90,000.00	
3 02/01/2028	130,537.95	40,537.95	90,000.00	630,000.00
2028 Totals	130,537.95	40,537.95	90,000.00	
4 02/01/2029	125,470.71	35,470.71	90,000.00	540,000.00
2029 Totals	125,470.71	35,470.71	90,000.00	
5 02/01/2030	120,403.46	30,403.46	90,000.00	450,000.00
2030 Totals	120,403.46	30,403.46	90,000.00	
6 02/01/2031	115,336.22	25,336.22	90,000.00	360,000.00
2031 Totals	115,336.22	25,336.22	90,000.00	
7 02/01/2032	110,268.97	20,268.97	90,000.00	270,000.00
2032 Totals	110,268.97	20,268.97	90,000.00	
8 02/01/2033	105,201.73	15,201.73	90,000.00	180,000.00
2033 Totals	105,201.73	15,201.73	90,000.00	
9 02/01/2034	100,134.49	10,134.49	90,000.00	90,000.00
2034 Totals	100,134.49	10,134.49	90,000.00	
10 02/01/2035	95,067.24	5,067.24	90,000.00	0.00
2035 Totals	95,067.24	5,067.24	90,000.00	
Grand Totals	1,178,698.40	278,698.40	900,000.00	



City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

**ACTION ITEM BRIEFING MEMO
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/25/2025**

Consent Item No.: 4-F

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approve allonge agreement for MCRF loan

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT/PERSON: City Manager

BACKGROUND/SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

In response to the July 2023 and 2024 floods, City staff was concerned about the impacts of flood recovery on cash flow. As a result, the City Council approved the City’s application for bridge funding under the Municipal Climate Recovery Fund (MCRF). Through this program, the City received \$1.5 million that we held in the bank pending any cash flow emergencies.

Fortunately, due to the sound management of the Finance Department, the City has not needed to use this funding. We have been working with the Vermont Bond Bank on the most appropriate mechanism to close out this loan, either via repayment or refunding.

The action we are requesting of the Council would extend the maturity date of the loan until March 25, 2025 to allow us time to work out the details of the best option with the Bond Bank.

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: None.

ATTACHMENT: Allonge Agreement

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

Approve allonge agreement for the Municipal Climate Recovery Fund.

ALLONGE AGREEMENT


This Allonge Agreement dated as of the 28th day of February, 2025, modifies a certain Current Expense Note dated March 26, 2024, made by the City of Barre (the “**Borrower**”) and payable to the order of the Vermont Bond Bank (the “**Lender**”), having an original face amount of \$1,500,000.00 (the “**Note**”).

For value received, the terms of the Note shall be changed in the following manner:


1. The maturity date of the Note shall be revised to be March 25, 2025 (the “**Maturity Date**”).
2. The March 1, 2025, debt service payment identified in Exhibit A to the Loan Agreement shall occur as scheduled.
3. This Allonge Agreement is only a revision and not a novation of the Note. Except as provided in this Allonge Agreement, all the terms and conditions of the Note shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower and Lender have executed this Allonge Agreement on the day and year first above written.

[Signature Page Follows]



Witness

VERMONT BOND BANK
By: 

Duly Authorized Agent

ATTEST:

Clerk

CITY OF BARRE
By: _____

(Seal)

All or a Majority of the
City Council

And by:

Its Treasurer

By check number for check acct 01(GENERAL FUND) and check dates 02/19/25 thru 02/19/25

Vendor

PO Number	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	Account Number	Account Description	PO Amount	Invoice Amount	Check

01088	AFSCME COUNCIL 93						
	PR 02192025	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0007	UNION DUES PAYABLE	0.00	277.68	E660
01060	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES						
	1XG9QP7GGGPT	Batteries - Wireless	001-6055-350.1053	OFFICES SUPPLIES/EQUIPMEN	0.00	25.96	155718
01049	AMERICAN TOWER CORP						
	4832898	Tower Rent - Williamstown	001-6055-320.0725	TOWER RENTAL FEE	0.00	173.89	E659
02204	BENOIT ELECTRIC INC						
	7246	Voice Evac Panel Issues	001-7020-320.0727	BLDG/GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	948.78	155719
05107	BIOGENIE USA						
	USA-1506	WW Biosolid Compost	003-8330-230.0519	DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE	0.00	15,702.92	E661
03172	CARGILL INC						
	2910515801	Deicer	001-8050-360.1184	SALT - SNO	0.00	2,855.51	155720
	2910583079	Deicer	001-8050-360.1184	SALT - SNO	0.00	4,811.23	155720
	2910590405	Deicer	001-8050-360.1184	SALT - SNO	0.00	2,850.10	155720
	2910603762	Deicer	001-8050-360.1184	SALT - SNO	0.00	4,109.08	155720
	2910615250	Deicer	001-8050-360.1184	SALT - SNO	0.00	4,683.97	155720
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					0.00	19,309.89	
03043	CASELLA WASTE MGT INC						
	3106296	Rubish Removal	001-7020-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	554.68	155721
	3106296	Rubish Removal	001-7020-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	205.75	155721
	3106296	Rubish Removal	001-8050-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	415.40	155721
	3106296	Rubish Removal	001-6043-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	286.07	155721
	3106296	Rubish Removal	001-7035-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	397.50	155721
	3106296	Rubish Removal	003-8330-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	171.01	155721
	3106296	Rubish Removal	002-8220-200.0213	RUBBISH REMOVAL	0.00	171.01	155721
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					0.00	2,201.42	
03446	CINTAS CORPORATION NO. 2						
	4220524171	Uniforms	001-8050-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT - STS	0.00	35.52	155722
	4220524171	Uniforms	001-8050-340.0940	CLOTHING	0.00	102.38	155722
	4220524171	Uniforms	002-8200-340.0940	CLOTHING	0.00	37.63	155722
	4220524171	Uniforms	003-8300-340.0940	CLOTHING	0.00	39.38	155722
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					0.00	214.91	
03168	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTO						
	0386-1048566	Jct Box/Conduit/Terminals	003-8330-320.0732	CHEMICAL SYSTEM MAINT	0.00	384.94	155723
	0386-1048575	PVC Htg Blanket	003-8330-320.0732	CHEMICAL SYSTEM MAINT	0.00	354.39	155723
	0386-1048611	Junction Box	003-8330-320.0732	CHEMICAL SYSTEM MAINT	0.00	85.25	155723
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					0.00	824.58	
03995	DEWOLFE ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES INC						
	25006223302A	Prospect Hts Due Diligence	001-9130-360.1210	Special Proj -Prospect He	0.00	9,895.25	155724

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05084	EAGLE POINT GUN T J MORRIS AND SON						
	158015	Ammunition	001-6050-340.0942	AMMUNITION	0.00	5,116.00	155725
05069	EDWARD JONES						
	PR 02192025	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	100.00	155726
16102	EMPOWER TRUST COMPANY LLC						
	PR 02192025	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	990.20	E662
	PR 02192025A	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	784.71	E662
					0.00	1,774.91	
05059	ENDYNE INC						
	520954	Weekly Testing	003-8330-320.0749	WASTEWATER SAMPLING/TESTI	0.00	105.00	155727
	520955	WSID 5254 TC BW	002-8220-320.0749	WATER SAMPLING/TESTING	0.00	50.00	155727
	520956	WSID 5254 TC	002-8220-320.0749	WATER SAMPLING/TESTING	0.00	125.00	155727
					0.00	280.00	
06009	F W WEBB CO						
	89226099	Pipe Clamp/Seal Tape	003-8330-320.0732	CHEMICAL SYSTEM MAINT	0.00	426.00	155728
	89291441-2	Hammer Drill Kit/Laser	002-8220-350.1060	SMALL TOOLS	0.00	960.27	155728
	89351852	PVC Pipe	003-8330-320.0732	CHEMICAL SYSTEM MAINT	0.00	110.64	155728
					0.00	1,496.91	
07206	GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC						
	PR 02192025	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	437.20	155729
07006	GREEN MT POWER CORP						
	01770 020425	Pool Bldg 1/3-2/4	001-6060-200.0210	ELECTRICITY	0.00	153.07	155730
	01770 020425	Pool Bldg 1/3-2/4	001-7050-200.0211	POOL ELECTRICTY	0.00	27.01	155730
	07890 020325	Cobb Hill Mdws 1/2-2/3	002-8200-200.0210	ELECTRICITY - COBBLE HILL	0.00	325.83	155730
	72080 020425	S Main/Pkside 1/3-2/4	001-6070-200.0210	TRAFFIC LIGHT ELECTRICITY	0.00	81.78	155730
	93423 020325	Cobb Ctrl Vault 1/2-2/3	002-8200-200.0209	ELECTRICITY - W CBL HL VA	0.00	49.50	155730
					0.00	637.19	
20097	IAFF LOCAL #881						
	PR 02192025	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0007	UNION DUES PAYABLE	0.00	340.00	E663
09021	IRVING ENERGY						
	116638	Propane	001-7035-330.0836	PROPANE	0.00	1,144.33	155731
	174358	Propane	001-7030-330.0836	PROPANE	0.00	447.42	155731
	174999	Propane	001-7030-330.0836	PROPANE	0.00	172.58	155731
	634778	Propane	003-8330-320.0727	BLDG & GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	221.76	155731
					0.00	1,986.09	
11024	KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS INC						
	9017875840	Sodium Aluminate	003-8330-360.1148	SODIUM ALUMINATE	0.00	11,677.30	155732

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12054	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC						
	9312194582	Grinding Disc/Coupling	001-8050-350.1061	SUPPLIES - GARAGE	0.00	337.02	155733
12009	LOWELL MCLEODS INC						
	885269	Dual Triple Cam	001-8050-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT - STS	0.00	642.67	155734
13957	MACKAY METERS INC						
	1068852	Vault Door Machined	001-6045-320.0744	METER MAINT	0.00	312.00	155735
13038	MARTIN APPRAISAL SERVICES INC						
	6259	Assessor Work Jan 25	001-5020-440.1241	CONTRACT SERVICES	0.00	3,100.00	155736
13075	MCWILLIAM JAMES						
	02132025	2/3-2/13/25 19.5 hrs	048-8000-320.0762	BOR BANNER EXP	0.00	487.50	155737
13189	MILES SUPPLY INC						
	0190141-01	Liners/Toilet Paper/Towel	001-7020-320.0727	BLDG/GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	421.21	155738
	0190141-01	Liners/Toilet Paper/Towel	001-7030-320.0727	BLDG/GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	187.60	155738
	0190141-01	Liners/Toilet Paper/Towel	001-7035-320.0727	BLDG & GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	465.10	155738
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					0.00	1,073.91	
13923	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC						
	8282046483	Batteries	048-7000-320.0741	PD HOMELAND SECURITY	0.00	2,473.92	155739
	8282049992	Chargers/Audio Headset	048-7000-320.0741	PD HOMELAND SECURITY	0.00	7,020.72	155739
	8282049992A	Returned Cases	048-7000-320.0741	PD HOMELAND SECURITY	0.00	-1,121.04	155739
	8282052956	Port Programming Cable	048-7000-320.0741	PD HOMELAND SECURITY	0.00	61.83	155739
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					0.00	8,435.43	
14016	NELSON ACE HARDWARE						
	293790	All Purpose Grease	001-7035-320.0727	BLDG & GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	9.49	155740
	293826	Spray Paint	002-8200-350.1060	SMALL TOOLS	0.00	26.43	155740
	293849	Disinfectant Spray/Wipes	001-6043-350.1049	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	0.00	71.21	155740
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					0.00	107.13	
14055	NORWAY & SONS INC						
	19912	Final Inspections	001-7020-320.0727	BLDG/GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	72.00	155741
	19912	Final Inspections	001-7030-320.0727	BLDG/GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	72.00	155741
	19912	Final Inspections	001-8050-320.0727	BLDG & GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	72.00	155741
	19912	Final Inspections	001-6043-320.0731	CITY HALL IMPROVE/REPAIRS	0.00	72.00	155741
	19912	Final Inspections	001-7035-320.0727	BLDG & GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	72.00	155741
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15020	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC						
	5666-350704	Window Regulator	001-7015-320.0720	CAR/TRUCK MAINT	0.00	104.80	155742

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	5666-383878	Blue Def	001-8050-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT - STS	0.00	350.00	155742
	5666-383947	Wiper Blade	001-8050-350.1061	SUPPLIES - GARAGE	0.00	41.80	155742
	5666-384224	Megacrimp	001-8050-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT - STS	0.00	308.90	155742
	5666-384291	Car Washing Equip	001-6050-320.0720	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	0.00	72.18	155742
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16077	PERSHING LLC						
	PR 02192025	PR W/E 2/14/25	001-2000-240.0006	ANNUITY PAYABLE	0.00	45.00	155743
18044	RANDOM RESCUE LLC						
	020425	Animal Control	001-6020-120.0173	PROF SERVICES/FEES	0.00	75.00	155744
19418	SANEL NAPA - BARRE						
	410815	Hyfluid/Batteries	001-8050-320.0742	SNOW EQUIP MAINT	0.00	40.92	155745
	410815	Hyfluid/Batteries	001-8050-350.1061	SUPPLIES - GARAGE	0.00	4.22	155745
	410853	Truck Paint	001-8050-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT - STS	0.00	34.22	155745
	410885	Truck Side Toolbox	001-8050-320.0743	TRUCK MAINT - STS	0.00	1,168.98	155745
	410966	Cleaner	001-8050-350.1061	SUPPLIES - GARAGE	0.00	30.99	155745
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19102	SECURSHRED						
	481889	5 Consoles	001-5040-130.0185	SECURE SHRED	0.00	84.00	155746
11010	SHARPENING SHED INC THE						
	23138	Zamboni Knife	001-7030-350.1053	SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	0.00	41.00	155747
20077	TREASURER, STATE OF VERMONT						
	73179	VT0005254 10/1-12/31/24	002-8220-120.0172	PERMIT TO OPERATE	0.00	6,689.65	155748
22133	VT CONCRETE CUTTING & CONCRETE SOL						
	19794A	Inv 19794 Late Fee	003-8330-320.0727	BLDG & GROUNDS MAINT	0.00	21.15	155749
23031	WORLD THE						
	W540654	Basketball Events	050-6100-320.0740	CIVIC CENTER EQUIPMENT	0.00	356.25	155750
24502	WRIGHT-PIERCE						
	0000241526	20 Yr Evaluation	003-8330-120.0173	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	0.00	10,690.29	155751

02/18/25
08:43 am

City of Barre Accounts Payable
Warrant/Invoice Report # 25-32

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Report Total						108,435.89	=====

To the Treasurer of City of Barre, We Hereby certify that there is due to the several persons whose names are listed hereon the sum against each name and that there are good and sufficient vouchers supporting the payments aggregating \$ ***108,435.89
Let this be your order for the payments of these amounts.

Client ID: 22BA
Client Name: City of Barre

WARRANT REPORT

City of Barre

Report As of Date:
 2/19/2025

#	Employee	Gross	FWT	FICA	MEDI	SWT	SDI	ERFICA	ERMEDI
1	Abare, Lance R.	1,247.60	81.61	77.35	18.09	28.32	0.00	77.35	18.09
140	Aldrich, Brady A	28.00	0.00	1.73	0.40	0.00	0.00	1.73	0.40
3	Aldsworth, Joseph G.	1,851.20	175.42	99.66	23.31	61.36	0.00	99.66	23.31
216	Arnold, Sarah	1,193.20	96.85	73.97	17.30	33.13	0.00	73.97	17.30
163	Baker, Brian L	2,096.80	135.77	125.60	29.38	52.40	0.00	125.60	29.38
206	Baker, Tom M	1,682.69	93.78	100.96	23.61	58.97	0.00	100.96	23.61
6	Baril, James A.	2,268.02	268.20	126.95	29.69	82.19	0.00	126.95	29.69
7	Benjamin, Kenneth S.	1,300.75	135.89	78.63	18.38	42.50	0.00	78.63	18.38
8	Bennington, William A.	1,551.54	129.21	92.93	21.73	44.69	0.00	92.93	21.73
9	Benson, Nicholas J.	1,609.25	175.59	96.15	22.49	54.41	0.00	96.15	22.49
11	Blackshaw, Brook W.	1,477.44	104.33	84.70	19.81	36.49	0.00	84.70	19.81
204	Blouin, Trevor J	1,108.80	40.25	65.11	15.23	22.00	0.00	65.11	15.23
14	Bramman, Kathryn H.	1,232.80	123.19	75.04	17.55	37.42	0.00	75.04	17.55
155	Brault, Marcel T	1,440.60	155.60	89.32	20.89	41.69	0.00	89.32	20.89
17	Brown, Anderson C.	2,093.46	302.31	128.67	30.10	105.34	0.00	128.67	30.10
19	Bullard, Don A.	1,394.40	184.88	86.45	20.22	58.30	0.00	86.45	20.22
21	Carminati Jr., Joel F.	1,654.53	92.73	98.06	22.94	40.38	0.00	98.06	22.94
179	Cassani II, Mario E	1,100.37	76.98	64.39	15.06	26.56	0.00	64.39	15.06
22	Cetin, Matthew J.	1,501.50	87.65	82.37	19.26	30.65	0.00	82.37	19.26
23	Charbonneau, Michael J.	1,876.88	186.66	102.75	24.03	57.73	0.00	102.75	24.03
25	Clark, Kailyn C.	1,152.40	83.18	71.45	16.71	31.70	0.00	71.45	16.71
26	Collins, April M.	970.40	66.23	58.30	13.64	26.97	0.00	58.30	13.64
27	Copping, Nicholas R.	2,061.72	237.53	116.83	27.32	72.99	0.00	116.83	27.32
28	Cruger, Eric J.	1,723.68	180.55	98.37	23.00	55.90	0.00	98.37	23.00
29	Cushman, Brian K.	2,132.40	153.64	121.50	28.41	49.08	0.00	121.50	28.41
33	Degreenia, Catherine I	1,391.60	138.28	76.84	17.97	42.62	0.00	76.84	17.97
34	Demell, William M.	1,156.80	94.90	63.61	14.88	29.43	0.00	63.61	14.88
173	DeRose, TJ T	1,431.20	155.52	86.41	20.21	55.39	0.00	86.41	20.21
35	Dexter, Donnel A.	1,643.03	204.69	92.88	21.73	63.14	0.00	92.88	21.73
36	Dodge, Shawn M.	1,476.29	130.25	87.99	20.58	51.73	0.00	87.99	20.58
38	Drown, Jacob D.	1,880.00	197.66	104.30	24.40	61.03	0.00	104.30	24.40
39	Durgin, Steven J.	1,551.20	105.80	85.34	19.96	33.10	0.00	85.34	19.96
40	Eastman Jr., Larry E.	1,978.40	213.97	111.26	26.02	65.93	0.00	111.26	26.02
215	Elrick, Christopher	1,018.80	68.99	63.17	14.77	27.74	0.00	63.17	14.77
42	Farnham, Brian D.	1,507.38	153.44	90.45	21.15	47.77	0.00	90.45	21.15
43	Fecher, Jesse T.	1,739.18	161.40	106.44	24.89	61.07	0.00	106.44	24.89
44	Fleury, Jason R.	2,174.69	269.63	122.88	28.73	82.63	0.00	122.88	28.73
189	Forsell, Christopher A	1,245.60	34.17	65.84	15.39	23.38	0.00	65.84	15.39
45	Frey, Jacob D.	2,460.20	285.92	143.57	33.57	84.97	0.00	143.57	33.57
203	Frey, Matthew J	1,018.80	68.99	63.17	14.77	27.74	0.00	63.17	14.77

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205	Galiano, Jeanne M	1,634.61	144.50	97.83	22.87	56.00	0.00	97.83	22.87
46	Gaylord, Amos R.	1,763.09	201.38	104.52	24.44	62.15	0.00	104.52	24.44
47	Gilbert, David P.	1,237.20	121.97	74.46	17.42	38.33	0.00	74.46	17.42
49	Guyette, Brandon L.	1,547.28	144.53	92.29	21.58	56.01	0.00	92.29	21.58
160	Guyette, Gabriel D	1,018.00	88.76	63.11	14.76	24.30	0.00	63.11	14.76
50	Hastings III, Clark H.	1,211.82	108.78	70.64	16.52	34.37	0.00	70.64	16.52
156	Hayden, Gregory William	1,149.12	98.06	68.85	16.11	26.90	0.00	68.85	16.11
52	Hedin, Laura T.	1,375.60	116.45	79.75	18.66	35.40	0.00	79.75	18.66
54	Herring, Jamie L.	1,945.02	137.42	119.20	27.88	52.86	0.00	119.20	27.88
55	Hoar, Brian W.	2,677.75	155.58	153.26	35.84	62.56	0.00	153.26	35.84
188	Hood, James R	1,978.63	91.62	119.13	27.86	62.59	0.00	119.13	27.86
56	Houle, Jonathan S.	1,628.00	183.61	99.79	23.34	56.82	0.00	99.79	23.34
59	Kelly Jr, Joseph E.	1,465.61	62.90	78.80	18.43	21.81	0.00	78.80	18.43
184	Kirby, Kristopher J	1,100.00	24.39	58.74	13.73	20.10	0.00	58.74	13.73
201	Knudsen, Alexander M	1,108.80	78.52	65.20	15.25	30.40	0.00	65.20	15.25
61	Kosakowski, Joshua D.	1,490.00	167.90	88.40	20.68	52.11	0.00	88.40	20.68
213	Kreis, Bradley J	32.00	0.00	1.99	0.47	0.00	0.00	1.99	0.47
174	Kuras, Sarah V	1,287.59	110.29	75.45	17.65	34.82	0.00	75.45	17.65
165	LaBarge-Burke, Michelle J	1,102.40	72.17	65.40	15.29	28.63	0.00	65.40	15.29
62	Lane, Zebulyn M.	1,920.80	264.71	117.39	27.45	81.15	0.00	117.39	27.45
172	Larrabee, David M	1,586.89	168.51	88.95	20.80	52.29	0.00	88.95	20.80
64	Lowe, Robert L.	2,108.44	190.74	119.59	27.97	58.27	0.00	119.59	27.97
208	Lynch, Nancy T	1,490.38	116.01	88.77	20.76	40.73	0.00	88.77	20.76
65	Machia, Delphia L.	1,057.20	88.09	64.91	15.18	27.53	0.00	64.91	15.18
68	Maloney, Jason F.	1,392.80	103.56	78.64	18.39	35.10	0.00	78.64	18.39
70	Martel, Joell J.	1,892.05	223.74	106.34	24.87	68.86	0.00	106.34	24.87
171	Martineau, Brenda J	1,094.40	92.83	62.29	14.57	28.85	0.00	62.29	14.57
71	McGowan, James R.	1,362.00	153.14	74.24	17.36	31.73	0.00	74.24	17.36
73	Metivier, Cheryl A.	1,231.20	108.96	70.77	16.55	34.42	0.00	70.77	16.55
75	Monahan, Dawn M.	2,294.00	173.21	130.98	30.63	55.89	0.00	130.98	30.63
77	Morris, Scott D.	1,974.95	280.52	122.45	28.64	101.31	0.00	122.45	28.64
78	Morrison, Camden A.	1,473.33	144.42	86.40	20.21	45.06	0.00	86.40	20.21
79	Morse, Bradley P.	168.00	0.00	10.42	2.44	3.16	0.00	10.42	2.44
80	Mott, John C.	339.75	21.67	21.06	4.92	8.92	0.00	21.06	4.92
164	Murphy, Michael T	1,088.82	102.97	67.51	15.79	31.69	0.00	67.51	15.79
82	Noack, Rodney	1,130.81	80.11	66.11	15.47	30.84	0.00	66.11	15.47
152	Pike, Roxanne L	869.21	80.41	52.50	12.28	32.55	0.00	52.50	12.28
183	Placey-Noyes, Tyler C	1,736.49	171.49	100.64	23.54	64.10	0.00	100.64	23.54
88	Poirier, Holden R.	2,001.71	259.93	122.73	28.70	79.72	0.00	122.73	28.70
89	Pouliot, Brooke L.	1,201.20	86.32	74.47	17.42	30.28	0.00	74.47	17.42

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90	Pretty, Alyssa A.	1,480.24	126.93	91.78	21.46	50.73	0.00	91.78	21.46
91	Protzman, Todd A.	575.00	39.72	35.65	8.33	13.38	0.00	35.65	8.33
93	Pullman, David L.	1,040.83	84.96	63.14	14.76	26.01	0.00	63.14	14.76
192	Rawson, Joseph A	1,297.52	134.72	76.91	17.99	40.68	0.00	76.91	17.99
212	Rea, Cara L	984.00	63.85	57.13	13.36	26.31	0.00	57.13	13.36
95	Reale, Michael R.	1,310.40	130.25	81.24	19.00	40.81	0.00	81.24	19.00
97	Rivard, Sylvie R	1,106.40	94.18	63.03	14.74	29.23	0.00	63.03	14.74
99	Rubalcaba, David T.	2,086.61	272.97	127.00	29.70	83.63	0.00	127.00	29.70
101	Ryan, Patty L.	1,834.40	205.89	113.74	26.59	81.42	0.00	113.74	26.59
214	Sabens, Christopher S	849.20	41.19	44.89	10.50	19.98	0.00	44.89	10.50
103	Seaver, Debbie L.	1,176.40	132.22	60.23	14.09	45.08	0.00	60.23	14.09
104	Shatney, Janet E.	1,670.00	113.15	95.32	22.29	37.13	0.00	95.32	22.29
202	Sheltra, Kimberly A	1,050.00	50.61	65.10	15.23	25.54	0.00	65.10	15.23
105	Smith, Clint P.	1,226.80	107.16	70.50	16.49	32.59	0.00	70.50	16.49
151	Smith, Michael P	1,080.80	29.95	61.44	14.37	13.43	0.00	61.44	14.37
185	Stanley, Gavin P	1,105.53	79.91	65.91	15.42	30.79	0.00	65.91	15.42
193	Stigall, Gretchen	1,126.80	39.01	64.41	15.06	25.00	0.00	64.41	15.06
148	Storelicastro, Nicolas R	2,525.68	223.79	156.60	36.62	70.42	0.00	156.60	36.62
110	Strassberger, Kirk E.	1,310.82	71.32	71.32	16.68	26.10	0.00	71.32	16.68
187	Taylor, Therese M	1,200.00	81.20	70.77	16.55	31.15	0.00	70.77	16.55
112	Tillinghast, Zachary M.	1,960.83	219.92	112.79	26.38	67.71	0.00	112.79	26.38
113	Tucker, Randall L.	2,444.73	294.53	140.76	32.92	88.82	0.00	140.76	32.92
114	Tucker, Russell W.	2,071.79	200.19	119.44	27.93	57.95	0.00	119.44	27.93
115	Vail, Braedon S.	2,227.20	228.59	137.61	32.18	85.14	0.00	137.61	32.18
116	Ward, James O.	48.00	0.00	2.98	0.70	0.00	0.00	2.98	0.70
180	Webster, James P	1,431.84	118.53	81.69	19.11	55.21	0.00	81.69	19.11
186	Young, Arthur D	1,352.00	56.87	75.23	17.59	30.37	0.00	75.23	17.59
REPORT TOTAL		155,164.37	13,913.42	9,091.97	2,126.33	4,742.06	0.00	9,091.97	2,126.33



City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/25/2025

Agenda Item No.: 8-A

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: 2nd Reading Warned 6:20 P.M. Ord. #2025-01 Open Meetings Law updates

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT or PERSON: The Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As part of a cure to an acknowledged open meetings law violation, the City Council agreed to update the sections of City ordinance that contained provisions that were no longer consistent with state law. A 1st Reading was held on January 28, 2025 and a 2nd Reading was held on February 11, 2025. At the February 11, 2025 2nd Reading, the Council expressed an interest in scaling back the updates only to the sections of ordinance directly related to the open meetings law. Below is a summary of the proposed amendments:

Chapter 2 of City Ordinance: Administration

- Provides that regular meetings shall be publicly posted at least 48 hours in advance;
- Provides that special meetings shall be publicly posted at least 24 hours in advance;
- Emergency meetings shall be posted to the same extent as required by state law;
- Provides that the locations of meetings shall be in City Hall unless otherwise properly warned;
- Provides that regular Council meetings shall start between 5:00 and 7:00 P.M., with the start time listed on a properly warned agenda;
- Removes mandated order of agenda items; and

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Draft changes to Chapter 2

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Move to approve Ordinance #2025-01.

City of Barre
Chapter 2 – ADMINISTRATION
#2025-01

The City Council of the City of Barre, Vermont will hold a second reading on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:20 P.M. in the City Council Chambers to discuss the following revision to the Code of Ordinances, amended Chapter 2 – Administration, as follows:

The City Council of the City of Barre hereby ordains that Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Barre, Vermont is hereby amended to read as follows:

Note: **Bold/Underline indicates additions**
[brackets/~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions]

Chapter 2 -- ADMINISTRATION

Art. I. In General, Secs. 2-1-2-20

Art. II. City Council, Secs. 2-21--2-36

Art. III. Reserved, Secs. 2-37--2-42

Art. IV. City Manager, Secs. 2-43--2-58

Art. V. Administrative Departments, Secs. 2-59--2-200

Div. 1. Generally, Secs. 2-59--2-67

Div. 2. Permitting, Planning & Inspection Services (Ord. No. 2010-04, 11/09/10), Secs. 2-68--2-75

Div. 3. Cemeteries and Parks, Secs. 2-76—2-81

Div. 4. Fire, Secs. 2-82--2-93

Div. 5. Health, Secs. 2-94--2-102

Div. 6. Police, Secs. 2-103--2-116

Div. 7. Public Works, Secs. 2-117--2-127

Div. 8. Sewage Disposal, Secs. 2-128--2-138

Div. 9. Street, Secs. 2-139--2-148

Div. 10. Water, Secs. 2-149--2-158

Div. 11. Engineering, Secs. 2-159--2-168

Div. 12. Recreation, Secs. 2-169--2-182

Div. 13. General Services, Secs. 2-183--2-200

Art. VI. City Officers, Secs. 2-201--2-258

Div. 1. Generally, Secs. 2-201--2-210

Div. 2. City Attorney, Secs. 2-211--2-220

Div. 3. City Physician, Secs. 2-221--2-230

Div. 4. Superintendent of Fire Alarm System Secs. 2-231--2-240

Div. 5. Appointed Officers, Secs. 2-241—2-258

Art. VII. Citizens' Advisory Committee, Secs. 2-259—2-272

Art. VIII. Emergency Management Department, Secs. 2-273—2-281

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 2-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter the following words shall have the meanings indicated unless their context clearly requires otherwise:

CITY OFFICER means:

- (1) A person duly qualified who holds an elective office of the city under the charter.
- (2) A person duly qualified who holds an office or position by virtue of appointment by the council or a city officer under the charter, the city ordinances or general law, including but not limited to the heads of departments, executive directors of agencies, members of an agency, board or commission of the city; provided, however, that a person serving as a member of a board, commission, committee or other body whose functions are principally advisory shall not be deemed to be a city officer.

NEWS MEDIA means an organization publishing a newspaper or magazine, a radio station or a television station.

PUBLIC BODY means an agency, board, committee, commission or other body of the city government, whose members are appointed by the council or a city officer by virtue of provisions of the laws.

THE LAWS means the charter, general laws, provisions of this Code and city ordinances. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 2.1.01)

Sec. 2-2. Seal of the city adopted.

The seal, impression of which follows, is hereby adopted as the seal of the city: (Ord. No. 1974-3, 6-11-74)

Sec. 2-3. Flag of the city adopted; description.

The flag of the city shall be a green field with the gold seal of the city in the center. (Ord. No. 1965-9)

Sec. 2-4. Government of city; composition

The government of the city shall consist of the council and the city officers. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec.1.1.01)

Sec. 2-5. Emergency interim successors to council and city; offices; appointment.

Emergency interim successors shall be appointed pursuant to provisions of Chapter 7 of Title 20 of VSA or other pertinent general law. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 1.1.02)

Sec. 2-6. Public bodies-Meetings.

Insofar as the following provisions are not in conflict with other provisions of law pertaining specifically to it, a public body shall observe the following with respect to all its meetings or sessions:

- (1) Notice of regular meetings shall be **publicly posted as required by state law** [~~on the city hall bulletin board at least seven (7) days~~] **at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting** [~~, excluding holidays, in such form as the council shall prescribe by resolution. The council may also require that notices shall be published in a newspaper~~].
- (2) Notices of special meetings shall be **publicly posted as required by state law at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance** [~~in the preceding subdivision (1), except that the mayor or three (3) alderman may reduce the time limited for posting to not less than four (4) hours, in which case the news media located in the city shall be notified at least four (4) hours before such meeting~~]. **Notices of emergency meetings shall be publicly posted to the same extent as required by state law.**
- (3) All notices shall [~~set forth the agenda for the meeting, or an article or articles setting forth the purpose of the meeting~~] **be in a format as required by state law.**
- (4) All meetings shall be held in city hall, unless otherwise [~~specifically authorized to be held in another~~

~~public place, open to the public, by resolution of the council]~~ **properly warned to be held elsewhere on the agenda.**

- (5) Executive session shall be held pursuant to [~~VSA sections 311 through 314 and any amendments thereto~~] **the requirements of, and for the purposes allowed by, state law.**
- (6) Within [~~three (3)~~] **five (5)** days after a meeting the clerk or secretary of the public body shall furnish the clerk a copy of the minutes of the meeting, together with a report on the subject matter considered in executive session. The clerk shall transmit a copy of such minutes and report to the council at its next regular meeting. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 2.3.01; Ord. No. 1980-6, 6-3-80; Ord. No. 1983-1, 1-13-83)

Sec. 2-7. Same-Regulations, bylaws and rules of procedure.

A public body authorized by law to issue regulations, to adopt bylaws or make rules for conduct of its meetings or affairs, shall upon taking such action furnish copies thereof to the council. It shall likewise furnish copies of any amendments subsequently made.

Any other public body may make rules for conduct of its meetings or affairs, which shall take effect when approved by the council. Such rules may be amended or repealed with the approval of the council.

Bylaws, rules and regulations of public bodies shall be published [~~in a appendix to this Code~~] **on the website of any such public body.** (Ord. No. 1965-4, Secs. 2.4.01-2.4.03)

Cross references--Rules and regulations of the police department, App. C; rules and regulations of the fire department, App. D.

Sec. 2-8. Same--news media, petitions, conduct of meetings.

- (a) In the meeting room of a public body, representatives of the news media shall be allotted space [~~and furnished with a table~~] for their use.
- (b) Electronic and photographic equipment and devices [~~, such as but not limited to cameras, tape recorders, broadcasting equipment and television equipment~~] shall be permitted [~~when used by representatives of the news media~~], but only in conformity with rules for the maintenance of good order, dignity and noninterference with proceedings, as may be prescribed by resolution **or policies** of the council.
- (c) [~~Any equipment or device requiring connection with the city's electric service may be made only after securing a permit from the council and paying the estimated cost of electricity to be consumed or one dollar, whichever is the greater.~~]

The right to petition and to communicate with a public body is to be held inviolate and observed by all public bodies, **subject to reasonable rules established by the public body and its presiding officer.** A person present at a meeting may present a petition or communication to a public body, which, when so requested therein, shall be read at the meeting; provided, however, that if the communication or petition exceeds [~~three hundred (300) words~~] **two (2) minutes in length when read.** it need not be read, but copies furnished by the person submitting the same, shall be made available to members of the public body. Petitions and communications shall be presented to the presiding officer of the public body. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 2.5.03)

Sec. 2-9. Same--Addresses by outsiders, disturbances, etc.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a member of the public body holding the meeting, to address or attempt to address any regular or special meeting of a public body, except upon consent of the presiding officer or a majority of the members present. Any infraction of this subsection may be excused for extenuating

circumstances by a majority vote of the public body, in which case no prosecution for the offense shall be brought.

(b) A person desiring to address a public body shall, unless invited to do so by the presiding officer, submit an oral or written request to the presiding officer.

(c) It shall be unlawful for a person not a member of the public body holding a meeting, to disturb or interrupt any meeting of a public body. Any person so offending may be summarily ejected from city hall or other public place in which the meeting is held, on order of the presiding officer or a majority of the members of the public body present at the meeting. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 2.5.10)

Sec. 2-10. Same--Annual report.

The council may, by resolution, require a public body or public bodies to submit a report for inclusion in the annual municipal report. Such report shall be in the form and length prescribed by the council. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 2.7.01)

Sec. 2-11. Same--Duty to perform prescribed functions and duties and exercise prescribed powers.

Public bodies of the city shall perform the functions and duties and have the powers prescribed for them by the laws or resolutions of the council. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 18.1.01)

Secs. 2-12--2-20. Reserved.

ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL*

Sec. 2-21. Meetings.

~~[(a)]~~Regular meetings of the council shall ~~[be held in the council chamber in city hall at]~~ **commence between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** on the days set for regular meetings by the charter, **with the start time and the meeting location warned on a properly posted agenda.**

~~[(b) When the day set for a regular meeting falls on a holiday or an election day, a special meeting of the council shall be held on the day preceding such holiday or election day, at the same place and hour as is provided for a regular meeting. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 6.2.01)]~~

Charter reference--Council to meet twice monthly on [every Tues.] Tuesday unless the Council approves an alternative day, Acts of 1955, No.304, Sec. 27; 1990 No. M-5, Sec. 2; 2007 No. M-5, Sec. 5.

Sec. 2-22. Rules governing meetings.

All meetings of the city council[;] **and** all annual or special meetings of the city[~~, all school district meetings~~] shall be conducted in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order. (Ord. No. 1983-1, 1-13-83)

Sec. 2-23. Agenda.

The manager shall be responsible for preparation of the agenda for all meetings of the council, subject to its direction. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 6.4.03)

Sec. 2-24—2.25. Reserved [Order of business.

~~The order of business of the council shall be:~~

- ~~(a) Action on minutes of preceding meeting or meetings, if special meetings have been held between regular meetings;~~
- ~~(b) Readings of warrants and action thereon;~~
- ~~(c) Petitions and communications;~~
- ~~(d) Reports of officers and public bodies;~~
- ~~(e) Old business on agenda;~~
- ~~(f) New business on agenda;~~
- ~~(g) Requests or comments of members of the council.~~

Sec. 2-25. Reserved.]

Editor's note-Section 2-25, relative to Robert's Rules of Order, has been deleted pursuant to Ord. No. 1983-1, adopted Jan. 13,1983. Said section formerly derived from Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 6.3.02.

Sec. 2-26. Minutes of meetings; distribution; approval.

Minutes of the preceding regular meeting and all intervening special meetings shall be furnished to members of the council **for its approval at the subsequent meeting** [~~before each regular meeting. If no corrections or amendments are offered, the presiding officer shall declare the minutes approved as printed or typed~~]. (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 6.4.02)

Sec. 2-27. Resolutions; minutes; agenda.

All resolutions shall be presented to the council in writing. When adopted they shall be numbered by the clerk in the same manner as prescribed for in ordinances; for example, Resolution No. 1965-1.

All resolutions shall be recorded by the clerk in a book kept for the purpose, which shall be entitled: "Resolutions of the City Council of the City of Barre, Vermont." (Ord. No. 1965-4, Sec. 6.4.01)

Secs. 2-28--2-36. Reserved.

ADOPTION HISTORY

- First Reading at regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.
- Proposed language printed in Times Argus newspaper on Saturday, February 1, 2025.
- Second Reading and Public Hearing held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.
- Adopted at regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, _____ and entered in the minutes of that meeting which are approved on _____.
- Posted in public places on _____.
- Notice of adoption published in the Times Argus newspaper on _____.
- Effective _____.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2025

Cheryl Metivier
City Clerk/Treasurer

Water Infrastructure

FINANCING PROGRAMS

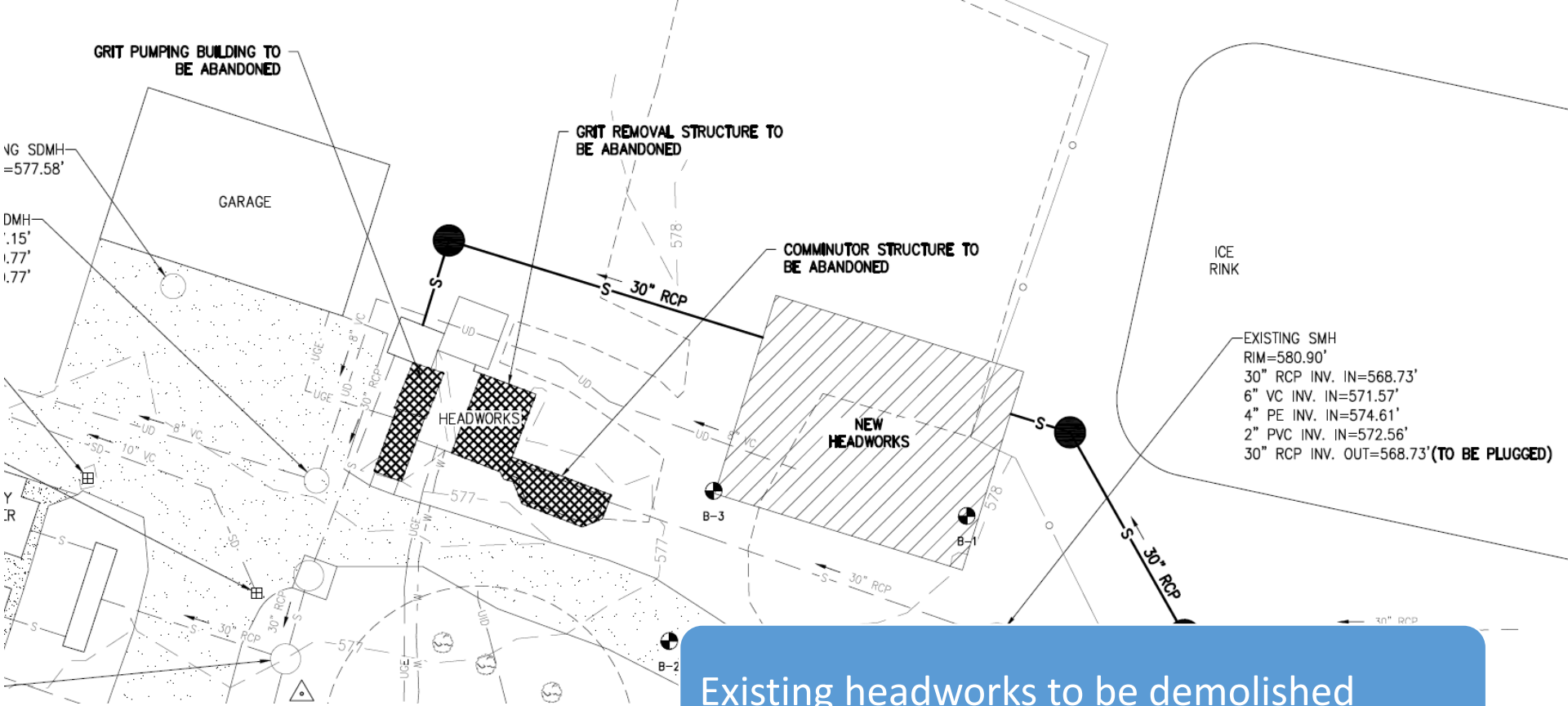
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF)
DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF)

Water Investment Division – Clean Water State Revolving Fund Public Meeting reporting form

Project Name:	Barre WWTF Headworks Upgrade
Project Town Name:	City of Barre
Project SRF loan numbers:	RF1-356
Town project Contact Person:	Brian Baker, Public Works Director
The hearing/meeting was warned in accordance with state law and local practice.	Warning Date: 02/25/2025 Warning Media: Times Argus, website, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The hearing/meeting was opened by the governing body.	Meeting Date: 02/25/2025 Meeting Time: Six PM
The project owner or consulting engineer presents information related to the positive and negative environmental impacts of the project. This includes posters or power point demonstrations.	Submit copy of handouts or presentation materials Attached.
The governing body opens the floor to public comments.	Who opened/role? Thom Lauzon, Mayor Time opened? <input type="text"/>
Were comments given by the public and if possible, answered by the project owner, the consulting engineer, or sometimes the state official? The name of the commenter and the comment are recorded for the record and the public comment responsiveness summary.	Yes
Did the governing body close the floor to public comment?	Who closed/role? Thom Lauzon Time closed? <input type="text"/>
The governing body takes minutes and sends them to the state official after they are approved.	Submit copy of approved minutes
The governing body posts the video of the hearing, if available and makes the link available to the state	Any links to posted meeting recordings: https://www.youtube.com/@BarreVTCityCouncil
Roster of Attendance: Barre City Council and Mayor (project owner) City Manager Nicolas Storellicastro (project owner) Public Works Director Brian Baker (project owner) City Clerk Cheryl Metivier Michael Mainer, Aldrich + Elliot (consulting engineer) Members of the public (those speaking at the hearing identified in the minutes)	

City of Barre WWTF Headworks Upgrade

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
Public Hearing
2/25/2025



EXISTING SMH
 RIM=580.90'
 30" RCP INV. IN=568.73'
 6" VC INV. IN=571.57'
 4" PE INV. IN=574.61'
 2" PVC INV. IN=572.56'
 30" RCP INV. OUT=568.73'(TO BE PLUGGED)

Existing headworks to be demolished

New 2,000 square foot Headworks Building

New multi-rake screen, washer-compacter, and vortex grit removal system

Project Description

Purpose



All federally funded projects are required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)



State Clean Water Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) design staff independently evaluate and verify information supplied in the project environmental report and issue a determination

Review Process



**Environmental Report
Prepared/Submitted**

**Impacts are identified
early so assessment,
design changes, and
mitigation measures
can be implemented**



**State Design staff
evaluate and verify
information in
environmental report**



**For a Finding of No
Significant Impact
(FONSI), the following
is required:**

- Public hearing**
- 30-day public
comment period**



**State issues the
environmental review
determination**

Finding on No Significant Impact (FONSI)

A FONSI is a document that presents the reasons why the Vermont DEC has concluded that:

- There are no significant environmental impacts projected to occur upon implementation of the project; or
- Environmental impacts can be reasonably addressed through mitigation measures.

Environmental Report

Environmental
Justice
Considerations

Cultural, Historic,
and Archeological
Resources

Land Use

Intergovernmental
Review of Federal
Programs

Wetlands,
Floodplains,
Coastal Zones, Wild
and Scenic Rivers

Fish and Wildlife,
and Endangered
Species

Drinking Water and
Groundwater
Protection

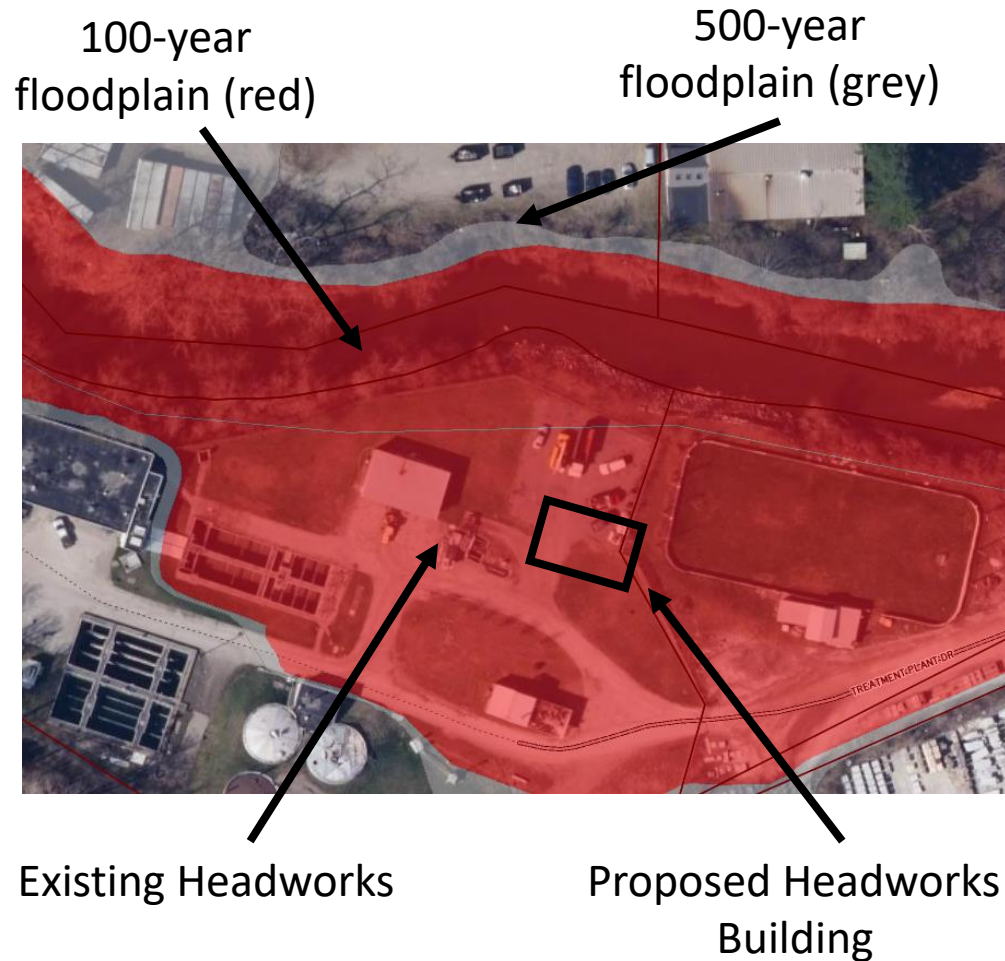
Air Quality, Noise,
and Emissions

NEPA Related
Considerations

Potentially Impacted Resource: Floodplains

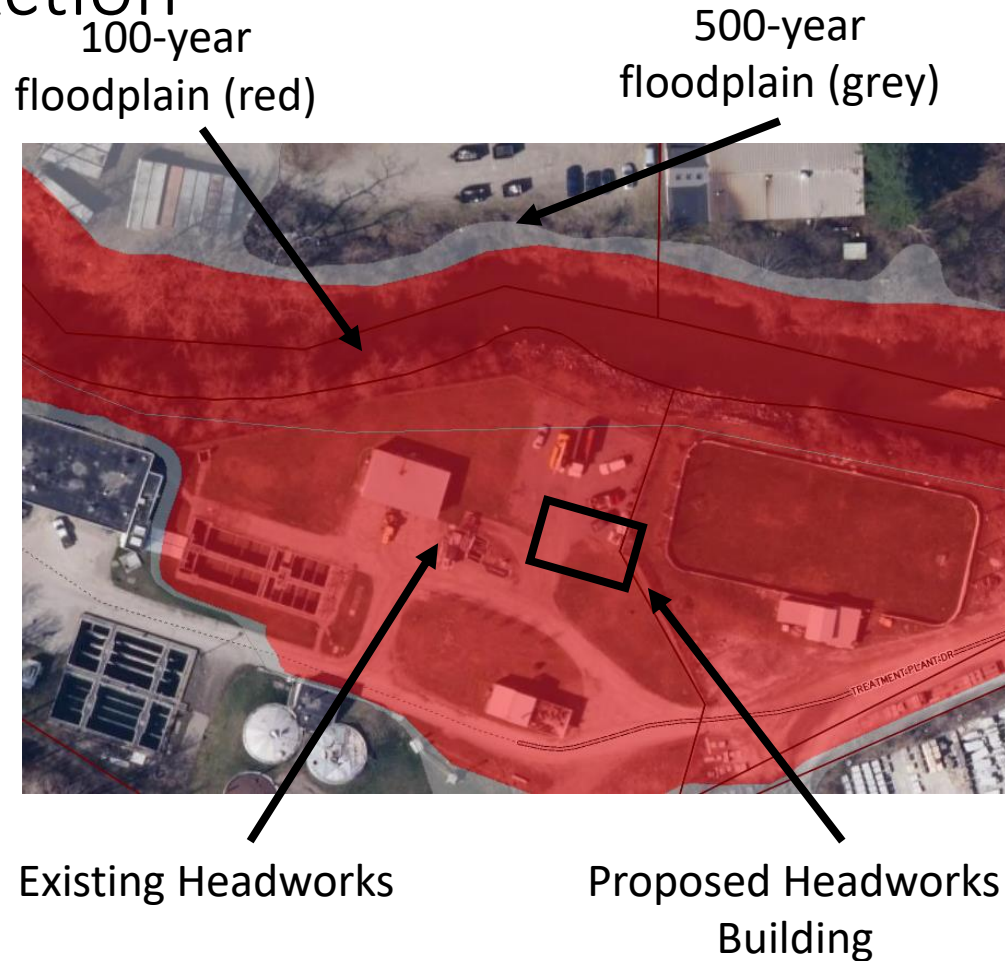
The WWTF is currently located within the 100-year and 500-year flood plains

The 100-year base flood elevation is 579.0'



Floodplains Mitigation Measures and/or Alternative Plans of Action

Any critical infrastructure (electrical, mechanical) will be at an elevation of 582.0' to comply with the Water Investment Division regulations of critical action items being built greater than 3.0' above base flood elevation





Questions/Comments



Volunteer Application Form

Full Name Carlos E. Pereira

Home address 14 Mount Vernon Pl

Barre City Resident? Yes

E-mail Address [REDACTED]

Cell/Home Phone Number [REDACTED]

Position(s) you are applying for?

1. JEDIB Committee member
- 2.
- 3.

Have you attended a meeting of the public bodies you are applying for? No

Please describe why you are interested in the positions you are applying for. Include any special skills or qualifications that may be beneficial for the position.

I attended the recent training/workshop the Committee ran on January 11 and 18. I was invited by the former chair to join the Committee because of my involvement in the EDJIE equity initiative run by the Vermont Community Justice Network and VACDP. I am an employee of Montpelier Community Justice Center and run restorative justice programs.

By signing below you acknowledge that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of your ability, and you understand the City Council has the authority to remove members appointed to any City-created public bodies in accordance with the City Charter and Vermont State Statute, as applicable, for misrepresentation of any statement made on this application

1/31/2025

Sign here (or type your name for an electronic submission)

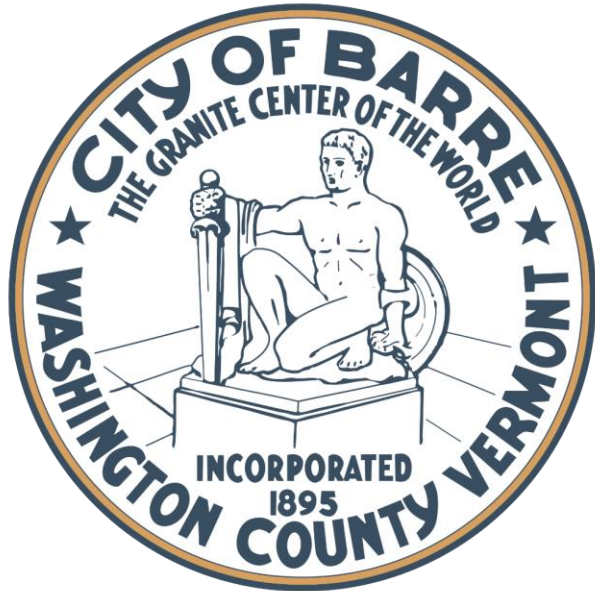
Date

For City Manager's Office Use Only

Appointed?

Term of Appointment: From

To



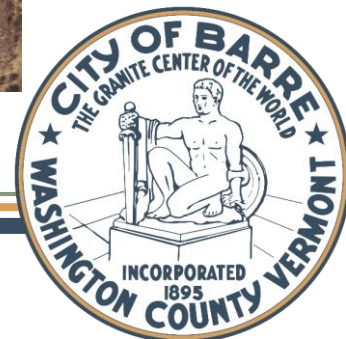
NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

NICOLAS STORELLICASTRO
CITY MANAGER
FEBRUARY 25, 2025



THE BASICS OF THE ACQUISITION

- City has negotiated a purchase and sale agreement to acquire 277 Morrison Road to serve as our new Public Works Garage.
- 277 Morrison Road is physically located in Barre Town, just over the City line on Upper Prospect Street.
- The building is currently owned by Metro Development, LLC, with principal Thom Lauzon.
- Purchase price is \$3M, with expected site modifications of \$2M needed to transform this from a warehouse into a garage, for total project cost of \$5M.
- City will NOT borrow or raise taxes for the acquisition – we plan to pay through a combination of water enterprise fund resources, Special Projects/ Cozzi Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund.



THE NEED - BURNHAM STREET IS INADEQUATE, UNSAFE, AND INEFFICIENT



Summary:

- ~13,000 square feet of indoor space, includes Streets Department, Water and Sewer Buildings
- ~3.3 acre site



THE NEED - BURNHAM STREET IS INADEQUATE, UNSAFE, AND INEFFICIENT



Equipment and stock is stored without cover due to inadequate inside space.



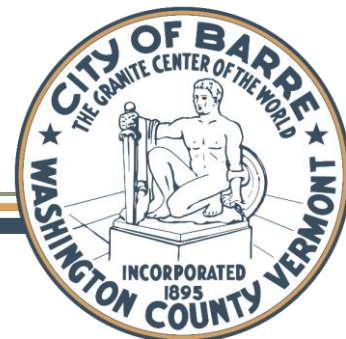
Staging area is too small, impacting operations.



THE NEED - BURNHAM STREET IS INADEQUATE, UNSAFE, AND INEFFICIENT



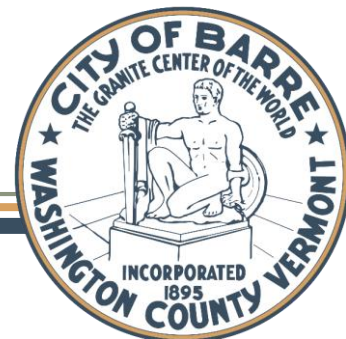
Garage space is too small, trucks and equipment must be moved one at a time.



THE NEED - BURNHAM STREET IS INADEQUATE, UNSAFE, AND INEFFICIENT



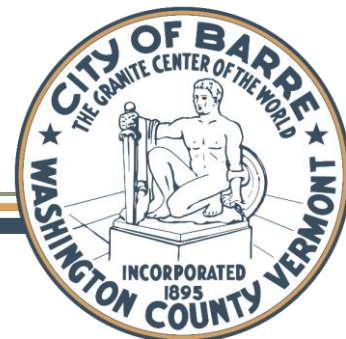
Employee spaces are too small, inadequate, and not accessible.



THE NEED - BURNHAM STREET IS INADEQUATE, UNSAFE, AND INEFFICIENT



- Mechanical systems undersized
- No vehicle exhaust systems
- Poor (or no) insulation
- Failing or missing windows
- No anti-slip surfaces
- No fire or smoke alarms
- No sprinklers
- Sits in the floodplain (flooded in 2023)



CITY HAS BEEN SEEKING A PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE SOLUTION FOR YEARS

The garage has been in need of replacement for decades. Efforts to make a new garage a reality started in the last ~7 years.

- **2018:** Councilors tour old garage and begin discussions about replacement
- **2021:** The City hired a firm to assist with design of a new garage and to identify and evaluate potential sites
- **2022:** Design presented to City Council, with estimated \$30 million price tag and no preferred site identified
- **2023:** City staff tours Newport and Montpelier garages, begins to plan for new garage at current site
 - Current garage was significantly impacted by the July 2023 flood, landslide developed on property above the garage, so City abandoned plan to rebuild on current site.
- **2024:** City Manager and DPW Director begin to evaluate alternatives, including making BOR new DPW garage. Begin to explore options outside City boundaries.
- **2025:** Purchase and sale agreement for 277 Morrison Road at \$3 million + \$2 million of site modifications



2022 PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

Design Integration

This design was estimated to cost up to \$30 million, including land acquisition and site preparation.

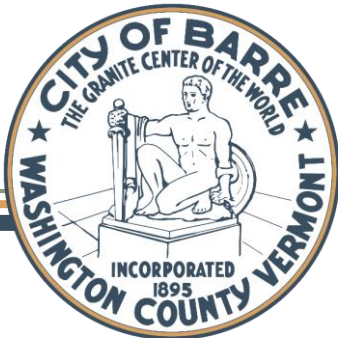


SITES CONSIDERED FOR NEW GARAGE

Evaluated Site Locations



Site	Challenge
Treatment Plant Drive	\$7-\$10M bridge required to access site.
Burnham Street (build on existing site)	~3 acre site too small for department needs.
Allen Street West	17 of 20 acres State protected wetlands.
Allen Street East	Feasible, not ideal. Some wetlands, topography challenges. Results in ~\$30M estimate.



PROPOSED SITE - 277 MORRISON ROAD

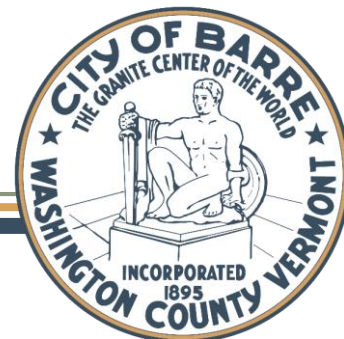
Site Requirements identified by Banwell

- 6 acres of flat site
- Ample Site Turning Space
- Specialty Access Segregation (i.e. Solid Waste, Fueling Depot, etc)
- Public Road Access
- Promotes Vehicular Safety (proper sightlines, etc.)
- Meets Environmental Standards (i.e. Wetlands)



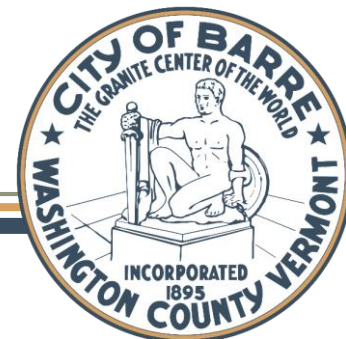
Summary of 277 Morrison Road Site:

- ~6.1 acre site and 58,000 square feet of indoor space
- Meets other key site requirements
- Excellent condition, adequate storage, close to Barre City line



MORRISON RD VS. BURNHAM ST

Burnham Street	Morrison Road
Dereliction of maintenance over decades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed in 1987 • Impeccable building, good condition • Modern safety systems (i.e. sprinklers)
Inefficient layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site can be modified to have central aisle and vehicle drive through • Sufficient space for several adjacent mechanics bays – all vehicles can be serviced on-site
Lack of secure storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant space to adequately store key equipment under cover (~58,000 square feet)
Inadequate staff space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient space to move all of DPW to one site • Break room, locker room, training room
Site located in flood plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safely located outside of flood hazard areas



ACQUISITION COST

\$ 3 million

Purchase price

Purchase & Sales Agreement includes consideration to the Seller for right to lease ten 10 designated parking spaces at the prevailing rate in the municipal lot closest to 301 North Main Street for a period of 10 years.

+ \$ 2 million

Anticipated modifications

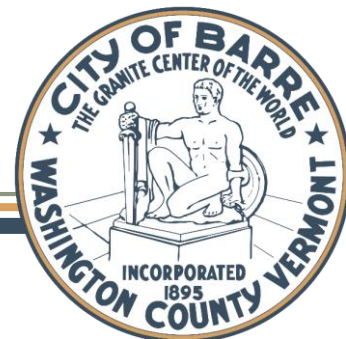
\$ 5 million

Total Project Cost






PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

- Two new overhead doors
- Two new mechanic bay doors
- Exterior storage (i.e. salt/sand bunker, above ground fuel tanks)
- Interior drainage
- Office space renovation and create new walls/hallways for public access

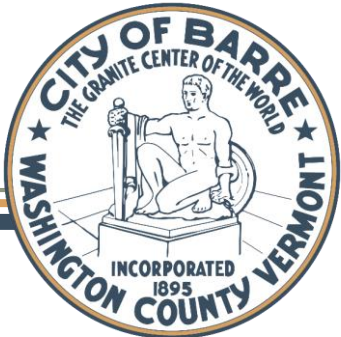


WHAT WOULD A SIMILAR BUILDING COST?

Measure	Estimated Cost	Notes
Marshall Valuation – Warehouse, Good Condition	\$3.9 - \$4.8 million	Range is for 40,000 and 50,000 square foot building using \$96.64 cost per square foot.
Marshall Valuation – Light Industrial	\$4.48 - \$5.6 million	Range is for 40,000 and 50,000 square foot building using \$111.98 cost per square foot.
Marshall Valuation – Warehouse, Excellent Condition 	\$5.4 - \$6.7 million	Range is for 40,000 and 50,000 square foot building using \$135.38 cost per square foot.
Milton, VT Garage 	\$8.6 – 10.8 million	Range is for 40,000 and 50,000 square foot building using \$216 cost per square foot estimate used for Milton’s garage project.

 Indicates most accurate comparable measure.

Site is currently assessed at \$2.4 million, and was purchased in 2022 for \$2.7 million.



CITY ASSESSORS APPRAISAL VALIDATES PURCHASE PRICE - BARRE IS GETTING A GOOD DEAL

City Assessors conducted an appraisal. They reported the “Market Value” in “as is” condition at \$3.9M.

By every measure, the \$3 million acquisition cost is reasonable and supported by market research.

MARTIN APPRAISAL SERVICES, INC.
Real Estate Appraisers - Consultants
140 Three Mile Bridge Rd., Montpelier, Vermont 05602
Lawrence K. Martin, MAI - 802-272-7827 or Larry@mas-vt.com

November 8, 2024

Nicolas Storellicastro, City Manager
6 N. Main Street, Suite 2
Barre City, Vermont 05641

Appraisal Report - Property of
Metro Development, LLC
277 Morrison Road Barre Town, Vermont

Dear Nicolas Storellicastro:

In accordance with your request, I have completed an appraisal report for the purpose of estimating Market Value of the Fee Simple Interest in the property indicated above, referred to as the subject property. I personally inspected the property, which is approximately 6.1 acres improved with a single tenant industrial building containing approximately 55,233 SF.

Based upon the facts and matters contained in the attached report, including all limiting conditions as outlined, it is my professional opinion that the Market Value of the subject property in “asis” condition, as of October 15, 2024, is

Three Million Ninety Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,900,000)



FINANCING PLAN

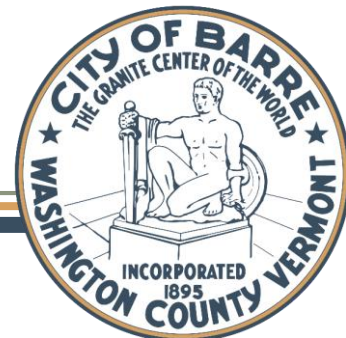
Acquisition:

- \$2 million inter-fund transfer from the water enterprise fund
 - ~\$1.7 million balance, if approved
- \$500,000 Special Projects Fund/ Cozzi Trust
 - ~\$470,000 would be left in Special Projects Fund, if approved
 - \$600,000 of Cozzi Trust left “un-invested” to be available
- \$500,000 Capital Improvement Fund
 - Includes ~\$123,000 from sale of Wheelock and East Montpelier property
 - ~\$573,000 balance, if approved

Save for a small section to retain storage for a bobcat, current site would be listed and sold (Capital Candy has expressed interest in purchasing the site). Revenue from that sale would immediately be transferred to the water enterprise fund.

Property Modifications:

- \$2 million VT Bond Bank, USDA loan, or bank financing
 - ~\$258,000 annual debt service payment for 10 years



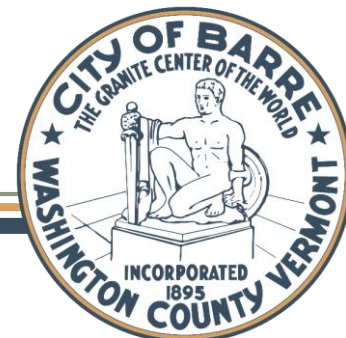
PROPERTY TAXES

- **Municipal taxes:** 32 VSA 3659 directs that “[l]and and buildings of a municipal corporation, whether acquired by purchase or condemnation and situated outside its territorial limits shall be taxed by the municipality in which such land is situated.”
 - The statute also outlines that “[i]mprovements made subsequent to the acquisition of the land shall not be taxed; except that an additional tax not to exceed 75 percent of the appraisal of the land may be levied in lieu of a personal property tax.”
 - There are a few Vermont Supreme Court cases that deal with the proper way for Barre Town to calculate the tax for such post-acquisition improvements. City Attorneys will delve into this pending Council’s approval to proceed.
- **Education taxes:** 32 VSA 5404(a) establishes that “the education property tax grand list is established [using] the listed value of nonhomestead and homestead real property in a municipality.”
 - Unfortunately, there is no exception that would apply to 277 Morrison. In fact, 5401(10)(F) excepts “[p]roperty owned by a municipality that is located within that municipality and that is used for municipal purposes, including the provision of utility services.” It is therefore clear that the Legislature intended that property owned by a municipality that is NOT located within that municipality should be considered nonhomestead real property subject to the education property tax.

TOTAL MUNICIPAL TAX	18,095.12
MUNICIPAL STATE PAYMENT	0.00
MUNICIPAL NET TAX DUE	18,095.12

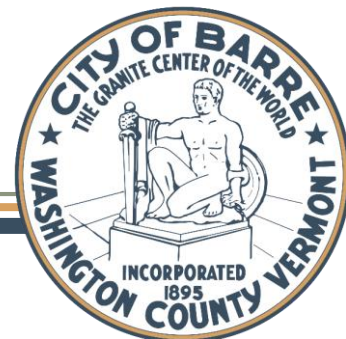
TOTAL EDUCATION TAX	35,860.80
EDUCATION STATE PAYMENT	0.00
EDUCATION NET TAX DUE	35,860.80

TAX SUMMARY	
Municipal + Education	
TOTAL TAX	53,955.92
TOTAL STATE PAYMENT	0.00
TOTAL NET TAX DUE	53,955.92



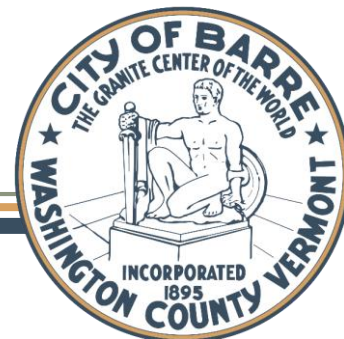
BARRE TOWN APPROVALS REQUIRED

- The Morrison Road site is currently zoned as Low Density Residential. The Town of Barre has a specific zoning designation for a public works garage.
- Before the acquisition can be finalized, we will need to request an Allowed Use Determination (AUD) from the Barre Town Planning Commission.
 - The application and hearing is jointly handled by the purchaser and current owner.
- The owner has agreed to attend the March 19 Barre Town Planning Commission meeting.
 - Application is due February 27 at 3:00PM.
- If the AUD is approved by the Planning Commission, the City may then need Barre Town DRB approval for improvements made on the site.



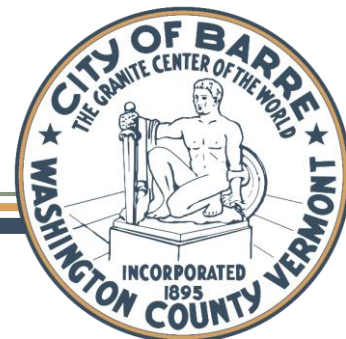
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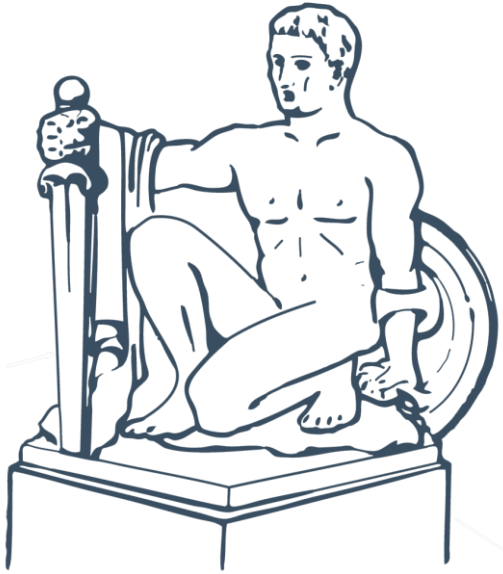
- **Tonight, February 25:** Council approves purchase and sale agreement and submission of AUD application
- **February 27 by 3PM:** Submit AUD application to Barre Town
- **March 19:** Barre Town Planning Commission meeting to consider AUD
- **By May 1:** Execute Purchase & Sale Agreement, issue RFPs site improvements, secure financing for site modifications
- **May 31, 2025:** Current tenant's lease ends
- **June 2, 2025:** City closes on building, assumes ownership, construction can begin
- **December 2025:** DPW starts to move into new garage



THIS IS OUR BEST CHANCE TO GET A NEW PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

- **Best option we have identified after years of searching for a solution:** Generational solution to a problem that we have long-known exists, but for which there has been no obvious answer.
- **Affordable:** By every measure, this is not just a fair purchase price, but a bargain. E. Montpelier borrowing \$5 million for a much smaller garage.
- **No plan B, C, D, E, or F:** We have no other credible options or possibilities. No 6 acre, flat sites in the City, and if there were, we should build housing on them.
- **Process has been above board:** Mr. Lauzon has not participated in any executive sessions and has had no knowledge of what or when I was briefing Councilors. Exhaustive independent validation of purchase price and building condition.





THANK YOU

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

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**PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
277 MORRISON ROAD
BARRE TOWN, VERMONT**

THIS PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT is made this 25th day of February, 2025, by and between **CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT**, a Vermont municipality with its principal office located at 6 North Main Street in Barre, Vermont (hereinafter referred to as “Buyer”) and **METRO DEVELOPMENT, LLC**, a Vermont limited liability company with its principal office located at 125 Nelson Street in Barre, Vermont (herein after referred to as “Seller”).

WITNESSETH

1. Premises To Be Purchased and Sold.

Seller agrees to sell and Buyers agree to buy on the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth the real estate, with all improvements, personal property, structures and permanent fixtures thereon, described as a commercial property and improvements consisting of approximately 6.1 acres of land and an approximately 58,006 square foot commercial building located at 277 Morrison Road in the town of Barre, Vermont. The parcel is further described as Parcel I.D. #005/113.01 and / or SPAN Number 039-012-10463. Included in the sale is all racking, mezzanine components and personal property owned by the Seller and located on the Premises. The real and personal property to be purchased and sold hereunder is referred to in this Agreement as the “Premises”.

2. Purchase Price.

The purchase price for the Premises is THREE MILLION AND 00/100 DOLLARS. The purchase price shall be payable as follows:

\$ 10,000.00, Paid as an earnest money deposit and held in the Client Trust Account of Field and Field, P.C. until closing, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Seller;

2,990,000.00, The balance of the purchase price, to be paid in cash, certified check or bank check at title closing.

\$3,000,000.00. TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE

INITIALS OF PARTIES:

Buyer: _____
Seller: _____

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
277 MORRISON ROAD
BARRE TOWN, VERMONT

The purchase price shall be allocated as follows:

\$ 400,000.00, Mezzanine, racking and personal property.

2,600,000.00, Land, building and improvements.

\$3,000,000.00. TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE

As additional consideration, Buyer shall grant to Seller the right to lease ten (10) designated municipal parking spaces in the municipal lot closest to 301 North Main Street in the city of Barre, Vermont for a period of ten (10) years from the date of closing. During the lease period, Seller shall pay the prevailing parking permit rate charged by the city of Barre, Vermont for each space. Seller shall have the right to place appropriate signage at each leased space noting its designation to the Seller. Unless the Buyer is notified by Seller of Seller's intention to terminate the Lease at the end of the initial ten-year term, the Lease shall automatically renew for an additional ten (10) years.

3. Deposit Money.

Seller's attorney shall hold all deposits. If Buyers fail without lawful excuse to perform Buyers' obligations hereunder, Seller may at its election retain all deposits paid hereunder as liquidated and agreed damages or pursue damages as allowed by law.

4. Conveyance of Title at Closing.

Seller agrees to execute and deliver to Buyers at closing a Vermont warranty deed and bills of sale or equivalents, conveying all of the Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Premises.

5. Buyers' Option to Terminate Agreement If Title is Now Unmarketable.

a. If record title to the Premises shall prove not marketable in Seller pursuant to the Vermont Bar Association's title standards now in effect or hereafter amended, then Buyers may elect to terminate this Agreement within ten (10) days before title closing. Buyers may exercise this election only by mailing to Seller within this time limit written notice of such election in the manner specified in this paragraph. The notice shall be mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to Seller. This notice shall be ineffective unless it states the nature of all

INITIALS OF PARTIES:

Buyer: _____
Seller: _____

**PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT
277 MORRISON ROAD
BARRE TOWN, VERMONT**

claimed title defects and includes a book and page reference in the land records to all instruments creating each such defect.

b. Seller shall have sixty (60) days from the receipt of such notice within which to cure any actual impairment of marketable title stated in Buyers' said notice and closing shall be postponed, if necessary, for this purpose. If Seller cures all actual defects stated in Buyers' notice, then closing shall take place as herein provided. Seller shall have no obligation to cure any title defect. If Seller fails within such time to cure the actual title defects specified in such notice, Seller shall return all deposit monies hereunder, and upon return of such deposits, neither party shall have any other or further right against the other under this Agreement.

c. If Buyers fail to give proper notice of defects in title as aforesaid, and within the time limit prescribed in paragraph 5(a) of this Agreement, then Buyers may not thereafter object to the state of Seller's title to the Premises as of the date hereof.

6. Condition of Premises.

a. The Premises, along with all improvements, permanent fixtures, personal Property and permits shall be transferred in "as-is condition", with no warranties or representations.

b. In the event the Premises (including the improvements and structures thereon) are materially damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty between the date hereof and the date of title closing, Buyers shall have the option of canceling this contract and receiving back all deposits made hereunder, or of consummating the transaction without setoff, counterclaim, or reduction of the purchase price, in this event, Buyers shall be entitled to any insurance proceeds payable on account of such damage. Material damage is damage reasonably estimated to cost in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to repair. In the event damage is not material, Seller may repair the same at Seller's expense and this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect; provided, however, that the date of closing shall be postponed for such time as Seller shall reasonably need to complete such repairs.

c. Seller shall keep the Premises insured and shall safeguard the property against damage until closing.

INITIALS OF PARTIES:

Buyer: _____
Seller: _____

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7. Purchase Contingency.

This purchase is contingent upon Buyer successfully obtaining an Allowed Use Determination (AUD) from the Town of Barre, Vermont. In the event that Buyer is unsuccessful in obtaining an Allowed Use Determination that would allow the Premises to be used and occupied as a municipal public works facility, Buyer shall have the sole right to terminate this agreement. Upon such termination, Seller shall return all deposit monies, and upon return of such deposits, neither party shall have any further right or claim against the other under this Agreement. Buyer intends to submit an AUD application on or about February 27, 2025. Seller agrees to fully cooperate and participate in any required meetings and / or hearings required in order to obtain the Allowed Use Determination.

8. Closing.

a. Title closing to this transaction shall be held on June 2, 2025, at such other place as the parties hereto may mutually agree. The scheduled closing date is subject to the terms of this Agreement.

b. At closing, possession of the Premises shall be delivered to Buyers. At closing, Buyers shall pay any required Vermont transfer tax on this transaction and all costs of searching title.

c. At closing, Property taxes, rents, utilities and other charges and expenses shall be pro-rated in the usual and customary manner.

9. Entire Agreement.

The parties acknowledge and represent that this instrument sets forth the entire understanding between the parties pertaining to this transaction and that no party is relying upon any inducements, representations, or other matters which are not stated in this Agreement. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument executed by Seller and Buyers.

10. Time of Essence.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE OF THIS AGREEMENT IN ALL RESPECTS.

INITIALS OF PARTIES:

Buyer: _____
Seller: _____

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11. Attorneys' Fees.

If either party shall breach its obligations hereunder, neither shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees and costs of collection of any damages.

12. Broker's Commission.

Buyer and Seller represent and covenant that neither Party have a contract with a realtor or sales agent have in connection with this purchase or sale of the Premises.

13. Miscellaneous.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors, personal representatives, heirs and assigns.

14. Notices. Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be deemed given if delivered in hand to a party or if by United States Certified Mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid at the party's address.

BUYER'S ADDRESS:

City of Barre, Vermont
Attn: Nicolas Storellicastro
6 North Main St.
Barre, VT 05641

SELLER'S ADDRESS:

Metro Development, LLC
125 Nelson St.
Barre, VT 05641

15. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in any number of identical counterparts, and each counterpart hereof shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all counterparts hereof taken together shall constitute but a single instrument.

INITIALS OF PARTIES:

Buyer: _____
Seller: _____

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16. Charitable Contribution. Seller and Buyer acknowledge that the Fair Market Value of the Premises may be significantly more than the Purchase Price. In the event that Seller elects to pursue a charitable contribution deduction under IRC 170(a), Buyer shall reasonably cooperate in facilitating the deduction. The preparation of any and all documents, appraisals and / or forms shall be the sole responsibility of the Seller.

17. Termination of Offer. This offer shall remain open for acceptance by the Seller until 5:00pm on May 1, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed as of the day and date first above written.

SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

INITIALS OF PARTIES:

Buyer: _____
Seller: _____

Agenda Item #8-E
February 25, 2025

Application Fee
\$ 95

Application Number
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TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING COMMISSION
ALLOWED USE DETERMINATION APPLICATION

Please fill in all information requested. Failure to fill out completely may delay review. If you need assistance, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office. The Planning Commission meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Complete applications are due twenty-one (21) days prior to the next meeting. Please note: Additional local permits beyond town permits are required, as well as state permits may be required for proposed use. Applicant is advised to consider other permits and/or approvals that may be required. State permit specialists can be reached at 802-476-0195.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Landowner</u>
Name: City of Barre (Nicolas St...	Name: Metro Development LLC (T...
Mailing Address: 6 N Main Street, St...	Mailing Address: 125 Nelson Street
City, State, Zip: Barre, VT 05641	City, State, Zip: Barre, VT 05641
Phone: (802) 224-6520	Phone: (802) 476-8673
Email: citymanager@barrecity.	Email: tlauzon@salvadorandbabic
Property location: 277 Morrison Road	Parcel ID: 113.01 Zoned: Low Density I

Provision of Zoning Ordinance in question: 2. Zoning Districts
Please describe what your request is for: Grandfather current warehouse use of the facility

Please provide a narrative for each criterion as well a detailed description the proposed use. Attach statement.

1. Emergency services:
2. Water, sewer, or other municipal utility systems:
3. The character of the area affected as defined by the purpose(s) of the zone within which the project is located, and specifically stated policies and standards of the municipal plan:
4. Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity:
5. Zoning bylaws and bylaws then in effect:
6. The impact on neighboring uses:
7. Minimum lot size:
8. Off-street parking requirements in accordance with standards outlined in Article 3, Sec. 3.9 of this bylaw:
9. Loading/unloading facilities:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please submit with this application: Plans, elevations, landscaping diagrams, traffic circulations diagrams, neighborhood land use maps and any additional information and data required to advise the Board fully with reference to the application.

Signature: _____ / _____ Date: _____
Applicant Land Owner

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: Application: ___ / ___ / ___ Plans: ___ / ___ / ___ Fee Rec'd: ___ / ___ / ___ Meeting ___ / ___ / ___
Rev: 06/28/2024

Allowed Use Determination Application Statement

To: Barre Town Planning Commission
Applicants: Thom Lauzon, owner 277 Morrison Road; Nicolas Storellicastro, on behalf of City of Barre, buyer
Date: February 27, 2025
Subject: Authorize use of 277 Morrison Road as Public Works Garage

Summary:

Barre City Council has approved a purchase and sale agreement to purchase 277 Morrison Road for the purposes of using the facility and site as its new public works garage. The City's current garage is in extremely poor condition, sits in the flood plain and is too small, and results in inefficient operations. Costs to rebuild on site or rehabilitate would be prohibitive, and may be impacted by flood hazard regulations.

1. Emergency services

The proposed use will not result in any material changes to emergency services. The building would be occupied by the Public Works Department, including the Director and office staff, which will ensure supervision of on-the-ground staff. To the extent there are any emergency service needs, the City of Barre Fire and Police Departments would both respond to the facility, both due to terms of mutual aid agreements and to protect and secure City property, just as City first responders would respond to emergencies at the Water Treatment Plant located in Orange.

2. Water, sewer, or other municipal utility systems

The site is connected to City of Barre water and electrical services, and is served by its own septic system. The City water line deadends at the facility and no changes are planned. The City plans to continue use of the septic system.

3. The character of the area affected as defined by the purpose(s) of the zone within which the project is located, and specifically stated policies and standards of the municipal plan

The property is located in the low-density residential zone, which is defined as "[l]ot size 2-acres, semi-developed, semi-rural and natural areas (typically not served by Municipal water and sewer), reduction in lot size with off-site water and sewer available. This zone is primary area for higher intensity agricultural use. The current facility on the site has grandfathered use as a warehouse which receives frequent deliveries from tractor trailer trucks.

The proposed use would materially align with the current grandfathered use of the site. With use as a public works garage, there would be similar traffic activity and type – tractor trailers versus dump trucks. While most of the work is done inside currently, use as a Public Works Garage would result in exterior activities, such as loading and salt trucks. However, this type of activity would be limited as the site will allow for most materials and equipment to be stored inside the facility.

Use as a public works garage aligns with several goals of the Barre Town Plan, as follows:

- **Goal 1:** This development will NOT burden the capacity of public utilities, facilities, services, and infrastructure. The garage would use the current footprint, with exception of some exterior storage (i.e. salt and sand bunker);
- **Goal 4:** This proposed use would not negatively impact the Town's tax base, as the City would pay municipal and education taxes on the site; and
- **Goal 5:** The garage would continue rehabilitation and continued use of an existing structure.

Improvements planned on the site include installation of new overhead doors, renovation of the interior office space, interior drainage, and installation of exterior storage (sand/salt and above ground fuel tank). Corresponding changes to the apron would be made to accommodate the new overhead doors (i.e. ramps would be built to allow trucks to drive in and out of the facility).

4. Traffic on roads and highways in the vicinity

The site experiences significant traffic in its current use, as deliveries happen on site. In its use as a public works garage, there would continue to be truck traffic to and from the site. There would be additional activity at the site and in the vicinity during snow events, for example, as sand, salt and plow trucks exit the site to clear City streets. Almost exclusively that traffic would travel along ~2,000 total feet of Town roads from Morrison Road and Upper Prospect to the Barre City line, going past or near 4 residences, 1 business, and athletic fields before entering the City boundary. Absent emergency situations, there is no plan for any public works traffic to use any other routes in or out of the facility.

The City also recognizes that this building is in a location where it could be beneficial for satellite use by the Barre Town Public Works Department, providing ready access to parts of the Town that are more distant from the Wilson Industrial Complex. We believe the Morrison Road site is spacious enough to allow our Barre Town DPW partners to use the building and site for storage for services it is providing to residents and business in that part of the Town.

5. Zoning bylaws and bylaws then in effect

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.5, Table 2.1, a Public Works Garage is not an allowed use in Low Density Residential zones without an AUD issued by the Barre Town Planning Commission.

The City will be placing signage on the site to identify this building as our municipal public works garage, and additional on-site signage to direct residents to the public entrance of the building.

6. The impact on neighboring uses

The proposed use will not have impacts on neighboring uses. The property currently is grandfathered, and the City's proposed use largely mirrors the grandfathered use of the site. The property is located in very near proximity to the City of Barre boundary line, going past 5 structures and an athletic field.

7. Minimum lot size

There are no changes to the footprint of the site or the lot as it stands today. The City does plan to create some external storage and a site for an above-ground tank. Those improvements would be built in compliance with applicable setback requirements.

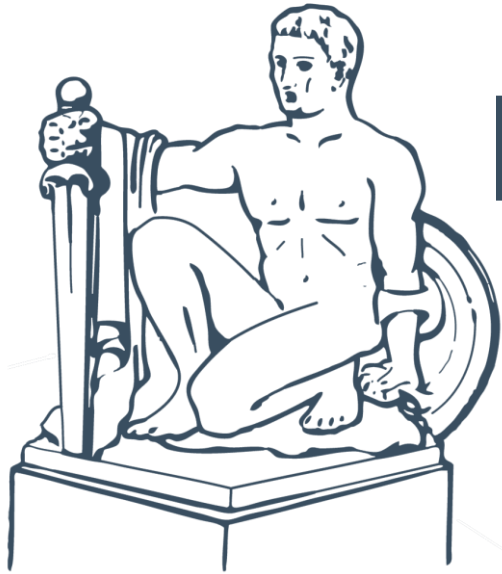
8. Off-street parking requirements in accordance with standards outlined in Article 3, Sec. 3.9 of this bylaw

All parking for staff, customers, visitors, residents, and deliveries will be off-street and on-site. There will be no disruption of traffic flow on Morrison Road or Upper Prospect as a result of this use.

9. Loading/unloading facilities

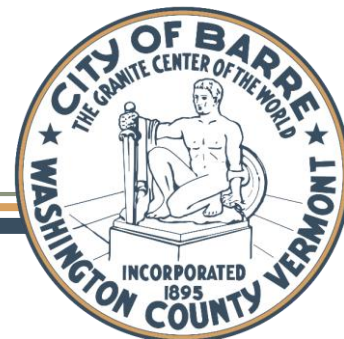
The City plans to retain one or two of the current off-street loading bays on the property. Any other deliveries would be driven into the facility through the before mentioned new overhead doors and ramps.

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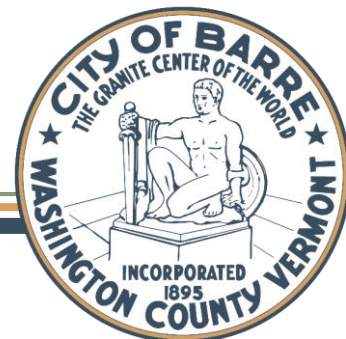
FY26 BUDGET DISCUSSION

NICOLAS STORELLICASTRO
CITY MANAGER
FEBRUARY 25, 2025



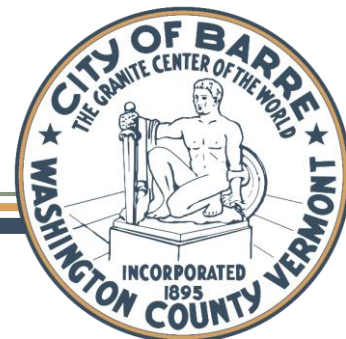
Goals for tonight:

- Reach consensus on setting 5-6% projected tax rate increase target
- Implications of achieving a 5-6% projected tax rate increase target
- Provide broad direction on acceptable/not acceptable cuts and savings
- Future of Recreation Department

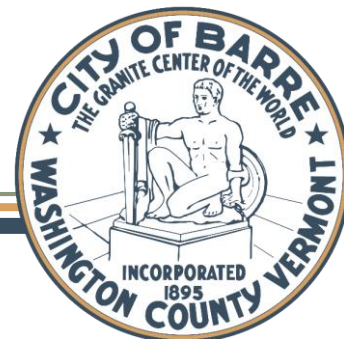
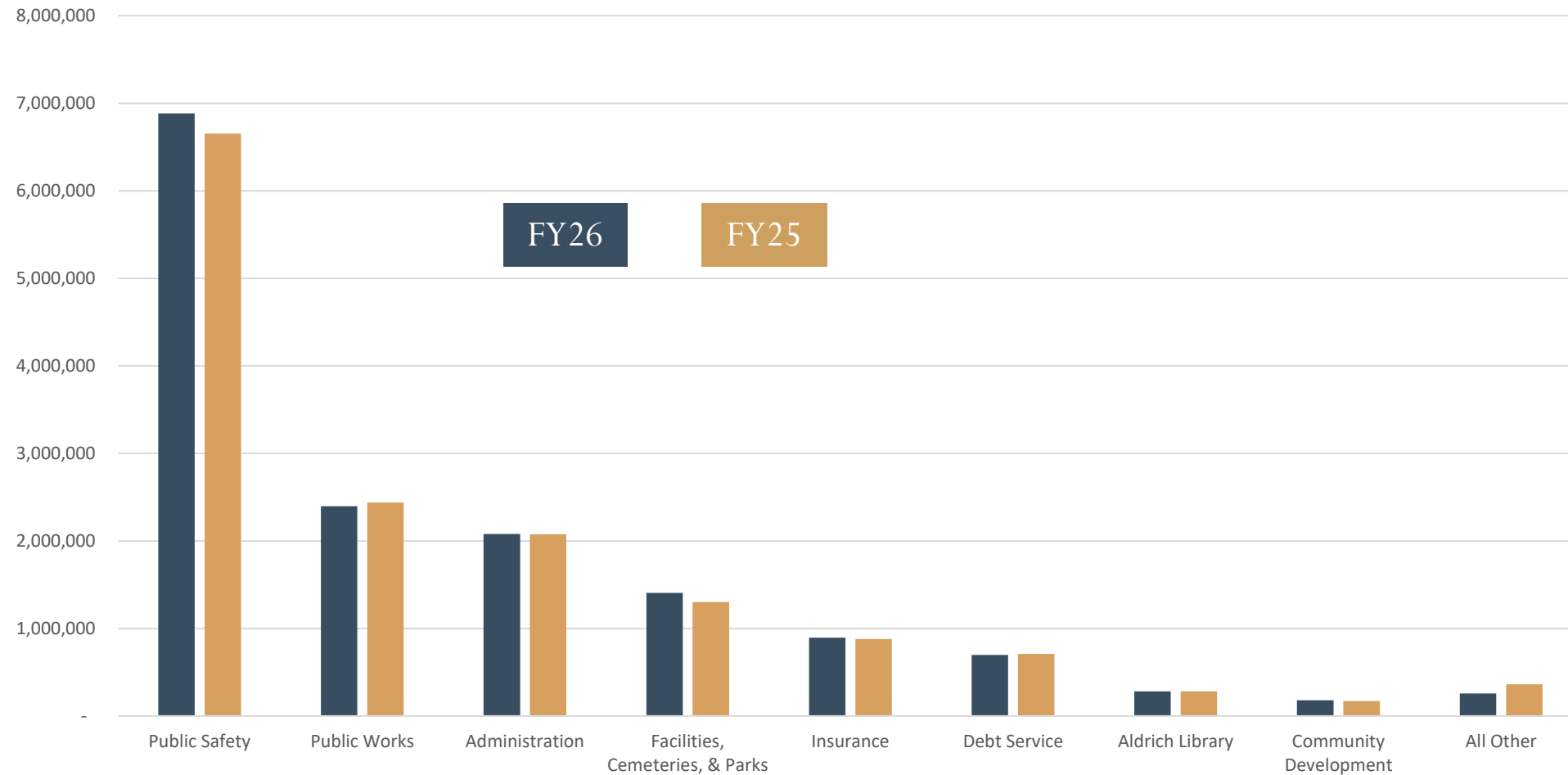


FY26 BUDGET BASELINE CONDITIONS

- ↑ ~5% contractual wage increases
- ↑ 18% health care rate increases
- ↓ Depleted fund balance due to flood expenses
- ↓ Loss of grand list value due to buyouts
- ↓ Loss of State Operational Aid



79% OF EXPENSES ARE FOR DIRECT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS



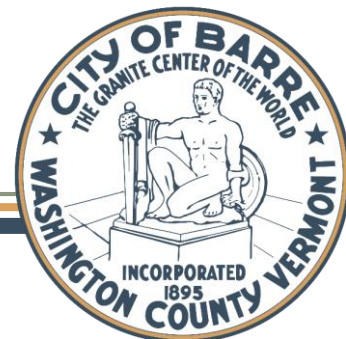
PRELIMINARY FY26 BUDGET MATH

- **1.34%:** Increase in expenses over FY25 budget
- **\$1.1M:** projected deficit, due to loss of \$1M in state operating aid
- **10.77%:** Projected increase to the tax rate if nothing changes

To achieve a 5-6% projected tax rate increase, we would have to identify ~\$550,000 in a combination of new cuts or revenues.

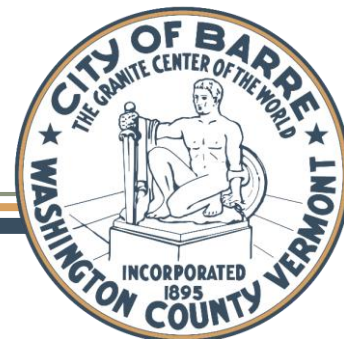
What changes does this budget already include:

- Eliminated Associate Planner and Engineering Tech positions
- Shifted Superintendent of Public Works to Enterprise Fund accounts
- Added \$36K for a new part-time Treasurer



OUR BUDGETS ARE LEAN, CUTS WILL HURT

- During the two budgets that this administration has brought to the voters, we have identified significant savings and non-tax revenues, taking every effort to avoid reduction of services.
 - In FY25, the budget included \$339,000 in savings or new non-tax revenues.
 - In FY24, the budget included \$287,000 in savings or new non-tax revenues.
- As a result, any remaining cuts are likely to be felt by residents – we don't have any “low-hanging fruit” to eliminate.
 - Bulky waste, lawn waste
 - Reduction of hours of service at facilities
 - Elimination of positions and associated functions



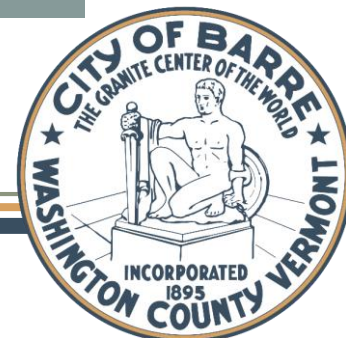
LAST YEAR, WE IDENTIFIED \$93,312 IN NEW NON-TAX REVENUE

Increase	Description
+\$34,889	PILOT payments
+\$23,765	Civic Center rental increases
+\$8,200	Interest income
+\$6,278	State highway aid
+\$5,000	Meter revenue
+\$5,000	Recording fees
+\$3,600	Recreation/camp fees

In addition to these new revenues, staff is proposing to reduce general fund expenses by:

- (1) Using the Semprebon annuity to fund playground maintenance; and
- (2) Dedicating \$8,000 in opioid settlement funds to support Fire and Police Department expenditures.
- (3) Additional opportunities may exist to supplant Cemeteries operations with interest earned on the Cozzi Trust

Examples above account for over \$86K of proposed new non-tax revenue.



LAST YEAR: FACILITIES & GROUNDS BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (1 OF 3)

(6043) BCS: CITY HALL MAINTENANCE	Decrease
Fuel Oil	(15,361.00)
City Hall BM Solar Project	(4,287.00)
Water and Sewer	(625.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(20,273.00)</u>
(7035) BCS: PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING MAINTENANCE	Decrease
Electricity	(9,423.00)
Propane	(7,955.00)
PSB BM Solar Project	(4,650.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(22,028.00)</u>

\$131,906 in cuts across Buildings & Community Services, including:

- \$15,361 in City Hall fuel oil
- \$9,423 in Public Safety Building electricity
- \$7,955 in Public Safety Building Propane

Highlighting indicates restoration.



LAST YEAR: FACILITIES & GROUNDS BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (2 OF 3)

(7050) BCS: RECREATION DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Skate Guards & Cashiers	(1,560.00)
Pool Equipment	(600.00)
Training and Development	(450.00)
Recreation Supplies	(250.00)
Travel and Meals	(200.00)
Total	(3,060.00)
(7015) BCS: FACILITIES: (NB Rink, Charlie's PG, Math, Lincoln)	Decrease
Water & Sewer	(5,500.00)
Fuel - 135 N. Main St (Wheelock Hse)	(5,395.00)
Building Maintenance	(4,500.00)
Electricity	(3,000.00)
Elect: 135 N. Main St (Wheelock Hse)	(1,000.00)
Clothing (Uniform/Dry Cleaning Service)	(639.00)
Total	(20,034.00)
(8040) PARKS AND TREES	Decrease
Tree removal	(12,500.00)
Total	(12,500.00)

\$131,906 in cuts across Buildings & Community Services, including:

- \$12,500 in tree removal, to be funded by the Semprebou annuity
- \$6,395 in savings related to maintenance of the Wheelock Building

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LAST YEAR: FACILITIES & GROUNDS BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (3 OF 3)

(7020) BCS: MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM	Decrease
BM Solar Project	(9,533.00)
Building and Grounds Maintenance	(2,000.00)
Clothing (Uniform/Dry Cleaning Service)	(1,931.00)
Alumni Hall Maintenance	(1,000.00)
Propane (Alumni Hall & Aud)	(994.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(15,458.00)</u>
(7030) BCS: BARRE OUTDOOR RECREATION (BOR)	Decrease
BOR BM Solar Project	(14,296.00)
Electricity	(11,142.00)
Building and Grounds Maintenance	(4,000.00)
Propane	(3,826.00)
Supplies and Equipment	(2,500.00)
Clothing (Uniforms)	(1,789.00)
Overtime	(1,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(38,553.00)</u>

\$131,906 in cuts across Buildings & Community Services, including:

- \$4,820 in Civic Center propane
- \$2,000 in Aud building and grounds maintenance
- \$1,000 in BOR overtime

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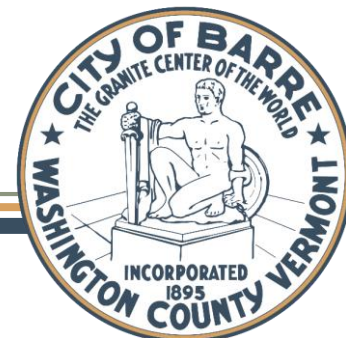


LAST YEAR: PERMITTING, PLANNING & ASSESSING SERVICES BUDGET CUTS DETAIL

(8030) PLANNING, PERMITTING, & ZONING	Decrease
JR. PLANNER (TOTAL Comp allowance including benefits)	(91,491.53)
Travel and Meals	(150.00)
Dues and Membership Fees	(50.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(91,691.53)</u>
(5020) ASSESSOR	Decrease
Overtime	(1,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(1,000.00)</u>

\$92,691 in cuts across this program area driven almost entirely by a one-time, one-year de-funding of the Jr. Planner position.

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LAST YEAR: POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (1 OF 2)

(6050) POLICE DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Overtime	(47,497.00)
Office Equipment Service Contracts & Maint.	(10,115.00)
Computer Access	(3,328.00)
Vision	(2,330.00)
K-9 Program	(2,200.00)
Travel and Meals	(1,000.00)
Clothing (Phased Uniform Replacements)	(1,000.00)
PD Building Security Cam's (17 total; Replace 2-3 Hi-Res/Yr)	(1,000.00)
Office Supplies	(1,000.00)
Consultant Fees	(500.00)
Juvenile Program	(500.00)
Footwear	(350.00)
Total	(70,820.00)

\$83,942 in cuts across the Police Department, including dispatch and meters enforcement, including:

- \$47,497 in overtime reductions
- \$10,115 in office equipment
- \$2,200 in the K-9 program

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LAST YEAR: POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (2 OF 2)

(6045) METERS ENFORCEMENT	Decrease
Meter & Handhelds Replacements (3 - replace 1/yr)	(4,000.00)
Clothing	(500.00)
Meter Supplies(Batteries, Tickets, Envelopes, Bags)	(500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(5,000.00)</u>
(6055) DISPATCH	Decrease
Clothing	(3,671.00)
Training/Development (APCO)	(2,000.00)
Travel/Meals	(1,000.00)
Tower Rental Fees (American Tower Co.)	(541.00)
Office Supplies/Equipment	(500.00)
Vision	(410.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(8,122.00)</u>

\$83,942 in cuts across the Police Department, including dispatch and meters enforcement, including:

- \$4,000 in meter and handheld replacements
- \$3,671 in dispatch clothing expenses
- \$2,000 in dispatch training/development

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LAST YEAR: CEMETERIES BUDGET CUTS DETAIL

(8500) BCS: CEMETERIES & PARKS DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Seasonal Staff	(33,743.13)
Electricity (Office)	(5,500.00)
Veterans Flags	(2,434.00)
Small Equipment Maint Exps (No Labor)	(2,000.00)
Grounds Maintenance (Hope)	(1,000.00)
Dufresne Lot Expenses (Water, Taxes)	(550.00)
Overtime Allowance	(500.00)
Travel and Meals	(100.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(45,827.13)</u>

\$45,827 in cuts across Cemeteries, including:

- \$33,743 in 50% reduction of seasonal staff
- \$5,000 in electricity savings from closing the office
- \$2,000 from insourcing small equipment maintenance

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LAST YEAR: PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (1 OF 2)

(8020) ENGINEERING	Decrease
Training/Development	(3,309.00)
Director POV Mileage Reimbursement Allowance	(1,652.00)
Engineering Equipment/Licensing (GPS, GIS)	(900.00)
Overtime	(375.00)
Footwear	(145.00)
Travel/Meals/Mileage	(100.00)
Total	(6,481.00)
(6070) TRAFFIC SIGNALS	Decrease
Traffic Light Maintenance	(4,500.00)
Traffic Light Electricity	(1,000.00)
Total	(5,500.00)

\$67,080 in cuts across Public Works, including Engineering, traffic signals and Streets, including:

- \$5,500 in reduced traffic signal maintenance
- \$3,309 in Engineering training/development

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LAST YEAR: PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (2 OF 2)

(8050) STREET DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Bulk Waste Removal - Disposal Fees	(10,000.00)
Salt - Sno	(10,000.00)
Pre-Cast Catch Basin's & Grates - SS	(5,000.00)
Storm Water Permits (Fees Only)	(3,847.00)
Concrete - SW repairs (small <25ft)	(3,500.00)
Bridge & Railing Repairs	(3,000.00)
Supplies New SW Construction/Rehab	(3,000.00)
Yard Waste Semi Annual Collection Prg Fees	(2,200.00)
Asphalt- SW repairs	(2,000.00)
Vision	(1,900.00)
Culverts - SS	(1,862.00)
Vehicle Grease and Oil	(1,500.00)
Vehicles Damage	(1,000.00)
Plow Damage	(1,000.00)
Guardrails	(1,000.00)
Roadside Mowing	(1,000.00)
Gravel - STS	(1,000.00)
SS - Surface Sewers (Gravel Backfill)	(1,000.00)
Physical Exams	(540.00)
Travel and Meals	(250.00)
Chloride - SNO	(250.00)
Street Light Maint. (Bulbs-not signals)	(250.00)
Total	(55,099.00)

\$67,080 in cuts across Public Works, including Engineering, traffic signals and Streets, including:

- \$10,000 in elimination of bulk waste event
- \$10,000 reduction in salt
- \$8,500 in sidewalk repair materials
- \$3,847 in elimination of storm water permits and fees

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LAST YEAR: FIRE & EMS BUDGET CUTS DETAIL

(6040) FIRE / EMS DEPARTMENT	Decrease
Breathing Apparatus	(7,000.00)
Fire Hose	(7,000.00)
Vehicle Replacement Reserve	(5,000.00)
Office Supplies	(5,000.00)
Safety Equipment	(4,000.00)
Vision	(2,575.00)
Radios and Pagers	(2,500.00)
Clothing (Uniform Replacements)	(2,500.00)
Defib - Batteries/Preventative Maint.	(2,000.00)
Ambulance Billing Training Seminar (Annual)	(1,500.00)
Building Appliances Updates	(1,250.00)
Footwear	(850.00)
Dry Cleaning	(600.00)
Secure Vacant Property	(500.00)
Medical Supplies	(500.00)
Total	(42,775.00)

\$42,775 in cuts across this department, including:

- \$7,000 in fire hose replacement
- \$7,000 in breathing apparatus equipment
- \$2,500 in uniform replacements

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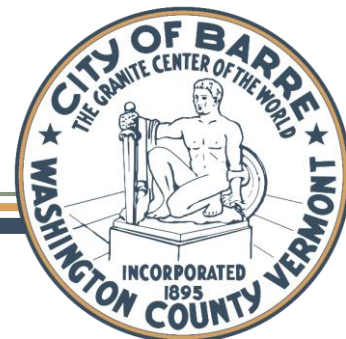
LAST YEAR: GENERAL ADMIN/CITYWIDE BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (1 OF 2)

(5040) CITY MANAGER	Decrease
IT Expenses	(1,416.00)
Manager Expenses	(250.00)
Network HW/SW Expenses	(200.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(1,866.00)</u>
(5070) CITY CLERK	Decrease
Base Salary , Longevity	(2,067.42)
Overtime	(500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(2,567.42)</u>
(5050) FINANCE	Decrease
Computer Forms	(500.00)
Overtime Allowance	(200.00)
Travel and Meals	(200.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(900.00)</u>

\$28,298 in cuts across these program areas, including:

- \$1,416 in IT expenses
- \$700 in overtime, travel and meals

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LAST YEAR: GENERAL ADMIN/CITYWIDE BUDGET CUTS DETAIL (2 OF 2)

(5010) GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	Decrease
Working Communities Grant Match (Yr. 3 of 3)	(5,000.00)
City Report	(2,550.00)
City Hall Printer Expenses (OSV Lease)	(1,725.00)
Interpretive Services Allowance	(1,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(10,275.00)</u>
(6020) ANIMAL CONTROL	Decrease
Humane Society Fees	(3,000.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
(9130) MISC ACCOUNTS	Decrease
City Committee Funding	(1,500.00)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(1,500.00)</u>
(9060) INSURANCE	Decrease
Unemployment (9100)	(8,190.25)
<u>Total</u>	<u>(8,190.25)</u>

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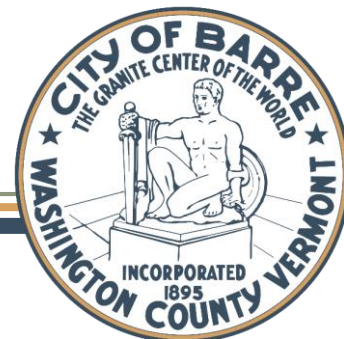
- \$8,190 Unemployment Insurance
- \$3,000 Humane Society fees
- \$1,500 City Committee Funding

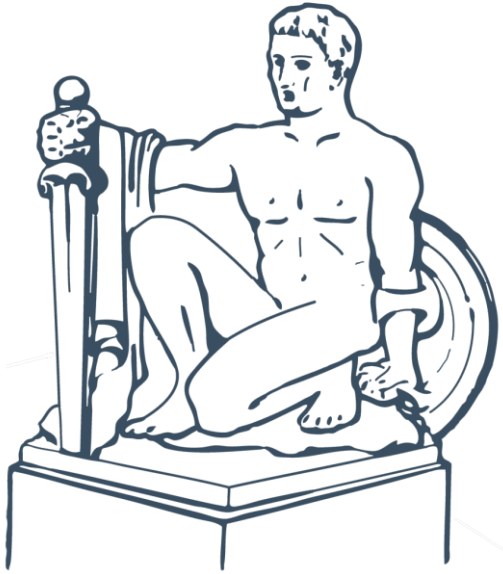
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FUTURE OF RECREATION DEPARTMENT

- Prior Recreation Director retired in 2024, position was not filled due to budgetary restraints.
 - Position was not funded in FY25 budget – would have to be added to FY26 budget if Council sought to restore the position.
- Recreation function has been filled “by committee” including:
 - **City Manager/Assistant City Manager:** Seeking partnerships and creating events (Zumba classes, VT Coyotes events)
 - **Special Projects Coordinator:** Scheduling events/facilities/invoicing
 - **Parks & Rec Committee:** Has started meeting, discussed plans for coming year
 - **Access to facilities:** Stick & Puck, open turf
 - **Partnership with Barre Town:** Planning joint Easter egg hunt in April 2025
- A full-time, qualified Recreation Director could cost ~\$115,000 (for salary + health + pension). We believe that our current financial constraints make this position a luxury we unfortunately can no longer afford.
 - This means that ***IF*** funded, and ***IF*** the Council wishes to target a 5-6% projected tax rate increase, this new cost would need to be off-set with additional cuts or new revenues.
- We are open to working with local and regional organizations to fill this gap – we have beautiful facilities to offer, can do so at low- or no-cost to bring in activities with broad appeal.





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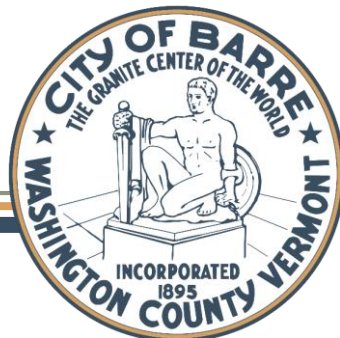
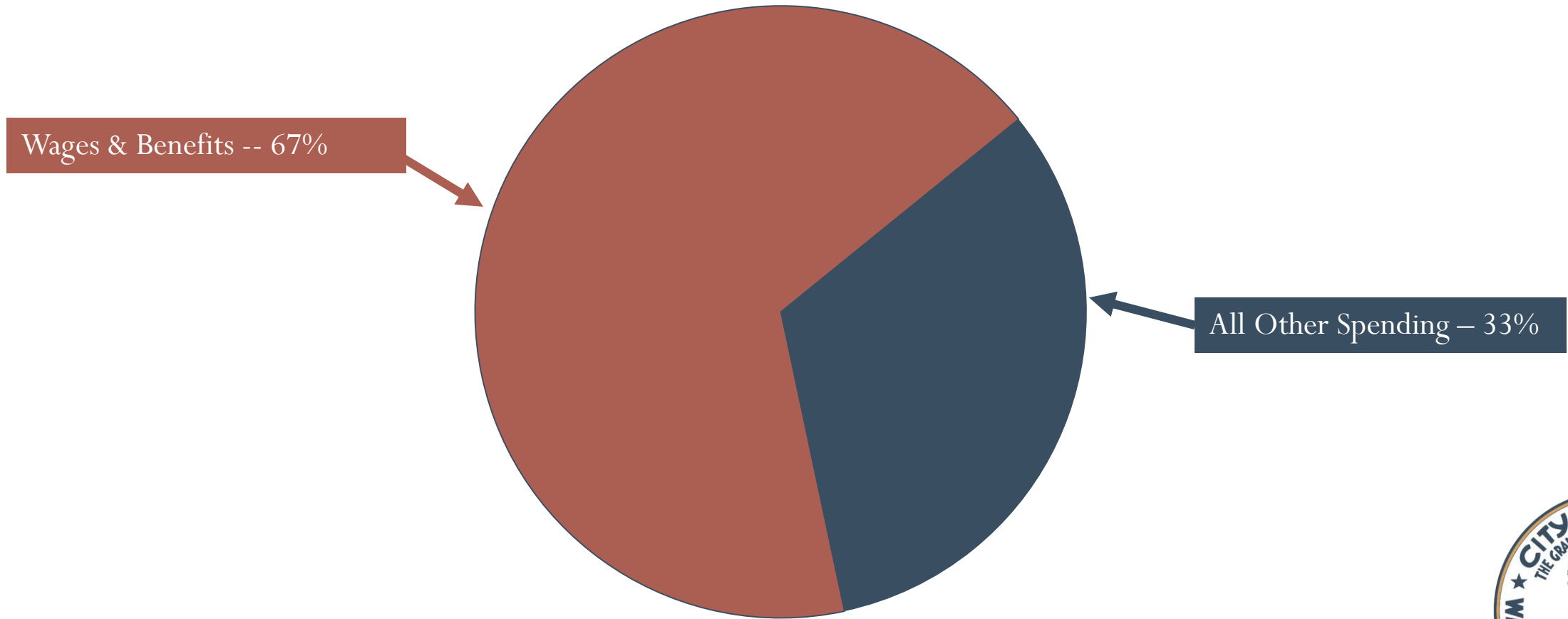


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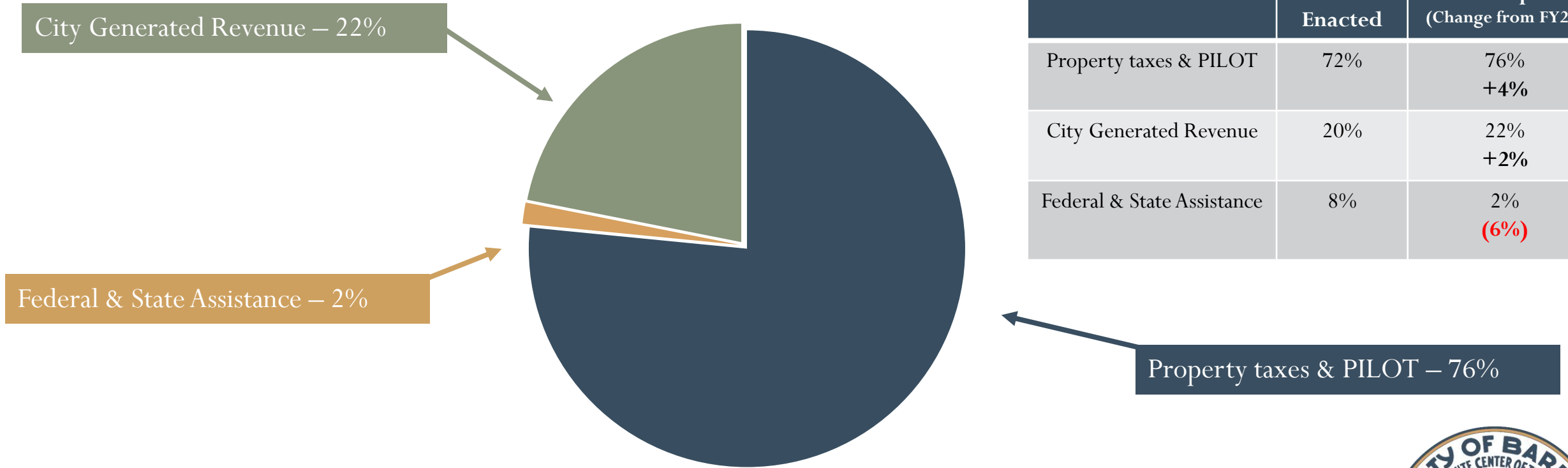
APPENDIX: MOST OF OUR BUDGET IS FIXED

LABOR v. EXPENSE SUMMARY - 2026



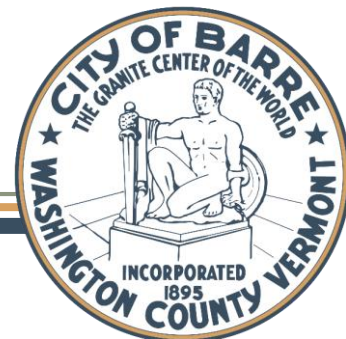
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REVENUE SUMMARY - 2026



BARRE CITY FLOOD RESILIENCY PLAN: NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS & EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

FEBRUARY 11, 2025



PLAN SECTION

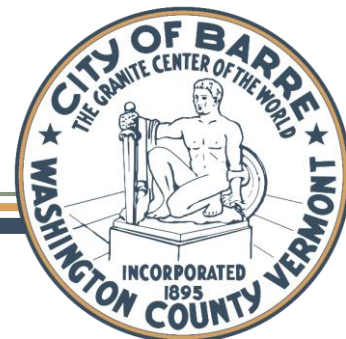
- **1.4, "Citizen-Led Neighborhood Flood Knowledge"**
- "Barre City residents are often best placed to know precisely how their neighborhoods flood. Structures across the city - even those at elevation - flooded in July 2023, and some of those could be alleviated by small, hyperlocal fixes."

- **1.5, "Resident Education"**
- "Following on the idea of hyperlocal fixes, the City can lead workshops and informational gatherings to educate residents about small flood mitigation improvements to their own properties in keeping with good stormwater planning and water flow. Additionally, there is more need for clear and consistent education about the permit process, especially as it touches on flood work. Education should include holistic understandings of Barre City's requirements under the National Flood Insurance Program and other federal rules."



WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?

- Individual outreach in the immediate aftermath of the July 2023 flooding identified more widespread damage and residents in need, and taught the value of thinking of the city as a cohesive whole in terms of flooding
- Ward meetings in early 2024 included education around flood science and mechanisms for capturing resident knowledge
- Feedback from both of those experiences, as well as in the drafting of the flood plan, encouraged this as an ongoing effort



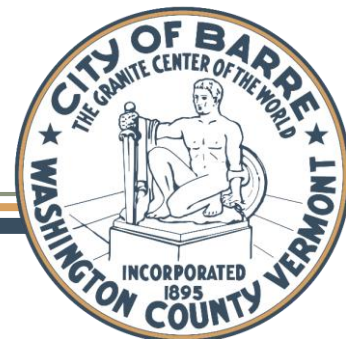
FUNDING & PROJECT SCOPE

- Barre City applied for and received a grant from the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Climate Catalyst Innovation Fund totalling \$3,050
- From their website: "VCRD launched the Climate Catalyst Innovation Fund in 2021 to support local innovators developing solutions that move Vermont closer to its climate and energy goals. The objective of the fund is to support projects for which a small grant could have a meaningful impact. In the first four rounds (2021-2024), small grants have been awarded to 92 local innovators of over \$285,000 distributed to local efforts. The Climate Catalysts Innovation Fund has supported a diversity of projects such as a flood plain public food forest, developing frontline emergency preparedness kits, climate economy workforce training, e-bikes at local libraries, and more."



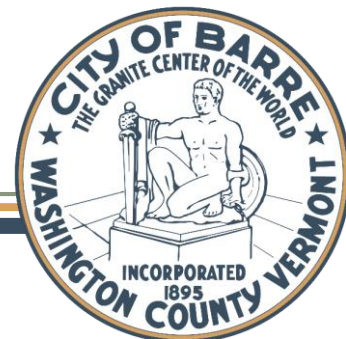
NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS

- 5 neighborhood walks to identify hyperlocal water / flooding challenges
- Residents will gather and walk the length of a street together to identify ways they have seen water flow and cause problems
- The grant provides for flyers to go on doors in the neighborhoods, posters to place downtown, and food and warm drinks to provide at the beginning of the walk
- CVRPC has agreed to help collect and record the information received, and it will be logged as part of our ongoing analysis of City water flow



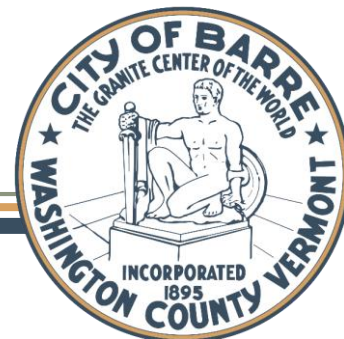
NEIGHBORHOODS

- Saturdays & Sunday afternoons, beginning at 1:00 pm
- Areas to walk:
 - March 1: Currier Park
 - March 2: Prospect Street
 - March 15: Orange Street
 - March 16: Tremont Street
 - March 29: Berlin Street



EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

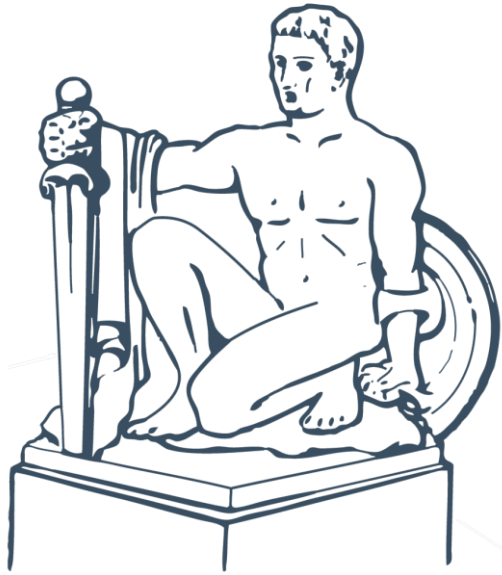
- The grant provided funding for four free educational workshops around mitigating flood impacts
- All workshops will be free and open to the public, with a priority placed on Barre City residents
- All workshops will have food and drink available
- Two workshops (rain barrels & rain gardens) will be registration required, as they have supply needs
 - Anyone attending those two workshops will also receive a \$25 gift card to Nelson's for supplies to work on their own properties



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- All take place at the Aldrich Library; first three from 10am – 12pm
- StormSmart: Analyzing Your Property for Stormwater
 - Saturday, April 12, in partnership with Friends of the Winooski River
- How to Make a Rain Barrel
 - Saturday, April 19, in partnership with Friends of the Winooski River
- How to Plant a Rain Garden
 - Saturday, April 26, in partnership with the Lake Champlain Sea Grant @ UVM
- Permitting in Barre City, 12:00 pm (brown bag lunch)
 - Tuesday, April 29, with Barre City staff





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City of Barre, Vermont

“Granite Center of the World”

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 2/25/2025

Agenda Item No.: 8-H

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: Warn charter change hearings

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT or PERSON: Manager Storrellicastro

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Charter changes must go through a hearing process with timeframes set by statute. This year, the deadlines for these hearings are as follows:

- **March 4:** Last regular Council meeting to warn charter change hearings (at least 30 days before first public hearing). Please note, there is no meeting currently scheduled on March 4, so it is before Council at the February 25, 2025 meeting.
- **April 8:** Last regular Council meeting to hold first charter change hearing (at least 30 days before the election).
- **May 6:** Last regular Council meeting to hold second charter change hearing.
- **May 13:** Annual election.

While there are presently no drafted Charter changes under consideration, warning hearings gives the Council flexibility to propose any such changes during this election cycle.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: [Section 112 of the City Charter](#)

Sec. 112. Amendment of charter.

This charter may be amended in the manner provided for by the laws of the State of Vermont for the amendment of municipal charters. (Amend of 5-8-12)

RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:

Approve charter change hearing warning.