

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6:00pm**

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	13. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

**Other Meeting and Events**

**January 15**

Unhoused Community committee  
5PM Public Safety Building

**January 16**

Transportation & Public Works Committee  
5 PM Council Chambers

Cow Pasture Stewardship Committee  
5:30 PM Public Safety Building

## 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



## City of Barre, Vermont

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City Manager  
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### MEMO

**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** The Manager  
**DATE:** 1/10/2025  
**SUBJECT:** Packet Memo re: 1/14/2025 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-F Authorize the Manager to execute contract(s)**

There are no contract(s) for approval.

#### **8-A Traffic calming presentation (VHB)**

Jenn Conley, Director of Transportation at VHB, will attend the meeting to present on traffic calming strategies. The packet does not include any materials for this agenda item, but a PowerPoint will be made available and displayed during the Council meeting.

#### **8-B Accept PAC charge**

The packet includes a draft charge from the PAC. Bob Nelson, chair of the PAC, and Chief Vail will be present to discuss the proposed charge with the Council.

#### **8-C State legislative update**

State Representatives Boutin and Waszazak and our government relations representative Maggie Lenz will be present to discuss activity at the State Capitol during the first week of the legislative session.

#### **8-D Flood Resiliency Plan update (Gustin)**

The packet includes a presentation from Councilor Gustin about microgrants.

#### **8-E Public safety forum follow up**

The Manager will present takeaways from the public safety forum that will be held on Monday, January 13 at Alumni Hall from 5:30 – 7:00PM. There are no items in the packet, as this agenda item will be representative of feedback received at the forum.

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council (Draft)**  
**Held January 7th, 2025 at 6pm**  
**Council Chambers-Barre City Hall**

The warned Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:02 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilor Emel Cambel; from Ward II, Councilor Amanda Gustin (remote); and from Ward III, Councilors Samn Stockwell and Michael Deering. City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storellicastro and Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Metivier.

**Absent:** Councilor Sonya Spaulding

**Adjustments to the Agenda** – Replace item C on the Consent Agenda with designation of Clerk and Manager as authorized representatives for bond requisition.

**Visitors & Communications** –

\*Ellen Kaye-Would like to have the link to meeting place on the top of the meeting agendas as in the past.

\*Poa Mutino-Proposed a use for the 143 N. Main St. lot. He would like a Community Center space for all local and regional communities to enjoy.

\*Bernie Allen, Jim McWilliams (Civic Center Marketing Director) and Robert MacLeod – The group spoke highly and fondly of the Barre Civic Center and the value it is to the community and potential it could offer for future events, including more regional school sporting events, including the VPA semi-final and finals for Wrestling teams, more elite events like the currently scheduled Governor Inaugural event scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>. The banner sponsorship has increased substantially, bringing revenue for improvements or equipment.

\*John LePage-Would like the community to be kind and civil in discussions.

**Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

i. Meeting of December 30, 2024

**B. Clerk’s Office Licenses & Permits-none**

**C. ~~Authorize the manager to execute contract(s)~~ - Designation of Clerk and Manager as authorized representatives for bond requisition.**

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

**Approve City Warrants**

i. Approve week of 01/08/2025

**Motion to approve city warrants-Move made by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Cambel - approved**

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting

## **City Clerk & Treasurer Report –**

Dog license renewal are due now through April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please provide most recent rabies vaccination certificate with all renewals. Licensing payment can be made in office, or online at [barrecity.org](http://barrecity.org). All relevant information, name, Barre City address, mailing address, contact phone number and rabies certificate must be provided, as well as payment prior to processing.

Parking permits are now on sale. Day permits are annual, and allow you to park at any green top meter in the City. Overnight parking permits are semi-annual, and allow you to park in designated parking lots and parking places within those lots.

More details are available on our website; [barrecity.org](http://barrecity.org).

Liquor/Cannabis Boards-none

### **Managers' Report-**

Sewer lines work on N. Main St. is almost complete.

There will be a Public Safety forum on Monday January 13<sup>th</sup>, at Alumni Hall, Chief Brad Vail will be present for question. The forum is for the community to share concerns, ideas and solutions to issues within the City.

A thorough conversation with the City's attorney validated the legality of Councilor Waszazak's vote for the now approved \$400,000 sponsorship toward the purchase of 143 N. Main St.

### **New Business-**

A. 2nd Reading Warned 6:20PM Ord. #2024-03: Winter Parking Ban- Closed-

Motion moved Acknowledging the 2nd Reading Warned 6:20PM Ord. #2024-03: Winter Parking Ban made by Councilor Deering, and seconded by Councilor Cambel.

B. Discuss resident FY26 budget survey- The discussion lead to agreement in the value of a survey for the community to participate in as long as it relevant to Barre City issues, and can follow the clarity and simplistic format of the example from the survey developed by Port Hope. The concerns revolved around the survey answers being compromised and who would we allow to take the survey, but also should include all residents property owners and renters.

C. Set elevation funding priorities-The allotted \$900,000 would be divided with a cap of \$300,000 per recipient. However if the cap was not met by a recipient, those funds could be utilized for another project. The initial (13) applicants have been dwindled down to (9). The search for additional resources to pair/team up with are still in progress. The current homes are on the Berlin, Vine and River Streets.

D. Approve legal services policy-A policy was presented, laying out the rules for seeking legal advice within the Council, Mayor and Manager roles. All request should pass through the Managers office, unless there was a conflict of interest. The transparency in doing so, should be foremost. This will be placed on the next agenda for approval.

E. Flood Resiliency Plan update (Gustin)-  
The Barre Auditorium was the focus. The City received \$3,451,000 Congressionally Directed Spending grant, through USDA. The original project was scoped at \$6,275,000. It has been communicated to the City that the project can continue with the "funded amount" as long as it covers the categories in the original application. Scope includes: HVAC, electrical, ADA upgrades.

In November 2024, City was awarded \$499,752 Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP) grant. Half of the funding will support upgrades at the Auditorium, and the other half at City Hall. Scope at the Auditorium

To be approved at the next Barre City Council Meeting includes: building envelope, lighting, HVAC. This funding can contribute to the balance of the CDS grant. MERP funding requires no match, and the City has started to contact architects to begin design

F. Approve warning for February 13, 2025 Ward Caucus to elect a Councilor from Ward II (Clerk)-

The Legal Voters of Ward II in the City are hereby warned to Caucus at the Alumni Hall Second Floor Conference Room on Auditorium Hill on Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of making nominations and electing a candidate to fill the vacant position of Councilor for Ward II until the next Barre City Annual Town Meeting Day Elections to be held on May 13th, 2025. Nomination of candidates will be made from the floor by the legal voters of Ward II present, and voting will take place by Paper Ballot. Adopted and approved by the Barre City Council held on January 7th, 2025.

Motion to approve warning for February 13, 2025 Ward Caucus to elect a Councilor from Ward II moved by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Deering.

### **Up Coming**

Councilor Deering- upgrading cement stairway on back entrance to the Barre Auditorium.

Councilor Stockwell-Review/update; amending vacant housing ordinance

-Minimum housing ordinances for Air B&B's

-Grant funding updates

Councilor Gustin-Amending housing ordinances/vacant buildings

-Micro grants

### **Round Table**

Councilor Deering-Drive safe

Councilor Gustin-Grateful for the community support since her surgery

Mayor-Attending Governor Scotts Inaugural Ball on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Barre Auditorium

**Motion to move findings for executive session by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Cambel-approved**

**Motion to enter executive session moved by session by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Cambel-approved**

**Motion to exit executive session moved by session by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Cambel-approved**

**Motion to adjourn moved by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Stockwell, approved**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm**

Next regular meeting is scheduled for January 14th, 2025 at 6pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk

# Agenda Item #4-C

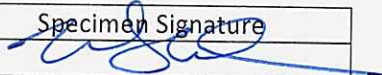

## January 14, 2025

Vermont Municipal Bond Bank  
 APPOINTMENT OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)

I, Thomas J. Lauzon, a duly authorized official of the City of Barre, Vermont  
(Name of Authorizing Official) (Name of Governmental Unit)

do hereby certify that the following have been Authorized Representative(s), at the date hereof, and are authorized to act on behalf of the above Government Unit in matters relating to its loan from the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank's 2019 Series 2 Bonds.

I also certify that the following signatures opposite their names are the signatures of such individuals.

Name	Title	Specimen Signature
Nicolas Storellicastro	City Manager	
Cheryl Metivier	Clerk	

Witness my signature on this 7th day of January, 2025.

  
(Signature)


Thomas J. Lauzon, Mayor

1/14/25  
(Date)

As approved by majority vote of the city council on January 7th, 2025 and ratified by majority vote of the city council on January 14, 2025.

# Agenda Item #4-D

## January 14, 2025

 Outlook

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### **\*Actual\* Council Resignation**

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**From** Teddy Waszazak <T.Waszazak@barrecity.org>

**Date** Fri 12/27/2024 11:42 AM

**To** Thom Lauzon <t.lauzon@barrecity.org>; Nicolas Storellicastro <citymanager@barrecity.org>; Cheryl Metivier <clerk@barrecity.org>

Mayor Lauzon, Clerk Metivier, and City Manager Storellicastro -

Please consider this email as notification (actually, for real this time, no take-backs, etc etc) that I will resign my Ward 2 City Council seat effective 11:59pm, on December 31st, 2024. This way I can just end out the full year of service.

It truly has been an honor - thank you for all you do for Barre City.

Teddy





# *City of Barre, Vermont*

## *“Granite Center of the World”*

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: 1/14/2025**

**Agenda Item No.: 4-E**

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Approve legal services policy

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT or PERSON:** The Manager

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approve new legal services policy

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Section 307 of the City Charter provides that the City Attorney is appointed by the City Council. At its July 2, 2024 meeting, the City Council appointed David Rugh, of SP & F Attorneys, PC as the City Attorney, and J. Scott Cameron, Esq., as Labor Attorney through June 30, 2025. Further, Section 304 of the City Charter provides that the City Council shall act as a body and that administrative matters shall be dealt with solely through the Manager.

During my tenure as City Manager, City staff has had a practice of seeking prior legal review by the City Attorney of high-profile, high-risk, or “gray-area” questions before any such matters are presented to the Council. From time-to-time, legal questions are raised by Councilors either in public meetings or privately to the Manager, and the Manager has coordinated with the City Attorney, as appropriate, after collecting all the facts. The Manager has never refused to seek a legal opinion requested by a Councilor, except perhaps if the question had already been posed and the answer was known. This practice has served the City well, with no successful legal challenges to official City actions since July 2022.

In the Manager’s opinion, it is important to codify this successful practice with a Council-adopted legal services policy that balances both relevant sections of the City Charter – that the City Attorney is appointed by the Council and that the Council act as a body in all matters. The proposed policy would provide the following:

- All requests for legal advice relating to City business must be approved by the City Manager unless:
  - The legal advice relates to a personnel or disciplinary matter related directly to the City Manager; or
  - The City Manager is conflicted out of the subject matter.
- The City Council may make direct requests for legal advice only if the request is made by the Council acting as a body following a majority vote or through consent.
  - City Councilors as individuals would not be authorized to (1) make direct legal requests of the City Attorney without approval by the City Manager or as part of a collective action by or consent of the City Council or (2) seek or use in an official capacity or present in any Council proceeding an external legal opinion unless it has been authorized by the Council acting as a body or through consent.
- The process for seeking legal advice would consist of the following steps:
  - **Identify need for legal advice:** The requesting party (staff or Councilor) should clearly identify the legal issue or concern that requires attention.
  - **Review of internal resources:** Prior to a request for legal advice, the requesting party shall, to the extent possible, review relevant internal documents, policies, or previous legal opinions that may address the issue.
  - **Formal request submission:** The requesting party must submit a request in writing that includes the description of the issue, background information, statement of urgency, and questions to be answered.
  - **Review and approval by the City Manager:** The City Manager or their designee will review the request.
  - **Legal counsel review and response:** The City Attorney will review the request and respond.
- All legal requests will be documented and maintained by the City Manager’s office.
- Legal advice is considered confidential and may be subject to attorney-client privilege.

In the absence of this policy, any member of the City Council could choose to seek legal advice to pursue individual interests, as opposed to the will of the body as a whole. Beyond the implications for the City’s legal budget, an individual Councilor seeking legal opinions could create monetary risks to the City, interfere with the priorities of the Council, and/or create causes of action.

**EXPENDITURE REQUIRED AND FUNDING SOURCE(S):** Not applicable.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:**

**Sec. 304. {Role of council in relation to administrative service appointment of committees.}**

It is the intention of this act that the City Council shall act in matters as a body. The council shall deal with the administrative service solely through the manager and shall not give orders to any subordinates of the manager, either publicly or privately. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the City Council from appointing committees or commissions of its own members, or of citizens to conduct investigations into the conduct of any officer or department, or any matter relating to the welfare of the City, and delegating to such committee or commissions such powers of inquiry as the City Council may deem necessary.

**Sec. 307. {Powers of City; policy matters; appointment of certain officers.}**

All powers of the City and the determination of all matters of policy shall be vested in the City Council except as otherwise provided by this act or by general law. The City Council shall annually appoint a City attorney, a library liaison, and may provide for any planning board, zoning board of adjustment, recreation board or personnel board, and may create commissions or other bodies with advisory powers and may appoint personnel to serve on said boards or commissions. (Amend. Of 11/3/98)(Amend. of 3/1/22)

**ATTACHMENTS:** Proposed legal services policy

**RECOMMENDED ACTION/MOTION:**

*Move to approve the legal services policy.*

**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT**  
**CITY COUNCIL POLICY ON LEGAL SERVICES**

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear, consistent, and accountable process for requesting legal advice from the City Attorney to ensure that legal services are used appropriately and that legal guidance is provided in a timely manner.

**2. Scope**

This policy applies to all elected officials, staff members, and departments within the City of Barre who may require legal advice or assistance. The term “City Attorney” shall include any legal counsel retained by the City of Barre, including but not limited to the City Attorney, Labor Attorney, and/or counsel retained for specific projects.

**3. Policy Statement**

The City of Barre will seek legal advice from the City Attorney as needed to ensure compliance with the law, mitigate legal risks, and address specific legal issues related to the City’s operations, contracts, and governance.

**4. Procedure for Requesting Legal Advice**

**A. Who Can Request Legal Advice?**

- i. All requests for legal advice relating to City business must be made through, and approved by, the City Manager.
- ii. If the legal advice relates to a personnel or potential discipline matter directly related to the City Manager, or if the City Manager is conflicted out of a subject matter, the request for legal advice must be made through the Assistant City Manager or by the City Council as authorized by section 4(A)(iii) of this policy.
- iii. The City Council may make a direct request to the City Attorney for legal advice only under the following conditions:
  - (a) The request is made by the Council acting as a body; and
  - (b) The request is approved by a majority vote or by consent of the Council.
- iv. Councilors as individuals may not:
  - (a) Make direct requests for legal advice without approval by the City Manager or by a majority vote of the City Council as authorized by section 4(A)(iii) of this policy; and
  - (b) Seek or use in an official capacity or present in any Council proceeding a legal opinion from any outside attorney, organization or legal firm on any matter of City business unless such external legal opinion has been authorized in accordance with section 4(A)(iii) of this policy.

**B. Process for Requesting Advice**

- i. **Step 1: Identify the Need for Legal Advice:** The requesting party should clearly identify the legal issue or concern that requires attention. This may

- include issues related to contracts, policy implementation, litigation, compliance, personnel, land use, etc.
- ii. **Step 2: Review of Internal Resources:** Before requesting legal advice, the requesting party should review any relevant internal documents, policies, or previous legal opinions that may already address the issue. The requesting party should ensure that the matter has not already been addressed by prior legal guidance or general legal knowledge.
  - iii. **Step 3: Formal Request Submission:**
    - (a) Legal requests should be submitted in writing, either through an email or a formal memorandum addressed to the City Manager or directly to the City Attorney (if specifically authorized under section 4(A)(iii) of this policy).
    - (b) The request must include:
      - 1. A description of the legal issue or question.
      - 2. Any relevant background information, such as contracts, policies, or prior legal opinions.
      - 3. A statement of urgency (if applicable).
      - 4. A clear description of what outcome or advice is being sought.
  - iv. **Step 4: Review and Approval by City Manager:** The City Manager or their designee will review the request and determine whether it should be forwarded to the City Attorney.
  - v. **Step 5: Legal Counsel Review and Response**
    - (a) The City Attorney will review the request, gather any additional necessary information, and provide a legal opinion or advice. This may involve:
      - 1. A formal written legal opinion.
      - 2. A discussion or meeting with the requester to clarify the issue.
    - (b) If legal advice cannot be provided immediately, the City Attorney should inform the requester of the expected timeline for a response.

### **C. Documentation and Recordkeeping**

- i. All legal requests and responses should be documented and retained in a legal file maintained by the City Manager's office.
- ii. Written legal opinions or advice provided by the City Attorney will be copied to relevant officials, including the requesting party and the City Manager, for record-keeping and further action.

### **D. Confidentiality and Attorney-Client Privilege**

- i. Legal advice obtained from the City Attorney is considered confidential and may be subject to attorney-client privilege.
- ii. All parties involved must maintain confidentiality concerning the legal advice provided, unless attorney-client privilege is specifically waived in a specific instance.
- iii. When discussing legal matters in public meetings, only summaries or general information should be shared unless required by law or with express consent.

**E. Costs and Budgeting**

- i. Legal services will be provided in accordance with the City’s budget for legal services.
- ii. In cases where the requested legal advice is anticipated to require substantial time or resources, the requesting party may be required to provide an estimate or obtain approval from the City Manager to ensure that the cost is within the approved budget.

**F. Emergency Legal Advice**

- i. In cases where immediate legal advice is needed to address urgent legal issues or prevent harm to the City, the City Manager may authorize expedited requests to the City Attorney.
- ii. In such cases, the requesting party should make a clear indication of the urgency and provide sufficient information for the City Attorney to assess the situation quickly.

**5. Responsibilities**

- A. **City Manager:** Ensures that the process for requesting legal advice is followed, reviews and approves requests, and tracks legal expenditure.
- B. **City Council:** Provides oversight over the legal services budget and may request specific legal opinions as specifically authorized by section 4(A)(iii) of this policy.
- C. **City Attorney:** Provides timely and accurate legal advice, maintains confidentiality, and ensures all legal advice is compliant with applicable law.
- D. **Requesters:** Ensure that legal requests are clear, complete, and appropriate, and follow the procedure as outlined.

**6. Review and Updates**

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure it remains effective and responsive to the needs of the City of Barre. Any updates to this policy will be communicated to all relevant parties.

**7. Reference**

- A. Adopted by City Council on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Barre City Police Advisory Committee**

**Purpose:** Pursuant to the authority granted to the Barre City Council by Vermont Statute Annotated Title 24 Appendix, Chapter 1, Section 307, the purpose of this committee will be to facilitate transparency and provide assistance and advice to the Barre City Police Department, City Council and/or City Manager.

**Mission:** The Mission of The Police Advisory Committee is to provide support and community insight to the Barre City Police Department and facilitate transparency. The committee will enhance trust between the Barre City Police Department and the community and help continue community education and conversation between the community and the Department. It's work will also help ensure the safety of BCPD members and community members.

**The Committee:**

1. The Police Advisory Committee shall strive to consist of 5 members with significant ties to the Barre City Community. Members shall be appointed by the City Council in alternating 2 year and 3-year terms. Barre City Council shall appoint a liaison in addition to the Chief of Police.
2. The PAC will meet monthly on the second Wednesday unless otherwise discussed.
3. Members are expected to be active and participate. Any member with three unexcused absences in a 12-month period may result in the committee chair to request the member be dismissed and replaced by City Council.

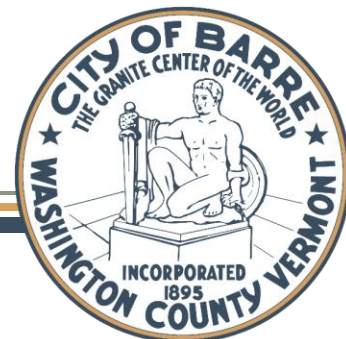
### **Committee Duties:**

1. Meet once annually to appoint a chair, vice chair and secretary. Thereafter meeting as needed in accordance with Vermont Open Meeting Law.
2. Review Barre City Police Department policies and procedures and make recommendations to the Police Chief and/or City Manager.
3. The committee may propose new or suggest amendments to BCPD policies and procedures for consideration by the Barre City Police Chief, Manager or Council as applicable.
4. The PAC will provide input into the hiring of new members of the BCPD and will provide up to two members to serve on any hiring or advancement panel by the BCPD Chief, Manager or City Council as applicable.
5. To act as an advisory committee for the Chief of Police. The PAC shall, from time to time, be called upon by the Chief of Police to act as an advisory committee on behalf of the community.
6. Advisory session requests will be made in writing by the BCPD Chief to the PAC Chair.

Agenda Item #8-D  
January 14, 2025

# BARRE CITY FLOOD RESILIENCY PLAN: COMMUNITY MICRO-GRANTS

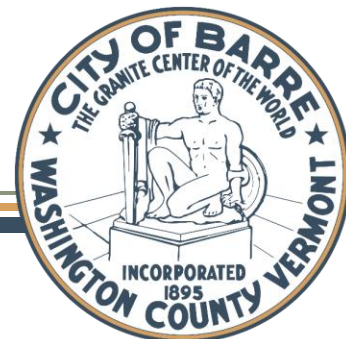
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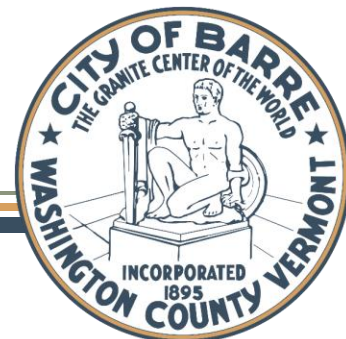
# PLAN SECTION

- 2.4, "Funding Opportunities for Community Building"
- "Barre City currently lacks a staff position to direct recreation in the City, and must rely on its community partners and active citizens to bring together opportunities for recreation and community connection. It should direct funding toward efforts in the form of small, targeted grants."



# WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?

- Barre Up forums supported by the Vermont Council on Rural Development in September and October 2023 identified a desire for more neighborhood-level connection, and for the City to support that in a meaningful way
- Deepening neighborhood-level connections builds our social connectivity, and provides greater community resiliency in difficult times



# PROPOSAL: COMMUNITY MICRO-GRANTS

- \$2,500 total budget ask
- Micro-grants of up to \$250 for community building activities
- Grant process developed by the Parks & Recreation Committee
- Once the grant process is developed, approved by Council
- Committee screens applicants and makes recommendations to Council for funding to be awarded starting in July 2025



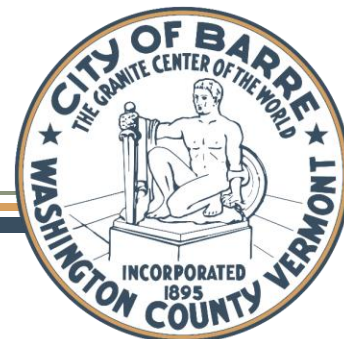
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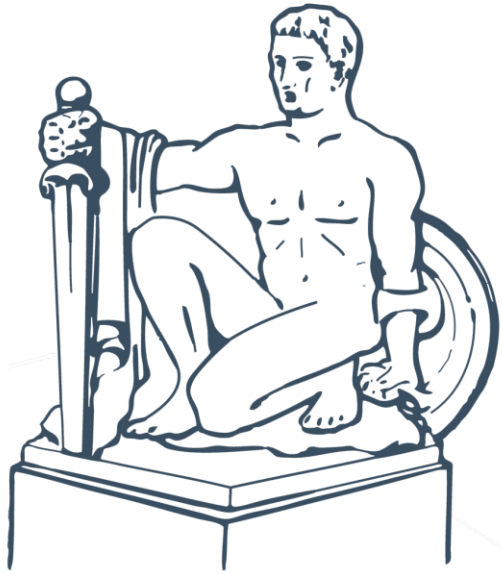
- Neighborhood yard sale
- Food for block party
- Supplies for a neighborhood-specific Green Up
- Flood garden in wild or unused corner area
- Broomball tournament at BOR
- Materials to rebuild a neighbor's porch



# ACTION REQUESTED

- Motion to refer the program to the Parks & Recreation Committee to develop a grant process during their upcoming meetings





THANK YOU

QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION?

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