

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council (Draft)
Held October 22th, 2024
Council Chambers-Barre City Hall**

The scheduled Meeting of the Barre City Council was called to order in person and via video platform by Mayor Thomas Lauzon at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Barre, Vermont. In attendance were: From Ward I, Councilors Emel Cambel (remote) and Sonya Spaulding; from Ward II, Councilors Amanda Gustin (remote) and Teddy Waszazak; and from Ward III, Councilors Samn Stockwell and Michael Deering (6:05pm remote). City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro and Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Metivier.

Absent:

Adjustments to the Agenda –Move item (G) to (B) on the New Business section of the agenda.

Visitors & Communications:

*Dierdra Michelle & Shawna Trader-promoting Heart of Barre Portrait Project- portraits will be done with a narrative poem representing the community members impacted by the flood.

*American Legion representative came to gain permissions to hold the Veterans Day Parade, November 11th at 11a.m. and using the Barre Auditorium in case of incimate weather.

Motioned by Councilor Waszazak and seconded by Councilor Stockwell - approved

*Adam Jacob-BCEMS- Announcing a Talent Show scheduled for Oct 24, 6-8pm. Local judges, Christen Bauman (Library Director), Shawna Trader and Thom Lauzon (Mayor)

*Christen Bauman (Library Director) Thanked the Council for all the support, and announced expanded operating hours, new website and an addition of a #D printer.

*Joe Crosier inquired about his eligibility for the “raising” of his home program funds.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes
 - i. Regular Council meeting Tuesday, October 8th, 2024
- B. Clerk’s Office License & Permits-none
- C. Authorize Manager to execute contracts-Sludge bunker roof

Motion moved by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Stockwell- approved

4-a. Approval of City Warrants

- A Ratify warrant from week of October 16th, 2024
- B. Approval of warrants from week of October 23th, 2024

Moved by Councilor Waszazak, seconded Councilor Stockwell – Approved (Councilor Spaulding abstained)

City Clerk & Treasurer Report

General Election ballots as well as the Headwater Works ballot have been pouring into the Clerk’s office. Our staff is working hard to alphabetize and data enter all received ballots timely. Please be patience when requesting status information from our office. If you still have not received one yet, please reach out to the office @ 802-476-0242, we may have it here.

All ballots can be returned directly to the office during normal hours, or by placing the ballot in one of our (2) convenient drop boxes.

Liquor/Cannabis Control Boards – Foxy’s LLC

Motioned by Councilor Stockwell and seconded by Councilor Spaulding - approved

City Managers Report

*Intake for “raising” properties impacted by flooding is ongoing.

*Ice time will be soon for hockey, public skating, skate club and stick & puck etc...

*The DPW will be flushing the water system through Nov 8th.

*Paving season is done for 2024. Main Street is now safer and better traveling.

New Business

A. Volunteer appointments

Cow Pasture Stewardship- Greg Rouleau appointed (3) Council members yes – (Gustin, Cambel and Gustin) approved quorum

Transportation & Public Works-Kenneth Bauer (appointment would make a quorum)

Motioned Councilor Waszazak seconded by Councilor Stockwell

Homeless Task Force-Kathi Partlow-Motioned by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Spaulding

CVSWMD- Amy Galford –Representative / Peter Anthony –Alternate

Motioned by Councilor Deering seconded by Councilor Waszazak

B. Finalize RIVER project list –

The top ten projects were outlined. Through questioning from the Council, some projects seemed better if grouped would make a larger flood mitigation outcome. RIVER staff will realign the list to create those groups.

C. Authorize \$165,000 ARPA funds for hydrology study Motioned by Councilor Waszazak, seconded by Councilor Stockwell

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D. Update on the Headwork's project bond. The \$9 million + project will begin May 2025, and hopefully be completed by December 2026. There is a public information meeting scheduled for Monday, October 28th @ 6:15 pm.

E. Warming Shelter Update- Tess Taylor and Christen Bauman

The Aldrich Library and local churches have collaborated to develop a program to keep the unhoused warm through the cold winter month. Combined shelter, bathroom facilities, food and human resources services will be available to all in need.

Upcoming Business

Mayor Lauzon – Legislative priorities list / flood mitigation

Councilor Gustin inquired about lobbyist assistance this session.

Councilor Waszazak inquired of the upcoming Council meeting schedule for his own scheduling needs.

Round Table

Councilor Spaulding – attended the 1st and 2nd flood mitigation ward meetings and is enthusiastic of the interest, attendance and action plans and ideas.

Councilor Stockwell commented on the complaints about the street paving and maintenance needs.

Councilor Gustin – Received Covid booster and recommends all to do so. She and Councilor Waszazak have one more informational ward meeting, Ward 3 at the Labor Hall.

Councilor Deering – Get vaccinated.

Finding for Executive session - were moved by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Cambel

Entered Executive session motioned by Councilor Cambel, seconded by Councilor Stockwell

Exit Executive session motioned by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Waszazak

Adjournment- moved by Councilor Stockwell, seconded by Councilor Waszazak- approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28th, 2024.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk

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