

Regular Meeting of the Barre City Council (Draft)
Held October 28th, 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; from Ward II, Councilors Amanda Gustin and Teddy Waszazak (remote); and from Ward III, Councilors Samn Stockwell and Michael Deering. City staff members present were City Manager Nicolas Storrellicastro, DPW Director Brian Baker and Clerk/Treasurer Cheryl Metivier.

Absent: Councilor Spaulding

Adjustments to the Agenda –Remove item 4A. Approval of warrants. Will ratify next Council meeting.

Visitors & Communications:

*Sandra Parry revisited the study being done on the intersection of Prospect St/Berlin St/Westwood Pkwy. Sandra was seeking timelines, answers and outcomes, if any. Disappointed in the lack of communication, and slowed progress.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of minutes
 - i. Regular Council meeting Tuesday, October 22th, 2024
- B. Clerk's Office License & Permits-none
- C. Authorize Manager to execute contracts-Sludge bunker roof
- D. Rename the Homelessness Task Force to the Unhouse Community Committee and reduce membership from 7 to 5 members.
- E. Authorize the Manager to execute a purchase option for the Seminary Street and Campbell Place parking lots for new housing.

Motion moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Gustin- 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

Thank you to Tess Taylor for volunteering her JP services for readdressing ballots. Thank you to Peter Anthony for alphabetizing undeliverable ballots to ease the data entry process.

50+ ballots are arriving daily, and our staff is working hard to keep up with the data entry. Please be patient 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.

We have a new staff member, Cara Rae. Cara has taken on the role of Assistant Treasurer and is in training for the time being.

Liquor/Cannabis Control Boards – none

City Managers Report

*Ice time will be soon for hockey, public skating, skate club and stick & puck etc. – Nov 2nd.

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

*NEW winter parking ban rules and regulation will be online and enforced beginning Nov 15th. Information can be found on FB, Barre City website and Front Porch forum.

New Business

A. Public Information Hearing Warned 6:16pm-Headworks Project Bond.

Wayne Elliot of Aldrich + Elliot Water Resource Engineers – outline the “Article 1” bond vote for November 5th, and continued on in detail, the poor condition of the current equipment, the need for more efficient headworks and the improvement in service when completed.

The bond amount of \$7,600,000 would be paid by sewer rates of community members, including Barre Town, resulting in an average increase for the average flow usage customers of \$12.96 per quarter.

The timeline for the project;

Nov. 5th – Vote & begin final design and permitting

May 2025 – 90% Design submittal

July 2025 – Bid phase

Sept. 2025 – Begin construction

Dec 2026 – Construction completed

B. Volunteer appointments

i. Homelessness Task Force/Unhoused Community Committee –

Anne Merrill –**Moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Gustin - approved**

Amelia Marie Klein/Osa Busch- **Moved by Councilor Gustin, seconded by Councilor Stockwell-approved**

To be approved at 10/28/24 Barre City Council Meeting
Both terms to expire 2027

ii. Development Review Board-Central VT Regional Planning Committee

Elizabeth Rood Turner – **moved by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Stockwell - approved**

Round Table

Councilor Stockwell – The repair to the bike path on the Bridge St entrance is wonderful. Thank you to Barre City DPW for the repair.

Councilor Deering – Please exercise your right to vote.

Councilor Gustin – Please support the Headworks Bond and vote yes.

Councilor Cambel - Please support the Headworks Bond and vote yes

Mayor Lauzon – Exercise your right to vote in the General election and for the Headworks Bond vote. Remember regardless of the election results we should support our leadership and work to improve locally and within our state.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Metivier, City Clerk