Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

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A regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Michael Hellein at 6:35 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Jacob Hemmerick, Jim Hart, Jackie Calder, Rachel Rudi and Rick Badem. Also in attendance was Planning Director Janet Shatney. Visitor David Gold from the Barre Partnership was present. Chair Hellein determined that there was a quorum was present.

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Absent: David Sichel.

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Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

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Old Business:

January 23, 2020 meeting minutes: The January 23, 2020 minutes were approved by a motion from Commissioner Calder, seconded by Commissioner Hemmerick. Motion carried.

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Master Plan Work - Full Draft Review. Commissioner Hemmerick's draft language for Section 1 regarding conformance with other towns was read. After discussion, it was decided to strike the 3rd added paragraph and replace with the language Commissioner Hemmerick brought forward. The employment graphs were verified as being removed, and the police statistics on violent crimes were verified as being reworked from that provided by the Police Chief. Other edits were as follows:

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• Page 17: removed first full sentence beginning on line 1 and ending on line 3; • Page 22: remove the number cited as infrastructure project on line 15 and what is in

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parentheses on lines 16-17; • Page 30: line 36 leave as is;

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• Page 42: The additional language added on lines 41-45 was verified;

30 31 • Page 104: Remove the roadway definitions box and correct line 17 to 16,000 vehicles; • Page 114: Transit planning and working with the Transportation Advisory (TAC) and

32 33 Paths, Routes and Trails (PRT) Committees, with additional language as suggested by Chair Hellein and will be forwarded for inclusion in the final draft;

34 35 • Page 151: Remove the notation regarding the Aldrich Library's locations and hours lines 1-9;

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• Page 169: Adding additional sentence regarding updating the plan near line 41; Page 179: Revision to A-3 sentence on line 13.

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The Plan timeline was reviewed. The Commission also agreed that the draft should be sent to the Regional Planning Commission as soon as possible.

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New Business: None.

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Public Comment David Gold, President of The Barre Partnership introduced himself and stated that he had read through the Plan, and thought there were many great opportunities to work together on. The Chair suggested that Mr. Gold begin working with staff first.

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To be approved at the 03-12-2020 Planning Commission meeting

Staff Updates: Updates were that Town meeting was around the corner and to remember to vote, and that the Development Review Board hearing for Salvation Army was the following Thursday.

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Roundtable: Commissioners Sichel, Hellein and Hemmerick attended the volunteer luncheon sponsored by the Mayor, and that the Chair gave a brief update regarding the plan; the Energy Committee is working on community engagement for an energy plan and energy related information for City residents; Commissioner Hemmerick said he attended the TAC meeting and there was a suggestion to turn the lower portion of Berlin Street into a one-way street; Commissioner Hemmerick has submitted a letter of interest to the Manager's office to join the TAC.

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Motion to Adjourn:

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm by a motion from Commissioner Hemmerick, seconded by Commissioner Rudi. Motion carried.

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There is no audio recording of this meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted, Janet Shatney, Planning Director

