

Barre City Planning Commission

February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present: David Sichel (Chair), Becky Wigg (Vice Chair), Joe Reil (Secretary), Rosemary Averill, Caitlin Corkins, Raylene Meunier

Absent: None

Staff: Janet Shatney (Director of Planning, Permitting & Assessing)

Visitors: None

1. Call to Order.

5:30pm.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes.

- a. December 14, 2023 regular meeting.

Meunier moves to approve, Corkins seconds, unanimous in favor.

4. Public comment (for something not on the agenda).

None.

5. Old Business.

- a. Interim Zoning Changes Discussion – density and lot information

6. New Business.

- a. Interim Zoning Changes Discussion – housing configurations

Discussion for Agenda Items 5a and 6a were intermingled. Shatney presented a draft of possible changes to the Unified Development Ordinance, as discussed in previous meetings and these were discussed.

Most discussion was around proposed density changes to R4, which could be difficult to administrate and allow construction out of step with current neighborhoods.

Possible solutions included adjusting or adding conditional restrictions, removing or clarifying density restrictions while maintaining existing dimensional requirements (ground coverage, setbacks, building height, etc.). Consensus was for the latter and Shatney will draft further changes for review and possible approval.

7. Confirm Date of Next Meeting.

- a. March, 14, 2024.

8. Staff Updates.

- a. Shatney gave some general updates, Assessors are catching up, buyouts are progressing. Possible energy grant to improve the Barre Auditorium.

9. Round Table.

Averill thanks Shatney for her efforts in representing the city.

Wigg asked for an update on the Summer Street plan, Shatney will check with VHB for an update and added that extensions for other grants are in progress.

10. Adjourn.

6:43pm, **Averall moves to adjourn, Corkins seconds, unanimous in favor.**