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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 26, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. Council Chambers (6 N. Main Street)

A regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Jackie Calder at 6:37 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Jim Hart, Michael Hellein, Dave Sichel and Ken Lunde. Also in attendance were Janet Shatney, Planning Director, Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator, and the consultant, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense. Councilor Lucas Herring was also in attendance. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum for the evening.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Visitors and Communications: None.

Old Business: Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Hellein Meeting to approve the minutes from September 28 and October 12, 2017 meetings, motion carried.

Old Business: A review of the draft design review overlay district language took place. Some of the repetitive language found in the current zoning was moved into this section, and this language would tie into the underlying base zoning district language.

The consultant then showed a slide of a proposed draft extended overlay district that might extend to the north end close to Willey Street, then also extend out S. Main Street to the light at Parkside Terrace, up Washington Street and out to include the Currier Park Historic District, and then out beyond Quality Market, and beyond Summer St. to include the Auditorium Hill complex. Discussion ensued and it was agreed to keep it at the current line on N. Main Street just beyond Route 62, and include Currier Park, to the bridge near the Wall St. Complex on S. Main St., and out to the Hill St. light on Washington St.

Historic buildings in the City that are not in the draft overlay district were discussed, and language will be added about construction thereof, to meet standards, as well as specifically naming them in the zoning so it is known where they are and that they are covered. Illustrations of architectural ideas will be added as well.

Lastly, the draft OS (Open Space) district was discussed, and agreed upon to divide it into Conservation District (land based properties such as the Cow Pasture) and Civic District (for the parks, cemeteries, and the school). Ms. Saxton will adjust the draft and the table of uses for this change.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday November 9th in Council Chambers where we will discuss the draft Map for further revision which will be with the Part 2 language.

Because the 4th Thursday of November falls on Thanksgiving, it was decided to move the meeting to the following week, November 30th.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None.

Roundtable: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm on a motion by Commissioner Sichel and seconded by Commissioner Hellein.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet E. Shatney, Director

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