



# City of Barre, Vermont

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### Development Review Board Regular Meeting Minutes March 1, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N. Main Street)

A regular meeting of the Barre City Development Review Board was called to order by Interim Chair Linda Shambo (Ward I) at 7:00 pm at City Hall. In attendance were: From Ward II Board Member Richard Deep, Board Member David Hough, Ward III Board Member Jim Hart III, and At-Large Members Betty Owen and Denise Ferrari. Also in attendance was Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator. A quorum was determined by the Chair.

Absent – None

Sign in sheet reflects for 60 Washington Street, Steve Perkins, VT Historical Society and Jim Duprey, Breadloaf Corp. contractor for the project.

Adjustments to Agenda; None

Visitors and Communications; None

#### Old Business:

##### Consideration of Minutes from December 7, 2017 Hearing:

- Motion to approve minutes was made by Board Member Owen and seconded by Board Member Ferrari  
*Motion carried unanimously.*

##### Consideration of Decisions from December 7, 2017 Hearing:

- Motion to approve decisions was made by Board Member Deep and seconded by Board Member Owen.  
*Motion carried unanimously.*

#### New Business:

**Vermont Historical Society (Property Owner & Applicant)**, 60 Washington Street. Site Plan Review approval, applicant seeks to modify parking area and accessible entrance to allow for better turning-around and access for truck deliveries. Central Business Zoning District, Design Review District #1, Historic Downtown District.

Steven Perkins and Jim Duprey sworn in at 7:04 pm.

Mr. Duprey gave a brief background of the project advising the board that the Vermont Historical Society is leasing part of the building to the VT Dept. of Libraries. The space will be used for storage of video, audio and books. It won't create more traffic coming into the building as they don't loan to individuals it's usually institutions and organizations. There will be 12-15 new employees and they will be parking at the McFarland House across the

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street. The changes that they seek to make are for the volunteers with easy parking access, along with better access for truck deliveries. Which are usually once a day but on occasion could be twice a day.

Discussion took place about how much room was available, if when people were parked would it interfere with the truck deliveries. A discussion about the brick pavers and whether they were a historic element or not. The types of trucks coming to the facility were discussed as well as the changes to the outside lighting.

**Board Member Hart** made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Board Member Ferrari, *vote of 5-0 motion approved.*

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**Other Business:** None

**Roundtable:**

Interim Chair Linda Shambo asked if the board would be receptive to starting the meeting at 6:30 PM instead of 7:00 PM, several members had conflicts. Meeting will continue to be at 7:00 PM.

Ms. Grandfield addressed the board in regards to the decision for 0 S Vine Street that is now before the Environmental Court giving an update. Also, discussed was the upcoming public informational meeting for the new zoning regulations on March 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM. The board was urged to try to attend as there are a lot of changes. Also, advised the Board of potential projects coming before the board in the upcoming months.

**Executive Session:** Not needed.

The Development Review Board adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion by Board Member Owens, and seconded by Board Member Ferrari; *motion carried unanimously.*

An audio recording of the hearing is available through the City's Planning and Permitting Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator