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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes December 14, 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 6:45 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein and Dave Sichel. Absent were Jim Hart and Ken Lunde. Also in attendance were Janet Shatney, Planning Director, Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator, and the consultant, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense. Chair Calder determined that there was not a quorum for the evening.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Visitors and Communications: the Planning Director shared that the Chair of the DRB issued his resignation letter at the hearing last week and discussion of Charter, members, etc. ensued.

Old Business: Minutes from the November 30, 2017 meeting were tabled to the December 28, 2017 meeting.

A memo prepared by the Planning Director was reviewed, questioning two parcels with monuments on them to be included in the Civic Zoning District; the flood hazard buyout properties on Hilltop, Harrington, Reid and Brook Streets to Conservation, and the gateway areas of Route 302 near Central Vermont Armorthane and Farwell Streets were talked about for revision to Mixed Use or leave in the residential, and it was agreed that leaving them the way they are proposed matches the vision from the Municipal Plan.

Next, the memo provided to the Commission by the DRB Chair dated August 9, 2016 was reviewed. Language for ADA requirements will be added for handicapped ramp construction, and the remaining 4 bulleted items have already been addressed in the working draft.

Lastly, a memo previously sent by the Barre Area Development Corp. Director was discussed, and the Planning Director and staff will review the memo for comments and share for the next meeting.

The Planning Director will send via mail a copy of the draft parts to the members of the DRB, and will email other interested committees the links to the City website where the parts will be listed.

Ms. Saxton will get to us the final drafts of Parts 3, 4 and 5 and the updated maps in the next week, and will send a copy without the “track changes” on them for mailing purposes.

New Business: None.

Other Business: None.

For the December 14th meeting, we will review the draft Parts 1 and 2 language with all edits made to date.

Roundtable: None.

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet E. Shatney, Director