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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes February 22, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N Main St)

A regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Jackie Calder at 6:30 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein and Dave Sichel, Jim Hart and Ken Lunde. Also in attendance were Janet Shatney, Planning Director, Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator, the consultant, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense, and Lucas Herring, Councilor. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum for the evening.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Visitors and Communications: None.

Old Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Sichel to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2018 meeting, motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Saxton stated that she was in contact with Devin Coleman of Historic Preservation regarding Barre Area Development's work on the Historic Downtown area. The short answer is that the district delineation did not change, and some buildings were either added or removed from the register.

A continued review of second draft occurred, beginning with Part 3 at Pole or Monument Signage. Discussion occurred regarding electronic signage district locations, height restrictions, adding illustrations for a projecting sign to be more clear. Review began of the Specific Use Standards section, and a change was made to the family childcare home definition removing licensed homes and leaving registered homes to meet statutory requirements; talk regarding the registration of Airbnb® properties, and those found on HomeAway® and VRBO® were discussed, Ms. Saxton said that the legislature is currently addressing requirements to register these properties at the local level; Fueling stations were discussed; Lawn & Garden and Lumberyard sections are going to be combined as their standards are identical; and finally composting was talked about to be sure it's clear the regs are about the containers for collection, not home composters.

New Business: A Special Meeting has been decided upon to get through the remaining pages of Section 3 and 4 so that we can maintain the March 22nd Informational meeting.

Other Business: None.

Roundtable: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Lune at 8:10 pm. There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet E. Shatney, Director