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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes May 10, 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, Jim Hart and Ken Lunde. Absent was Commissioner David Sichel and Planning Director, Janet Shatney. Also in attendance were Permit Administrator, Heather Grandfield and the consultant, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense. Char 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 Hart to approve the minutes from the Special meeting April 25, 2018 meeting, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion continued on the review of the comment spreadsheet and maps. Ms. Saxton went over the substantive changes that she had made based on previous discussion at the last meeting. Changes that had Ms. Saxton made include: definitions, added links, added illustration's, clarified things like bathroom doors, temporary permits, and added language to address adult situations (i.e., adult entertainment etc.). Also, discussed where statutory language, clarification on violations and how they work. Discussion on other definitions; bike racks, fire pit, complete streets, bike lane, weatherization, density and major/minor.

Discussion of the Riparian language and maps: She will add a Riparian overlay to the maps. There is some research that needs to be done on the areas where waterways go underground.

Discussion of the mapping changes: the Buzzi property on Farwell Street was changed to General Business and parks/playgrounds where added to the correct districts. The Police/Fire Station was put into its correct district as well.

Discussion occurred of marijuana changes in the law and what this could be for development in the City of Barre. It was decided to continue the conversation at the next meeting when Commissioner Sichel would be able to attend.

New Business: Ms. Saxton will be unable to attend the next meeting. She urged the Commission to continue going over the draft, come up with any other changes we would like to see and let her know. Ms. Saxton expressed that it was time to wrap the process up and that we would need to have a public hearing and then we should be ready to go in front of City Council. Ms. Saxton will be present at the June 14, 2018 meeting.

Executive Session: None.

Roundtable: None.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm was made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Lunde, motion carried. There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather L. Grandfield, Permit Administrator