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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes June 14, 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 6:32 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein, Jim Hart, David Sichel and Ken Lunde. Also in attendance were Planning Director, Janet Shatney, Permit Administrator, Heather Grandfield Consultant Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense, Times Argus reporter David Delcore, and Mayor Lucas Herring. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum for the evening.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Visitors and Communications: Jessica Eggerton came to visit the Commission as she is interested in being on the Planning Commission; she feels connected to the City, and wants to become more involved.

Old Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Sichel to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 10, 2018, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion began on the latest comments table as updated by Ms. Saxton from comments forwarded to her from Mr. Jim Fecteau. Discussion on setbacks in certain residential districts occurred, needing more greenspace on lots in neighborhoods. Discussion on the cost of development, construction of sidewalks, slabs, etc. ensued. The comment table was completed with responses as determined by the Commission.

Discussion about the newly passed farm bill regarding on-farm business was discussed. Ms. Saxton will add the necessary language that mirrors the new law into the draft zoning which we will see in the final draft.

Commissioner Sichel asked about the marijuana concerns, and he was told that the Commission had discussed in his absence, felt that the proposed zoning and the new laws will cover and accommodate what may occur.

A discussion on public participation for the zoning re-write occurred, and the Commission directed the Planning Director to cease the attempt at the side-by-side comparison, to get the word out generally to people in all outlets possible. Mr. Delcore said that he would write an article for the weekend paper hoping to generate that discussion we are looking for.

New Business: none.

Executive Session: None.

Roundtable: None.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm was made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Hart, motion carried. There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Shatney, Planning Director