

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission  
Meeting Minutes for March 14, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Jackie Calder at 6:36 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein, David Sichel, Jim Hart, Rick Badem and Rachel Rudi. Also in attendance was Planning Director Janet Shatney. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum was present.

**Absent:** None.

**Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

**Visitors and Communications for anything not on the agenda:** None.

**Old Business:** The February 28, 2019 minutes were approved by a motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Sichel. **Motion carried.**

**New Business: City Master Plan Update.**

Discussion over next steps, are they worth it, etc. Commissioner Sichel suggested writing letters to parties for those steps that get identified to get done.

Talk about quality of life – what is it? Chapter dedicated to it? Should we address it on its own? Goes along with Placemaking – why do people want to come here [Barre City]?

Further discussion about promoting, high speed internet, how to get people to recognize the benefits of living here. Discussion on BADC and the Barre Partnership in relation to filling empty storefronts – how could that occur; downtown revitalization, standard for presence in the downtown. How does BADC entice business to the City? What is the process? Where are they at with “Solid as a Rock”? Should be a part of the next steps, perhaps come give a presentation, or commissioners could attend Council or watch Council meeting the next time they are required to give an update.

More of the Housing goals were worked on.

**Roundtable:** Shatney ensured everyone was aware of the Volunteer Luncheon being held at Alumni Hall on March 23, 2019, and a reminder that the first reading by City Council on the draft Unified Development Ordinance is on April 2.

**Adjourn:** The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm on a motion from Commissioner Rudi, seconded by Commissioner Sichel. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Shatney, Planning Director