

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for March 28, 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 6:34 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein, David Sichel and Jim Hart. Also in attendance was Planning Director Janet Shatney. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum was present.

Absent: Rick Badem and Rachel Rudi.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Motion made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adjust the agenda to discuss the Circle Street neighborhood and the comments regarding the upcoming hearing at Council, **motion carried.** Two property owners in this area have contacted the Planning office about the proposed R-4 designation, with various questions. Discussion occurred about possible changes.

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

Old Business: The March 14, 2019 minutes were approved by a motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Sichel. **Motion carried.**

Master Plan work: Transportation section was discussed. Commissioner Hellein made several suggestions, including removing anything in this section about creating any more parking and any other places in the plan. Do we create more parking, do we create parking to answer to demand; not prevent more parking but not leaving door open to make it easy for more parking. Much discussion on parking lots, walkability, being pedestrian friendly, encouraging more pedestrian type movement.

Add in Next Steps to consider changing the winter parking ban to something similar like Montpelier's, where it is not banned totally for the 5-month span, but allow for a variation such as storms, etc.

Several suggestions as to combining some of the Next Steps, like items 6, 8, and 9 as one; placing them in a different pattern so that they flow better, bike steps together, then walk steps together, etc. Map them together better.

Talk of a Walk/Bike Committee occurred – we have bike paths, and encourage bicycling but seems to have a gap in encouraging more of this activity. If a committee was formed, or a current committee changed their endeavors such that it would aim to complete some of the master plan next steps could be beneficial – will be added to the plan.

New Business: none.

Roundtable: Next meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Adjourn: The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion from Commissioner Sichel, seconded by Commissioner Hellein. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Shatney, Planning Director