Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order on video by Commission Chair Michael Hellein at 6:31 pm. In attendance, participating via video or phone conference, were Commissioners Jim Hart, Jackie Calder, Dave Sichel, and Rick Badem. Also present via video or phone was Planning Director Janet Shatney. Chair Hellein determined that there was a quorum was present.

Absent: Commissioner Rachel Rudi.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Old Business -

A) Approval of meeting minutes for Feb. 27, Mar. 12, Mar. 26, Apr. 9, Apr. 23, 2020: Motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Calder to approve all meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote with all voting in favor.

B) Master Plan Vote for date of Hearing: Discussion on a public hearing approx. 4 weeks from now would be favorable. Motion was made by Commissioner Sichel and seconded by Commissioner Badem to set the Commission hearing date for June 11, 2020 (also falling on a regular commission meeting date). When notifying the public for the hearing, suggest that any comments be received in advance and will be read at the hearing. Motion carried on roll call vote with all voting in favor.

New Business -

 A) Acknowledge resignation of Councilor Jake Hemmerick from the Commission: In the packet was a copy of now former Commissioner Hemmerick's resignation from the Planning Commission. As he is now a City Councilor, he needs to focus his time there.

B) Acknowledge newly vacant seat on the Commission: with the newly vacant seat, if any commissioner has any ideas or of people that might find this interesting, to send a letter of interest to the City Council.

C) Outreach survey for active transportation and community needs during social distancing: Chair Hellein worked on a survey with former Commissioner Hemmerick on how people are using streets and sidewalks. The form was reviewed for feedback, offered by several commissioners. The options for getting the survey out were discussed also. Motion made by Commissioner Calder and seconded by Commissioner Hart to endorse the survey by the Planning Commission and issue it. Motion carried on roll call vote with all voting in favor.

Public Comment – None.

Staff Updates: Staff updated the Commission that there is nothing for the DRB this or next month, and that Council is entertaining what to do with the Salvation Army appeal in progress.

 To be approved at the 05-28-2020 meeting

1	Roundtable: Commissioner Sichel said he was glad the Commission was meeting once again,
2	and nice to get the City's Municipal Plan done. Commissioner Badem said his office is following
3	the governor's orders and are all working from home, and only going in physically as needed.
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5	Motion to Adjourn:
6	The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm by a motion from Commissioner
7	Sichel, seconded by Commissioner Hart. Motion carried .
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9	An audio and video recording of this meeting is available from Director Shatney.
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13	Respectfully Submitted,
14	Janet Shatney, Planning Director