

To be approved at the 10/08/20 meeting

**Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission
Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.**

The regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order virtually by Commission Chair Michael Hellein at 6:41 pm. In attendance, participating via Zoom were Commissioners Rachel Rudi, Jackie Calder, and Dave Sichel. Also present via video was Planning Director Janet Shatney. Chair Hellein determined that there was a quorum was present.

Absent: None.

- I. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.
- II. **Public Comment** (*for something that is not on the agenda*): Chair Hellein noted there was no member of the public in attendance, therefore there were no public comments.
- III. **Old Business:**
 - A. Approve meeting minutes from August 27, 2020: Motion was made by Commissioner Sichel and seconded by Commissioner Rudi to approve the minutes from August 27, 2020, with no further discussion, *motion carried unanimously*.
 - B. Recommend next steps for citizens after survey: Commissioner Sichel said that it was sent to the Council and if anything will happen, it will start with the Council. The short answer to anyone about the survey is that we would like folks to join the Commission, so that other ideas can get added into the Municipal Plan. Chair Hellein observed that he would like to see something outside of government, perhaps a citizen lead advocacy. He will respond to the email from Ms. Reynolds, as she is the only one who has returned any comment since it went out to all.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. CVRPC Commissioner Seats – primary and alternate: Director Shatney gave a background as to what the Regional Commission is, the monthly meeting obligation, and the various subcommittees that regional commissioners can join. If any on the Commission are interested in being the alternate, the Director will forward the next agenda to all so that an opportunity to review can be done.
 - B. Streets Ordinance Priorities Discussion: Chair Hellein asked for commissioners to think about what it is that can be created, street standards, etc., and what would be the goals. Discussion occurred about connectors, collectors, arterials, what would be the Commission’s role, and function, and what would be the final product. More discussion regarding street crossings, sidewalks, and right-of-ways, and identifying problems to correct, rather than perpetuate them, but correct them. Further talk about street design speed versus posted speed limit occurred. Lastly, the hope is to have something that fits within the State standards, but tailored to the City of Barre. And, state projects within the

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City limits need to be shared with residents and committees as they come in the Public Works and Manager's offices, so there are no surprises when state construction occurs, and it doesn't work well for residential neighborhoods.

The Chair asked if creating a list of potential concerns would be a good starting point, and will reach out to Council Jake Hemmerick, invite him to our next meeting, and see if there are some materials that can be shared with the Commission prior to the October 8, 2020 meeting. At some point then, Councilor Ericka Reil can have input on design standards that meet with the needs of the disabled or physically challenged as well.

- V. **Staff Updates:** The Director corrected the report by informing the Commission that there are now 2, perhaps 3 applicants for hearings at the October DRB meeting.
- VI. **Roundtable:** Nothing was added to the discussion.
- VII. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Calder and seconded by Commissioner Rudi at 7:44, *motion carried unanimously*.

There is an audio recording of the meeting available. The meeting was recorded by the video conference platform.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet E. Shatney, Planning Director