

Barre City Transportation Advisory Committee

May 26, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Giuliano Cecchinelli (Chair), Michael Hellein (Vice Chair), Arthur Bombardier, Renita Marshall (Secretary), Jake Hemmerick, Joanne Reynolds

Staff: Bill Ahearn, Larry Eastman, Steve Mackenzie

1. Call to order

6:44pm

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

1. No adjustments.

3. Visitors and Communications

No visitors and communications.

4. Old business

1. Camp Street traffic/speed controls in June

Ahearn discussed Camp Street width, Hellein pointed out this is the new business agenda item, Chair tabled.

5. New business

1. Reduce Camp St to 22' paved width from Tremont to the City line

Ahearn asked whether we should narrow the paved surface with gravel shoulders, recommended keeping 28' width and painting uphill bike lane.

Bombardier asked about retaining parking, Marshall stated no streets should be narrowed, Hemmerick stated that narrow lanes are safer and less paved surface reduces flooding, Hellein and Reynolds supported narrower paved width

Ahearn said he was reluctant to change the paved width without more public input and that increasing width later would be more costly. He discussed using edge lines instead of center lines as a MUTCD compliant approach to balancing vehicle and non-vehicle uses.

Reynolds pointed out that change management requires clear goals and communication. She stated the need for a communication strategy for talking about our goal to maintain property values by investing in the city. Mackenzie acknowledged the need for more public outreach.

Hellein stated that the change in paved width may be too much change without enough communication, and accepted using edge lines on the recommended 28' width in this case to observe effectiveness.

Hemmerick and Reynolds supported uphill bike lane, and all members agreed on 28' paved width.

Ahearn summed up a proposal of edge striping to preserve a narrow shoulder on the downhill side and a minimum 5' bike lane on the uphill side, wider as possible to provide space around storm drains. Bike lanes will be painted with bike symbols and partially filled with available green paint. Chair held roll call vote on proposal, and all members voiced support.

4. Old business (from tabled discussion)

1. Camp Street traffic/speed controls in June

Ahearn stated speed controls can be introduced on this and other sections of Camp Street.

6. Other Business

Hemmerick inquired about funding for stationary speed indicator lights. Ahearn said funding was available for 4, but he was researching ongoing software subscription costs.

7. Confirm Next Meeting Date- Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Confirmed

8. Round Table

Marshall informed the Committee that she would not seek reappointment when her term expires in June.

9. Adjourn

8:44pm, **Motion Hemmerick, Second Hellein, Adjourned**