

# Barre City Transportation Advisory Committee

## December 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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Present: Michael Hellein (Chair), Ericka Reil (Vice-Chair), Joanne Reynolds, Tina Routhier Jacob Frey Arthur Bombardier

Absent: Joshua Akers, Alan Burnor

Staff: Bill Ahearn (Director of Public Works)

1. Call to order - 6:30 PM

2. Adjustments to the agenda there were none

3. Approval of minutes 632

1. November 17, 2022 view draft minutes motion to approve tina, seconded by joanne approved unanimously approved

4. Visitors and communications none

5. Department of Public Works monthly transportation report (10 minutes) At 6:33, Bill was deterred by a water issues in the city. There will be a double report in January. There was a quick overview of the new process winter response team, that will email all leadership in fire, police and public works so all are on the same page for when a storm occurs, so all know where Bill's team is. So that cars can be towed. There are 3 new bobcat drivers and 2 new truck drivers. Sidewalks are clear and crosswalks are not. because people do not know how to back up the bobcats. flat tires were an issue. a list will go with what the city does and does not maintain in the next few weeks. Issue was brought up about crosswalks and curb cuts not being maintained as well as they should. Issues will be looked at in the future.

1. Department staff reports on transportation work and planning since the previous meeting.

2. Note new resident concerns as raised to staff

6. Old business started at 6:41

1. Review data collected from speed signs (15 minutes)

Bill was able to get access to speed data but water issues made it a hindrance for reporting. Looked at data for the days of Aug 15 dec 15, look at comparison come back in january people are speeding

7. New business

## 1. Review and hear public input on Elmore Street intersection redesign (45 minutes)

The flier did not go to houses about the street change and did not go out because of the winter storm but went out yesterday 12/20/22 but public comment can go to Bill by phone. TAC will take public comments at the January meeting.

looking at drawing from last meeting July 17 one way in on Elmore, on way out on Glenwood, shorts vehicles can get through on how many can get through on light que, there is now a cross over lane, you can do a left lane to the hardware store, you can now reduce the speed the folks going to the left turn. you will no longer have a left turn lane doing a left turn lane on to Elmore. you may block up the lane

in the peak hour you may have a minor inconvenience when the intersection is plugged no left turn during certain times but we need to hear from the residents changing the times of when people can turn. changing the hours may be confusing. What if no left turn but can enforce when they cheat but change but they should have hours. about 35 cars go through there a day cars are not supposed to stop there. 2 things to look at adding hours no turn at peak time or hours on turn time.

Is the gore on the cross walk steep enough? by Dollar General just a standard crosswalk, there still maintain. for visibility its ok, for likelihood for the 3rd entrance for dollar general for gore could be extended. we could extend the gore as a 3rd option we could have a pole as a please don't drive your car here. We could so we don't have a visual indicator of RFBs next week.

Aubuchon's on south main, there have been few accidents by cars thinking other cars were going left but passed on the right but they aren't turning left.

## 2. Relocate Prospect Street digital speed sign closer to city boundary (15 minutes)

new location next to 25 sign on boundary on Barre/Barre town

asked staff to put in the sign bases but relocated signs but got neg/pos feedback 500 ft from city still have 8000 cars above 35mph. do people see the sign so far out on prospect street it would be easy to ask Barre town to lower the prospect street speed limit by the ball field. There are cues for people to lower speed. Rumble strips? Medians? People speed up on Bailey street as well. Maybe asking Barre town is a good way to go. Traffic parking spots? all of them are possibilities gores with driving entrances painting schemes. Barre owns streets Barre town owns the land. Whenever we can do to re enforce speed we is better. Placement is key. Observe and see if it works.

Washington Street sign moved nearer to Barre town. to see if it had an impact new signs coming is coming they have not been ordered maybe May 1 maybe signs should maybe not shift around

## 8. Confirm date of next meeting

1. January 18, 2023

## 9. Roundtable