

Barre City Planning Commission

September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Hellein (Chair), Amanda Gustin (Vice Chair), Joe Reil (Secretary), Rosemary Averill, Raylene Meunier, David Sichel, Becky Wigg

Absent: None

Staff: Janet Shatney (Director of Planning, Permitting & Assessing)

Visitors: Peter Anthony

1. Call to Order.

5:30pm.

2. Adjustments to the Agenda.

None.

3. Approval of Minutes.

- i. August 25, 2022, draft minutes.
- ii. September 8, 2002, draft minutes.

Reil notes minor formatting corrections to 8/25 Minutes. Sichel moves to approve minutes for both meetings, Wigg seconds, unanimous in favor.

4. Public Comment (for something not on agenda).

None.

5. New Business.

- i. Set future meeting schedule, proposed one meeting per month.

Suggestion to move to one meeting per month to occur on the second Thursday of the month. Sichel notes a conflict with the next available date, but otherwise general consensus is positive.

Gustin moves to approve, Reil seconds, unanimous in favor.
- ii. Review of zoning possibilities discussed during neighborhood visits.

Further discussion on previous topic about updating existing zoning, revisiting specific zoning suggestions on the areas that were visited previously.

Gustin opens discussion around whether this should be a larger project where we suggest large changes all at once or piece by piece. Consensus is to possibly propose minor map changes to make small adjustments while the larger review is in progress.

Discussion items proposed for October and November meetings, possibly identifying additional sites to visit to complete an initial set of proposed map changes together to propose to City Council, as well as discussion around outreach to the Community, including the Housing Task Force, which meets the 2nd Monday of each month (Oct. 10 is the next meeting) and Front Porch Forum (Gustin will write to FPF, Shatney will review prior to posting). Further discussion around other places to post this information, including Facebook, City Website, BADC, the Times Argus.

iii. Review of first draft of bylaw modernization grant application.

Application due Nov. 1. Discussion around getting initial approval from City Council to submit application, including discussion about getting it to Council before the next Planning Commission meeting. Some initial review of specific items. Beginning Public Outreach step, suggesting reaching out to BADC, Housing Task Force, Homelessness Task Force, Good Samaritan Haven, Capstone.

6. Confirm date of next meeting.

i. October 13, 2022.

7. Staff Updates.

i. St. Monica went to Development Review Board to request to demolish building on West St. DRB denied and the Church is appealing.

8. Roundtable.

None.

9. Adjourn.

6:24pm, **Gustin moves to adjourn, Reil seconds, unanimous in favor.**