



City of Barre, Vermont

May 17, 2023, 6:30 PM

Minutes **DRAFT**

Transportation & Public Works Committee

Present: Michael Hellein (Chair), Alan Burnor (Vice-chair), Arthur Bombardier, Ericka Reil, Joanne Reynolds

Absent: Joshua Akers, Mark Martin, Tina Routhier, Dan Souza

Staff: Brian Baker (Director of Public Works), Bill Ahearn (Engineer), Cpl. Jacob Frey (Traffic Safety Supervisor, Police Department)

Visitors: Ernie Drown, Beth Hilgartner, Janelle Starr (residents of Hill Street)

NOTE: These minutes were constructed from memory too long after the meeting, and it's likely that motions and seconds are not attributed correctly, though the votes and outcomes are correct. This will be addressed before the final minutes are published.

1. Call to order - 6:30 PM
2. Adjustments to the agenda
 1. No adjustments
3. Visitors and communications
 1. Members of the public expressed concern and frustration about vehicle speeds and safety at the intersection of Hill and Camp Streets following a recent crash that did significant damage to the home of Drown and Hilgartner at the corner. Staff agreed to look into painting crossings as soon as feasible, and Hellein committed to put further advisement for further intervention on the agenda for the next meeting.
4. Old business
 1. Adopt committee charge

Motion: Reynolds, to adopt charge as presented, Bombardier second. Unanimous in favor.
5. New business
 1. Decision to restore approved digital speed sign locations
 1. The committee discussed how the approved speed sign locations were inadvertently changed.

Motion: Burnor, to advise staff to restore digital speed signs to their previously approved locations, Bombardier second. Unanimous in favor.
 2. Receive update on RRFB installation at North Main and Second Street
 1. Ahearn pointed out that the signs were installed in November 2022, but that they are hard to see because the signs purchased do not have bright enough LED panels.
 3. Review streets and sidewalks maintenance plan

1. Baker informed the committee that work is proceeding on streets and sidewalks, with the city engaging a contractor for the next two years of planned projects. The contractor has latitude to complete them early if they desire, and it's expected that they do. Baker would look into posting projects on the city website.
4. Review lane and crosswalk striping conditions and plan
 1. Baker informed the committee that crews are hard at work painting pedestrian crossings around the city.
5. Review Barre City sidewalk inventory produced by CVRPC
 1. The committee reviewed the map of existing sidewalks within the city.
6. Confirm date of next meeting
 1. June 21, 2023
7. Adjourn
 1. Motion: Reynolds, Bombardier second. Unanimous in favor. 7:53 PM