



City of Barre, Vermont
"Granite Center of the World"

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

The Barre City Planning Commission meeting

Scheduled for October 14, 2021

Has been cancelled.

The next regular meeting will be

Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Staff Updates for week ending October 14, 2021:

1. Masks continue to be required to enter any city building (City Hall, Alumni Hall, Aud, etc.)
2. VCRD (Vermont Council on Rural Development) Step 2 occurred virtually and in person on September 29. For those of you who weren't there, VCRD started with 23 potential ideas for action, which were voted to 8, then voted to the top 3. The top 3 actions that were chosen by the community members participating are 1) Develop a Community Center; 2) Improve River Access, and 3) Start a Housing Task Force. These will be the focus of the October 20 meeting. VCRD is still looking for people to sign up and work on these action items. Flyer is attached.
3. The Manager received some news this Friday, October 8 and passed along to me, from the new Assessor that was going to join the Barre City team. This person has decided not to join us, as he stated he needed reconstructive surgery and is opting to stay in California. Needless to say, he was supposed to join us this coming Tuesday, October 12th. This means that I and HR will have to start the hiring process again.
4. This leaves the Planning, Permitting and Assessing Services Team down 2 people. I am extremely busy doing these 3 actions at the moment.
5. Permit activity was light this week, although I am seeing an increase in sheds, tearing down garages for more driveway, two additions people want to add to their homes, and a new mobile home on Foster Street where a house was torn down many years ago due to a fire.
6. The VLCT Town Fair was this week, and I participated on the Monday seminars regarding ARPA funds, how to apply, how to manage, how to be sure money will not need to be given back afterward.
7. I have my department budget and FY23 priorities presentation this Tuesday night at City Council.
8. On the consent agenda for Tuesday night October 12th is the request for approval to apply for the municipal planning grant for a pedestrian and bike plan for the city with emphasis on safety. In that request, there is a municipal resolution that needs to be approved and signed the Council, and the Chair of the Planning Commission. This form is required for the application.
9. At the October 28 meeting, we hope to see someone from the Equity and Diversity committee make a presentation on their "tool".

All In For Barre

▶ Line up for action!

<https://bit.ly/ForBarre> ▶



Join a Task Force to advance Barre's priority initiatives:

- ▶ Develop a Barre Community Center
- ▶ Improve River Access
- ▶ Start a Barre Housing Task Force

Groups will begin to create action plans and work with a team of federal, state, business, and non-profit leaders to identify next steps and resources.

Find the link to the meeting and more info: bit.ly/ForBarre

October
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6:30-9pm

Join in person at the Barre Auditorium –or– online via Zoom

VCRD is partnering with CTVT to make this a truly hybrid community event where virtual and in-person participants can engage together in discussion.

 Reasonable accommodations available by request. Contact 802-223-6091 or info@vtrural.org by Oct 14th.

Everyone is welcome. Make sure your voice is heard!

The All In For Barre Community Visit process is produced by the Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD). The program is a way for towns to engage and bring together their residents, set common goals and directions in a neutral and facilitated structure, and access resources that will help them take action on those goals. VCRD is a non-profit organization supporting the locally-defined progress of Vermont's rural communities. Learn more at vtrural.org/programs/Community-Visits or contact Nick at 802-225-6091 or nick@vtrural.org.



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