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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes January 11, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. **Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N Main St)**

A regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Jackie Calder at 6:33 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein and Dave Sichel, Jim Hart and Ken Lunde. Also in attendance were Janet Shatney, Planning Director, Heather Grandfield, Permit Administrator, and the consultant, Brandy Saxton of PlaceSense, and Lucas Herring, Councilor. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum for the evening.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Visitors and Communications: Councilor Herring asked about the status of the zoning update and when the Commission thought that the draft ordinance would be coming to City Council, in reference to the pending construction season; based on the status of the rewrite to date, it could be May or June before it comes to the Council. Councilor Herring departed afterward.

Old Business: A motion was made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Sichel to approve the minutes from the November 30 and December 28, 2017 meetings, motion carried unanimously.

A review of second draft Parts 1 and 2 then occurred, and went through the changes made over the last many months of meetings. The map was discussed, and a few edits here and there need to be made overall.

The Planning Director shared that the Barre Area Development Corporation Director sent an email that stated that the historic district changes were made, but nothing else, so we do not know what has been changed, updated, etc. and need that information quickly.

Ms. Saxton will get to us the second draft of Parts 3 and 5 and the updated maps before the next meeting so that they can be reviewed.

New Business: The update to the Municipal Plan was talked about, and we have the ensuing year to work on it. The Planning Director stated that she has enlisted the help of the Regional Planning Commission until June 30, and the Chair asked if they would be willing to send to us a written list of tasks they think are needed to help with the update.

The Planning Director also let the Commission know that when the Municipal Plan is updated, that the Energy Committee might be able to help with the energy piece as well; and that they want to write an Energy Plan for the City anyway.

Other Business: Several Commissioners cannot attend the January 25th meeting, so it has been moved to February 1 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Roundtable: None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Hellein and seconded by Commissioner Sichel at 7:04 pm.

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet E. Shatney, Director