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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes October 18, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. Council Chambers, City Hall (6 N Main St)

A Special meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Jackie Calder at 6:30 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners Michael Hellein, Jim Hart, Dave Sichel and Ken Lunde. Also in attendance were Planning Director Janet Shatney; Permit Administrator Heather Grandfield. Visitors included Debra Gable, Bill LaPrade, and Craig Gable. Chair Calder determined that there was a quorum for the evening.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None.

Visitors and Communications for anything not on the agenda: The Gables were interested in further discussions regarding both the Merchant Street and S. Main Street properties, and it was repeated that they would be able to have retail in their parcels located in the proposed Adaptive Reuse overlay. Further discussion determined that their questions were very specific and that the Planning Director could assist them outside of a Commission meeting.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Sichel and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the September 27, 2018 meeting minutes as presented with no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None.

Old Business: The draft language for a residential treatment facility dispensing medication for addition was discussed. A map showing what the language says was viewed, and it was determined that this use should be Conditional in any district it ends up being allowed. Director Shatney will have a map ready for the next meeting showing what 1,000' from just schools would look like to wrap up the draft language.

Further discussion regarding residential uses in the draft UC-1 district. A map was presented showing what the draft language looks like in this district, and after lengthy discussion, it was determined to remove that language in the parentheses regarding side streets, and keeping the 100' distance.

Commissioner Sichel presented Placemaking, a term used in urban planning that downtowns are built around things to do in a city. This will be good for when we start working on the Municipal Plan update, and will hopefully help educate folks and assist in the goals for our city.

Executive Session: Not needed.

Roundtable: Administrator Grandfield gave an update regarding the Development Review Board's decision to deny demolition of the L&M Diner.

Also, Commissioner Sichel will not be with us at the next two meetings.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn at 8:08 pm was made by Commissioner Lunde and seconded by Commissioner Hellein, motion carried. There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Shatney, Planning Director