

1                                   **Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission**  
2                                   **Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.**

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4 A regular meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission was called to order by Commission  
5 Chair Michael Hellein at 6:30 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Commissioners David Sichel,  
6 Jacob Hemmerick, Jim Hart, Rachel Rudi, Jackie Calder and Rick Badem. Also in attendance was  
7 Planning Director Janet Shatney. Chair Hellein determined that there was a quorum was present.

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9 **Absent:** None.

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11 **Adjustments to the Agenda:** None.

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13 **Old Business:**

14     **December 19, 2019 meeting minutes:** The December 19, 2019 minutes were approved by a  
15 motion from Commissioner Sichel, seconded by Commissioner Hemmerick. **Motion carried.**

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17     **Master Plan Work – School Text for review.** Discussion on the school merger, and how  
18 education will be a bigger part of the picture going forward. Commissioner Sichel suggested  
19 the draft text as presented is fine for our purposes, the entire Commission agreed, and will be  
20 used in Section 3, overwriting what is currently in the plan.

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22     **Master Plan Work – Aldrich Library Text for review.** Commissioner Calder asked about  
23 a sentence toward the end, speaking to a Barre Town statistic, and all agreed that for the  
24 purposes of the plan, this would be fine to leave in. Chair Hellein noted that the first-person  
25 narrative should be revised. The entire Commission agreed the language as presented is fine,  
26 and will be used in Section 3, overwriting what is currently in the plan.

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28     **Master Plan Work – Edits to Section 1 Introduction.** A review of this section was done,  
29 from the last time it was edited by the Commission in early September. It was agreed that it's  
30 important to preserve property values and quality of life. Revisions to the following sections  
31 were made:

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33 *Purpose and Vision – our plan for a healthy future:*

- 34     • Text suggested by the Chair that speaks to strengthening connections and community  
35 assets. Chair will forward draft language to be inserted into the draft. Commissioners  
36 Calder and Sichel suggested its place as the final paragraph of “Why should we plan for a  
37 healthy future?”  
38     • Leaving the CDC Health Impact Pyramid text as is.  
39     • Commissioner Hemmerick read a placemaking quote by Fred Kent that will be added as a  
40 text box.

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42 *Framework and Process – our plan in a regional context:*

- 43     • Commissioner Hemmerick suggested text that will assist us in being able to review Act  
44 250 applications and potentially participate in hearings. It was suggested to have the  
45 CVRPC assist with proper language.  
46     • Commissioner Hemmerick suggested some regional context language that speaks to the  
47 impacts of rural residential sprawl (development) on City roads and some mitigation  
48 measures that should be made when large-scale development is near our borders.

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*Overview of the City:*

- Commissioner Sichel reminded to add reference to both Exits 6 and 7, that the City is accessible by two points off Interstate-89.
- Commissioner Calder noted the order of paragraphs as talked about still needs to be corrected (swapping the 4<sup>th</sup> for the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraphs).
- Commissioner Hart suggested corrections to the first two sentences of what will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph once order is fixed.

Commission deadline for edits is to be the prior Friday to the next meeting, no later than Friday, January 17, 2020, with an updated schedule that will be determined by the Chair and the Director’s Monday meetings. Goal is to have all edits done and ready to go to a public presentation in front of Council at the end of February.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment** No members of the public attended.

**Staff Updates:** Director Shatney updated the Commission on several items in the City.

**Roundtable:**

- The Director explained the Salvation Army’s DRB application and why it was tabled to their February 2020 hearing date.
- The Director clarified that the BADC Executive Director job search is out, and has been asked to post in any places or sites that fall under planning jurisdiction.
- The Director updated the Commission on Councilor Morey’s cameras in the downtown endeavor.
- Commissioner Hemmerick stated that he has been going to all the other boards and committees, and noted that the Tree Stewardship Committee is looking for a grant for the ability to grow nursery trees at the City Reservoir property in Orange, and that the Community Garden Committee has plots available at the Brook Street property, that the Elmwood Cemetery’s garden areas are full, and they are gearing up for a seed swap in February, and the Paths, Routes and Trails Committee is working on a grant for the construction of the bike path through the Metro Way area (Zanleoni Place, near ReSource).
- No word yet as to when the VCRD’s (Vermont Council on Rural Development) community visit is for the City, and the Director will keep the Commission aware of any dates.
- Commissioner Hemmerick is running for the Ward 1 seat on the Council.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm by a motion from Commissioner Calder, seconded by Commissioner Hemmerick. **Motion carried.**

There is no audio recording of this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Janet Shatney, Planning Director