

1 **Regular Meeting of the Barre City Planning Commission**
2 **Meeting Minutes for January 23, 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, and Jackie Calder. Also in attendance was Planning Director Janet
7 Shatney. Chair Hellein determined that there was a quorum was present.

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9 **Absent:** Rachel Rudi and Rick Badem.

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

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13 **Old Business:**

14 **January 9, 2020 meeting minutes:** The January 9, 2020 minutes were approved by a motion
15 from Commissioner Sichel, seconded by Commissioner Hart. **Motion carried.**

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17 **Master Plan Work – Section 1.** Brief discussion on Section 1 and email from Commissioner
18 Hemmerick regarding adjacent municipality development compatibility with the municipal
19 plan. Draft language is in Section 1 from CVRPC staff, and at a future meeting when reviewing
20 Section 1, text will be compared and decided upon.

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22 **Master Plan Work – Section 2.** In discussing “Next Steps”, Commissioner Calder suggested
23 a goal for the Land Use component, to have a goal to create the Design Review Committee.
24 Commissioner Hemmerick stated his view of pro’s (better design review of an application
25 against the regulations) and con’s (additional staff meetings, could slow down the application
26 process), and was in support of looking into it. Commissioner Hart, as a member of the
27 Development Review Board also, feels that most members are really not qualified to perform
28 design review, and this would be a good occurrence to have such a review performed prior to
29 getting to the DRB. Commissioners Hart and Hemmerick were in support of inclusion of this
30 step – Commissioner Calder will send to staff the draft language to be no. 3 for this section.

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32 A brief discussion on energy standards for rental units occurred, and improved language could
33 be a part of the next plan.

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35 The Transportation component was discussed, and in Next Steps, road/street and bridge
36 standards were discussed. Titles were suggested to revise, and some added language to no. 5
37 for street standards will be forthcoming. A traffic circle was discussed, and a few minor edits
38 to remove some goals that have already been accomplished were noted.

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40 Corrections to dates, inclusion of the Finance Director in some of the steps, transportation next
41 steps, etc. as all noted above by Commissioners Calder, Sichel and Chair Hellein will be
42 forwarded to staff for inclusion in the next edition.

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44 **New Business:** None.

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46 **Public Comment** No members of the public attended.
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1 **Staff Updates:** Staff updated the Commission that a meeting with the Salvation Army will occur
2 and Friday, Jan. 24, 2020, and that City Staff and the Mayor met with the Dept. of Housing and
3 Community Development on the creation of an NDA designation (Neighborhood Development
4 Area), that will benefit development and redevelopment of multi-family housing.
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6 **Roundtable:**

- 7 • Chair Hellein discussed his recent multiple complaints to the City regarding snow piling at
8 the corner of Washington and Liberty Streets, and the lack of satisfaction that it was
9 addressed. [Note: Code Enforcement did forward both complaints to the public works
10 department as appropriate.] It was suggested to the Chair to dialog with either of his Ward
11 Councilors about this process, and having a system to be more effective at correcting
12 problems.
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14 **Motion to Adjourn:**

15 The Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm by a motion from Commissioner
16 Hemmerick, seconded by Commissioner Calder. **Motion carried.**
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18 There is no audio recording of this meeting.
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20 Respectfully Submitted,
21 Janet Shatney, Planning Director