

Barre City Transportation Advisory Committee
January 15, 2020 6:30pm
Barre City Council Chamber

Members Present: Renita Marshall, Giuliano Cecchinelli, Art Bombardier, Real Maurice

City Support Staff: Steve Mackenzie, Bill Ahearn, Larry Eastman

Visitors: Ron Raymond, Teresa Wells, Leonard Knorr, Ken O'rourke, Judy Supernault, Andy Supernault, Jeffrey Tuper-Giles, Michael Hellen, Lisa Liotta, Frank Thompson, Cheryl Anderson, Elaine Ibey, Jim Magoon, Pamela Wilson

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Renita Marshall at 6:31 pm
2. Adjustments to the Agenda – none
3. Approval of 1/15/2020 Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Guiliano Cecchinelli
 - b. Seconded by Art Bombardier
 - c. Minutes approved as is by unanimous vote
4. Visitors and Communications – all visitors indicated they were in attendance to discuss a topic already on the Agenda
5. Old Business
 - a. Agenda was adjusted to reflect time constraints of visitors and therefore, order of discussion was rearranged
 - b. One-way signage – Elmore St. & Glenwood St.
 - i. Most attendees were here to discuss this topic
 - ii. Issues raised were visibility around the sharp corner, visibility due to overgrown foliage, exiting with two lanes of traffic on South Main St.
 - iii. Others believed that common courtesy on such a small street could alleviate the need to make it one way
 - iv. An informal vote was taken of attendees:
 1. In favor of one-way Street: 8
 2. Opposed to one-way Street: 1
 3. If it were one way, you'd want it to exit from Elmore St: 0
 4. If it were one way, you'd want it to exit from Glenwood St.: 9 (opposing resident agreed if it were to be done, it would need to go this direction)

- v. Other issues such as bus stop location and drivers passing buses with safety lights on were raised
- vi. Significant concern with the length of the Left Turn Lane (for Ayer Street) on South Main street, speeding vehicles in this lane, and resulting “blind spot” to vehicles turning left onto South Main from Elmore or Glenwood Sts.
- vii. ACTION ITEMS:
 - 1. Giuliano Cecchinelli will follow up about possible relocation of bus stop to away from Elmore St.
 - 2. Deputy Chief Eastman will look into having periodic staffing to watch for drivers passing buses
 - 3. DPW Director Bill Ahearn will contact VTrans to discuss shortening this lane.
- c. Stop sign on Farwell @ Brook St. (rather than on Brook St.)
 - i. After discussion, it was determined we would move this item to a spring agenda
- d. One-way signage – Lower Camp & Charles St.
 - i. Visitors in attendance were split evenly on support and non-support
 - ii. After discussion it was decided to move this item to the agenda in August when City staff and residents have an opportunity to view traffic usage/speeds now that the road has fresh pavement
- e. Stop sign @ Perry St. & Hill St.
 - i. No action taken by the Committee at this time
 - ii. Bill Ahearn will readdress the issue when there is information about possible changes to the geometry of the intersection
- f. Permanent close of Hill St. exit @ S. Main Street parking lot
 - i. Visitors in attendance supported this change
 - ii. After discussion it was determined that as long as there were no Act 250 negative implications, this would be permanently closed and the green space would be increased. Bill Ahearn to research any ACT 250 Permit Conditions precluding such a change,
- g. Stop sign violations: Liberty & Hill Streets
 - i. Visitors had mixed support on the 4-way stop sign locations with some feeling they were unnecessary and others feeling it increased the safety of those who walk/ride bikes in the area. General consensus was to leave 4-way stop as is.
 - ii. Deputy Chief Eastman will raise this concern (i.e. failure to stop) to officers as an area of concern

- iii. Since no visitors were there to discuss the violations aspect of this intersection, no action was taken by the Committee and this issue was considered closed

6. New Business

- a. The following requests for discussion were presented to the Committee since the December 18, 2019 meeting
 - i. Signage on Enterprise Alley/Merchants Row at Depot Square request
 - 1. The issue was raised that with the increased pedestrian traffic due to the VTrans employees moving into the City Center, that there should be more stop signs at the intersection
 - 2. The Committee discussed and concerns were raised about additional stop signs
 - 3. Bill Ahearn indicated he plans to put reflective markers clearly indicating crosswalks
 - 4. Renita will reach out the resident to let them know plans
 - ii. Traffic and pedestrian safety on Allen St.
 - 1. This has been placed on the May 20, 2020 Agenda
 - 2. Renita will reach out to the resident to invite them to participate in the meeting
 - iii. High speed traffic between Church & Perry St
 - 1. This has been placed on the April 15, 2020 Agenda
 - 2. Renita will reach out to the resident to invite them to participate in the meeting