

Barre City Transportation Advisory Committee
November 20, 2019 6:30pm
Barre City Council Chamber

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

City Support Staff: Steve Mackenzie, Bill Ahearn

Visitors: Michael Hellien, Jacob Hemmerick

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Renita Marshall at 6:30 pm
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
 - a. Three items were added to be discussed at Round Table:
 - i. Bus stops on Prospect Street
 - ii. Parking on Tomasi Street
 - iii. Temporary Parking on Washington Street
3. The visitors indicated they were not in attendance to bring topics to the attention of the Committee
4. Old Business:
 - a. Update on Speed Tables – Ayers & Circle Streets
 - i. Ayers St.: After discussion about location, it was determined that the best location would be in the Kirk/Murray Street block
 - ii. Circle St.: After discussion about location, it was determined that the best location would be in the vicinity of the 90 Circle St. area
 - iii. ACTION: Bill Ahearn will ensure that the lighting and drainage requirements can be met in both locations
 - iv. ACTION: Bill Ahearn will reach out to property owners and tenants to update them as to the plan
 - v. ACTION: Bill Ahearn will update the Committee as to progress at next meeting
 - b. Update on crosswalks/temporary bulb-outs – Merchant Street
 - i. Weather is impeding the crosswalk installation
 - ii. Temporary bulb-outs are still scheduled to be installed within two weeks as long as the weather cooperates
 1. The devices have been cast for the bulb-outs
 2. City staff have been in busy with the snow/ice and unable to complete due to schedules
 3. Two locations have been identified where there are existing crosswalks:
 - a. Near Midway Street

- b. Near 26 Merchant Street
 - c. Update on parking lot on Summer Street (previous discussion around access and parking lot alignment)
 - i. It was noted that the lot is referred to as the Pearl Street parking lot
 - ii. Due to weather, this is on hold
 - iii. If the weather cooperates by December 1, chances of paving are still possible
 - iv. If the weather does not cooperate, this will be on hold until spring
 - v. Exit curb cut has been completed on Pearl Street
 - d. Review & Prioritize Backlog of Requests
 - i. After discussion it was decided to table these items until next month when the Committee could focus solely on the list
5. New Business
- a. No items have been requested that are not presently on the list of requests
6. Confirm next meeting date
- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee is Wednesday, December 18, 2019
7. Round Table
- i. Bus stops on Prospect Street
 1. Real Maurice expressed concern about the location of the bus stops on Prospect Street due to sight lines, incline and traffic delay
 2. ACTION: Renita Marshall will reach out to the Barre City School Bus Coordinator to discuss further and report back at next meeting
 - ii. Parking on Tomasi Street
 1. The City maintains a right of way on Tomasi Street
 2. Tomasi Street provides access to the loading dock of Walgreens
 3. There is one parking space on Tomasi Street, that when utilized, causes issues around access to the loading dock for Walgreen
 4. Bill Ahearn has received no less than 25 complaints about illegal parking on this street
 5. Bill Ahearn recommends eliminating the parking spot
 6. ACTION: Bill Ahearn will remove the parking spot, install no parking signs and speak to the potentially impacted business
 - iii. Temporary Parking on Washington Street

1. Art Bombardier expressed concern about the width of Washington Street during the winter months if the temporary parking is allowed to remain
2. Bill Ahearn reports that the area is seeing significant use
3. Steve Mackenzie reports he does not want to make policy decisions for an issue that may or may not occur
4. Guest Michael Hellien supports the temporary parking locations remaining in place to provide a buffer between traffic and those utilizing the sidewalks
 - a. DECISION: No action will be taken at this time. If issues arise throughout the winter, it will be revisited.
5. Giuliano Cecchinelli mentioned that one parking spot near Spaulding Street seems to be in the way when exiting from Academy Street and turning up the hill of Washington Street
 - a. ACTION: Bill Ahearn will remove that parking spot
6. Railroad updates
 - a. Bill Ahearn has heard from the Railroad that they expect to put in signals at both the Berlin Street and South Main Street crossings
7. Stop sign request
 - a. Art Bombardier requested a stop sign be placed at Patterson Street/Hill Street
 - i. ACTION: Bill Ahearn will install stop sign
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm