

**CITY OF BARRE
ADA Committee
MINUTES**

(Thursday Sept 17; 10:00 a.m.)

Location of meeting: City Council Chambers – 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Ericka Reil, Bern Rose (phone), Janell Perry, Dena Estivill, Jeff Bergeron –
Barre City ADA Coordinator, Marichel Vaught (phone), Hillary Cole arrived 10:15

ABSENT: none

1. Call to order – 10:05
2. Adjustments to the Agenda - none
3. Approval of last meeting minutes. – no minutes were available
4. Old Business:
 - A. Grievances - Jeff reports - None
5. New Business:
 - A. Election of new officers (Jodi came in at 10:15 to take everyone's temperature and COVID sign-in)
 - a. Chair: Dena nominated Ericka, seconded Bern. Unanimous
 - b. Vice Chair: Dena nominates self, Janell seconded. Unanimous
 - c. Secretary: Bern nominates self, Dena seconded. Unanimous

B. review of mission statement: “The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on July 26, 1990, is a wide-ranging legislation intended to make American society more accessible to people with disabilities. The Barre City ADA Committee was established in 2010 by the Barre City Council to address ADA-related issues that fall within the purview of the City.” (from the Barre City Website)

-- Marichel: suggests we look at Cow Pasture Com.

-- If someone finds our ADA statement made when doing survey, they can send to Bern (as secretary) for distribution with next meeting agenda.

(SIDE BAR to Open Meeting Laws – We can share information with group, but replies can only be made to the sender/individual.)

C. New Members –

a. Marichel Vaught is scheduled to officially join ADA committee after Council Approval – Sept 22, and has attended 2 meetings. She introduced herself to the group. . Welcome Marichel!

b. Diane Leuschner regrets that she has conflicts and unable to join ADA

D. Reach out to business about shoveling – discussion – sidewalks are plowed by city, however storefronts/businesses are obliged to make steps/ramps accessible, Dena suggests we invite Barre Partnership (Tracey Lewis) to join our meeting. If businesses are not open what will they be doing. Ericka will invite Barre Partnership.

6. next steps: Ericka will send out meeting info.

7. Next meeting Date: October 15 next meeting 10 a.m.

8. Round Table:

Bern requests better phone connection for next meeting.

Jeff spoke of a call-in phone at City Hall.

Deanna – addressed shrubs on sidewalk, and sidewalk repairs – Jeff said it's in the works.

Marichel shared Halloween (Oct) is her favorite holiday)

9. Adjourn: at 10:56a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bern Rose (secretary)